



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 24, 2007

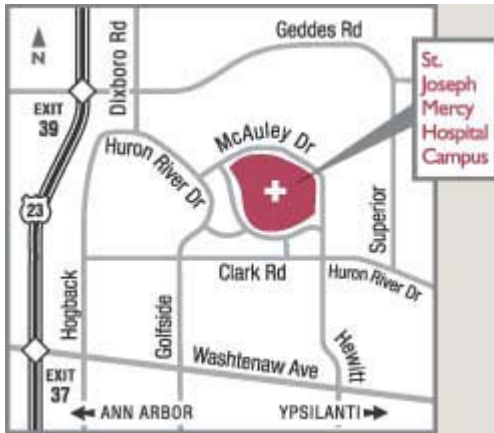
Tour of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
including new patient towers
5:00pm

WCCSWM Meeting
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center – SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW
5:30pm

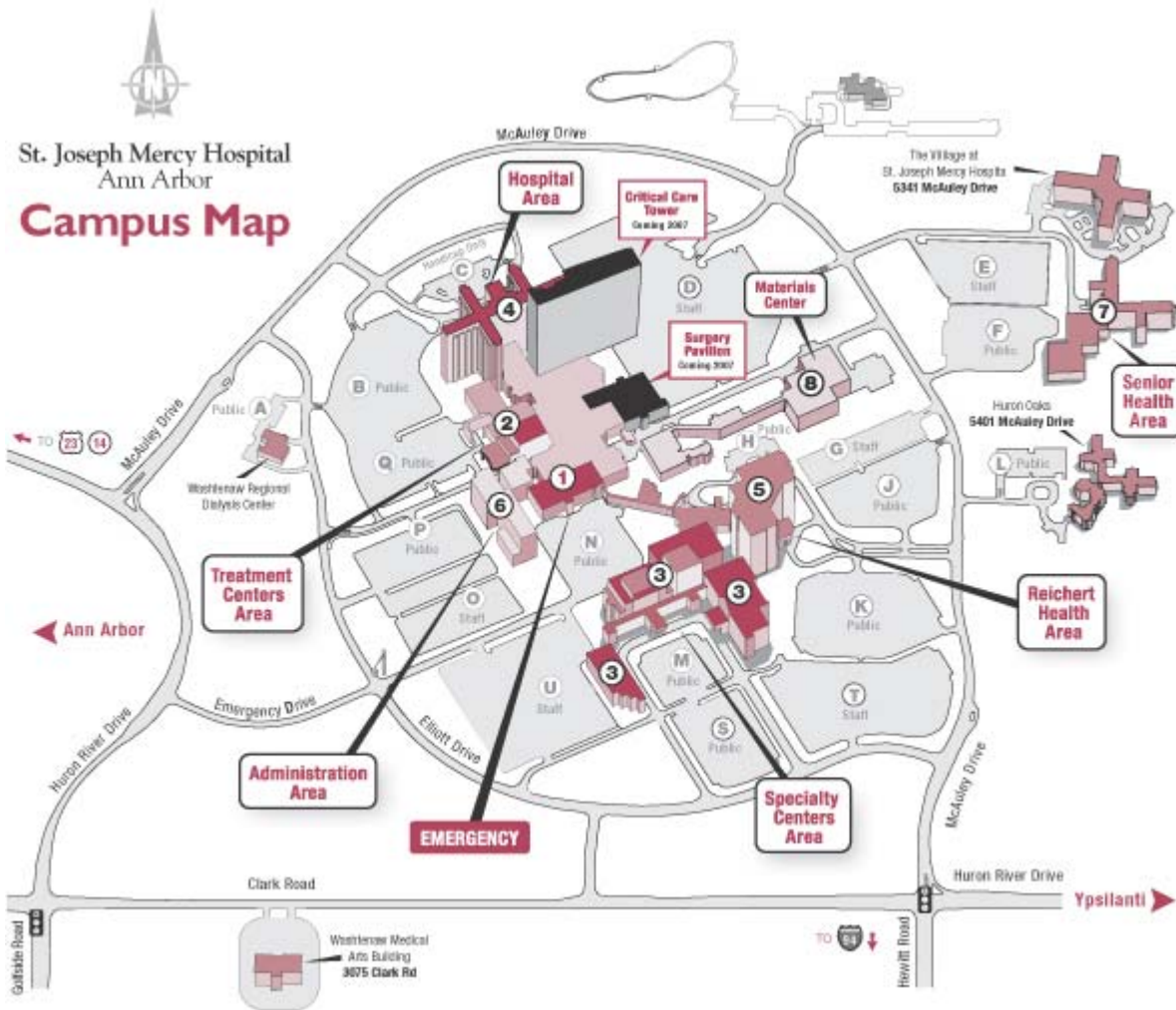
WCCSWM Meeting
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Approve Agenda for May 24th
 3. Approve Minutes from March 22nd
 4. Green Info Guide Update
 5. Election of Executive Committee Member
 6. Revise meeting schedule
 7. Legislative Updates
 8. Task force Updates
 9. Local Community Updates
 10. Adjourn
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Map to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Campus



