



Improving the health status of Maine's seasonal workers and their families by providing culturally appropriate care and services.

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Megan Patterson  
 Maine Board of Pesticides Control  
 28 State House Station  
 Augusta, ME 04333-0028

Dear Ms. Patterson,

The Maine Mobile Health Program (MMHP) and Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC) would like to provide an update to and a request for support from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control of a continued collaborative effort to deliver EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) education to Maine's farmworkers during the 2020 harvest season.

In 2019, through support of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control, MMHP and EMDC collaborated to hire 2 bilingual, part-time staff people to deliver WPS trainings. The Pesticide Safety Trainers offered WPS education to a total of 315 farmworkers across the state during the months of June – August, especially among broccoli and blueberry workers and at a variety of diversified farms. Beyond the WPS standard, trainings provided use curricula from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) on occupational safety. The table below breaks down, by education topic, important outcomes in 2019 completed by this staff person.

FWs trained in Worker Protection Standard	315
FWs trained in Take Home Exposure	250
Heat Stress Trainings	315

For 2020, the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) has committed \$5,555 to EMDC and MMHP in support of WPS training. EMDC and MMHP plan to use these funds to support the staff time for multilingual WPS trainings services to farmworkers across the state. We request from the Maine Board of Pesticides Control a contribution of \$5,360 which we would leverage with the funds from AFOP. The funding from the Board of Pesticides Control will be used to fund the staffing of WPS trainings; including both the hourly wage and the travel required to reach farmworkers, growers and partners. We request that the funding be made directly to MMHP.



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We thank the Board for its past support and for considering this current proposal. To contact us about this request or our activities, please feel free to contact Liz Charles McGough ([echarles@mainemobile.org](mailto:echarles@mainemobile.org), 207-441-1633) or Chris Huh ([chuh@emdc.org](mailto:chuh@emdc.org), 207-610-1521). We look forward to meeting with the Board to discuss this opportunity.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Charles McGough".

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