

# Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

## January 11, 2017 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

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### Take-Home Points

- Statewide reporting on the Food, Pools and Lodging Services (FPLS) annual performance measures will occur in February/March. Additional information including reporting instructions and a webinar will be available soon. Watch the [EHCIB webpage \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials) for more information.
- As noted in earlier discussions, the focus of the Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) is broadening. The EHCIB will begin to develop an Environmental Public Health (EPH) Framework for Minnesota at its March 2017 meeting. The Framework will outline roles, responsibilities, and expectations for EPH in MN and is intended to make advocating for and communicating about environmental public health easier. Other potential benefits of an EPH Framework for MN include:
  - Identify gaps in EPH services across MN
  - Assure Minnesotans receive the EPH services they should
  - Improve partnership/coordination to deliver EPH servicesThe draft work plan for developing an EPH Framework for MN is available on the [EHCIB webpage \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#products\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#products). [Contact your EHCIB representative \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/membership.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/membership.pdf) for more information.
- The Food, Pools, and Lodging Services (FPLS) program evaluation workgroup continues to make progress. At its latest meeting, the workgroup focused on refining the templates for Standards 2 and 8. Other key recommendations shared with the Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) include:
  - Initial proposal from EHCIB about doing a standard-by-standard program evaluation model may not be most economical method. The workgroup proposed bundling some standards together: 2 and 8, 3 and 5, 4 and 6, and 1 and 7.
  - Volunteers will be needed to pilot the self-evaluation and verification process for standards 2 and 8. The workgroup would like MDH, MDA, and a delegated agency for the pilot.

The EHCIB expressed support for the workgroup's recommendations. The next workgroup meeting and location is TBD. The meeting information, including agenda and past meeting summaries, will be available on the [EHCIB webpage \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#products\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#products).

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) is in the process of filling the following five (5) open member positions:
  - 1 Metro, locally run environmental health (EH) program representative – currently held by Daniel Huff, City of Minneapolis
  - 2 Non-Metro, locally run EH program representatives – currently held by Dawn Beck, Olmsted County, and one new position being added this year
  - 2 state run EH program representatives – currently held by Allie Freidrichs, Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Counties, and Carol Schefers, Wright County

EHCIB members serve 2-year terms and meet six times per year in-person in St. Paul (distance options may be considered in the future). The Local Public Health Association (LPHA) is responsible for recruiting and selecting members. If you are interested in serving on the EHCIB contact [Lorna Schmidt \(lschmidt@mncounties.org\)](mailto:lschmidt@mncounties.org), LPHA Executive Director, for more information. If you know someone who would be a great EHCIB member, please encourage them to apply for an open position.

## Action Items

- MDH Health Partnerships Division staff will continue to pursue conversations with SCHSAC and those involved in developing the DP&C Framework and share what they learn that could help with the EPH Framework at the next EHCIB meeting.
- EHCIB members will review the FPLS program evaluation workgroup items in advance of the next EHCIB meeting and be prepared to approve.
- LPHA will continue the process for filling the open EHCIB positions.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, March 8, 2017
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017
- Wednesday, July 12, 2017
- Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017