Campus map of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital: Park in Lot P, off of Elliot Drive. Enter building #6 (5305 Administration Services building). Walk through lobby to the Education Center. We will meet here before the tour. This is also where the WCCSWM meeting will be held.



WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2007

In Attendance:

Scott	Brown	Ypsilanti Township
George	Danneffel	City of Saline
Dan	Moody	Washtenaw County
Chris	Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Joanna	Smither	Washtenaw County
Richard	Stefani	Manchester Township

1. Simmons called meeting to order
2. Agenda for March 22nd was approved as printed
3. Minutes for February 22nd were approved as printed
4. Green Info Guide Update
 - Simmons: The GIG is now displayed prominently at the Ypsilanti City Clerks office.
 - 2 local Ypsilanti blogs – Trusty Getto (maintained by Cameron Getto – Ypsilanti School Board member): www.trustygetto.com and Common Monkey Flower (maintained by Richard Murphy – city employee): www.blog.commonmonkeyflower.net have received copies of the GIG and a third – East Cross Street (maintained by Brian Robb – city councilman): www.east-cross.com – has agreed to post a link to the web-version of the GIG. None of them have done so at this point.
 - Moody: The County has run out of hard copies of the GIG, although the web version is, of course, still active and being used at <http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org/gig>. The County is looking into ways to save money on updating the GIG for Earth Day 2007 by using in-house County resources instead of Power Marketing.
 - The question is raised as to whether updates are needed at this point – if all links are working properly, is it worth going through all of the trouble and possible costs of updating when only a couple things need to be added/changed?
 - Simmons mentioned that it is really most important to have a strategy for keeping the web version consistently up-to-date and operational – people are generally more receptive of the GIG in this format anyway.
 - Keeping the web version updated also involves knowing how to use specific software (Flash Media Player) and having computer expertise that none of the group has. Moody will continue looking into whether we have the resources/expertise available at the County to do this or whether we will need to continue contracting with Debra Power at Power Marketing for updates.
 - Moody: If any of the group has updates that they would like to include on the new version of the GIG, please let us know: moodyd@ewashtenaw.org.
 - Corinne Sikorski – Sylvan Township (in absentia): When inquiring about the GIG at the downtown Ann Arbor District Library, the employee did not know what it was. This should be addressed.

- Moody: GIG distribution at the libraries has been going very well – many have “sold out” and had to ask for more.

5. Election of Executive Committee Member

- Colon Fisher has left Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority – a new Executive Committee Member needs to be elected.
- Moody requested that the election occur at the May meeting and the group agreed – it would be nice to get someone from the west side of Washtenaw County involved.

6. Legislative Updates

- Simmons: Received an email memo from Cara Clore (Clinton County) publicizing a fact sheet the Michigan Recycling Coalition sent to the legislature focused on *Getting Waste Management Prices Right*, a policy brief developed by MRC member Mike Csapo, of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County. The paper provides a theoretical approach to establishing a solid waste surcharge.
 - The fact sheet is available at:
<http://www.michiganrecycles.org/GettingSolidWastePricesRight.pdf>
 - Smither will forward this to WCCSWM members

7. Task Force Discussion - Medical Waste

- Kcmarik and Moody are working with Gonyon over at St. Joe’s Hospital to start a reverse distribution program for unused pharmaceuticals – not too much to report since February’s meeting.
- 10 local pharmacies have agreed to serve as drop-off points for unused pharmaceuticals.
- The County has sent out an RFQ for incineration services to deal with disposal of those pharmaceuticals that cannot be redistributed. A few quotes have come back. 2 of note: Stereocycle’s price is too high – this is the company involved in the Sharp’s Take-Back Program. Drug & Lab is the most promising due to their affordable cost and experience with high temperature incineration.
- The biggest issue right now is securing funds to get this program off the ground. Estimated to need about \$20,000, but hard to tell because no one knows how quickly the program will take off and what volume of pharmaceuticals will be coming in. Moody is looking into grant opportunities and possible financial assistance and partnership through the Drain Commissioner’s office.

8. Local Community Updates

- **Sylvan Township:**
 - WWRA is behind schedule in terms of building their new facility, and is still searching for a new plant manager after Colin Fisher left.
 - The WCCSWM meeting schedule will have to be revised – it is very likely that the facility won’t be finished by the October meeting (see schedule on the next page)

Meeting Date	Location	Topic
November 9 th	Leopold Brothers	America Recycles Day Celebration
December 7 th	Zeeb Road	Annual Planning Meeting – 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting – 5:00pm
January 25 th	Batteries Plus, Ann Arbor	Batteries – Krishna Mallya
February 22 nd	RAA ReUse Center/Environmental House	Emerald Ash Borer – Jessica Simons from RC&D Council
March 22 nd	City of Saline	Tour of new Saline DPW
April 24 th	Weber’s Inn	Waste Knot Ceremony
May 24 th	St. Joseph Mercy Hospital	Tour, including biodiesel fleet
June 28 th	Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti	Tour of Brewery
July 26 th	Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore	Tour of ReStore
August 23 rd	TBD	TBD
September 27 th	Matthaei Botanical Gardens	Native Landscaping – Bob Grese
October 25th	WWRA	Tour of New Facility
November 8 th	Leopold Brothers	America Recycles Day Celebration
December 6 th	Zeeb Road	Annual Planning Meeting

- **City of Ypsilanti:**

- The City Manager – Ed Koryzno – had to go into emergency surgery. He is okay. Charles Gulard, the chief building inspector, is now serving as acting City Manager until Koryzno recovers. Simmons is somewhat concerned at how this may affect upcoming budgetary changes.

- **Washtenaw County:**

- May 5, 2007: Washtenaw County Clean-up day being held at the WWRA facility, 8025 Werkner Road, from 9AM-4PM. Smither will forward the flyer to the group.
 - The County has not committed to any additional clean-up days this year due to budgetary constraints.
- April 7, 2007: Home Toxics permanent Drop-off site opens for the season. Located on 705 N. Zeeb Road and open every Saturday from 9AM-12Noon.
- April 24, 2007: Waste Knot Ceremony, 5-7pm at Weber’s Inn. WCCSWM members agreed to contribute \$1000 to the event.
 - **Please note: this is a Tuesday, not a Thursday. The Waste Knot Ceremony will occur in place of the regular WCCSWM meeting – there will be NO WCCSWM meeting in April.**

- **Ypsilanti Township:**

- Just purchased a new screener for their compost site that can manage 120 yards of compost per hour and will be run for up to 6 hours a day.
- Compost will provide a good source of revenue for the next year.

9. Simmons adjourned the meeting.