

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

March 8, 2017 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

Take-Home Points

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) would like to thank its members, participants, and volunteers for all they have done to improve the state-local partnership in environmental health. A special thanks goes to the following, who just completed their three-year terms on the EHCIB:
 - Dawn Beck, Olmsted County (staying on for another two years)
 - Daniel Huff, City of Minneapolis
 - Allie Freidrichs, Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Counties
 - Carol Schefers, Wright County
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) would like to extend a warm welcome to its new members, who just began their two-year terms:
 - Daniel Disrud, Anoka County
 - Sarah Reese, Polk County
 - Diane Thorson, Partnership4health (Becker County)
 - John Tracy, Stearns County
- Statewide reporting on the Food, Pools and Lodging Services (FPLS) annual performance measures is launching this month! MDH, MDA, and locally delegated programs will have through the end of April 2017 to report their data. Additional information including reporting instructions and a webinar will be available soon. Watch the [EHCIB webpage](#) for more information.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) began to develop an Environmental Public Health (EPH) Framework for Minnesota at its March 2017 meeting. The broad concept of a “framework” began to take shape and become a refined idea:
 - It will focus on identifying and defining the “core” EPH activities expected across the entire state, regardless of who provides them.
 - It will also illustrate the breadth of EPH activities (outside of the “core”) provided across the state based on community needs.

The EHCIB began by reviewing the food safety activities conducted in Minnesota. It will review air-, water-, and land-related activities at future meetings. [Contact your EHCIB representative](#) for more information.

- The Food, Pools, and Lodging Services (FPLS) program evaluation workgroup continues to make progress:
 - Pilot testing of the self-assessment and verification tools for Standards 2 and 8 will begin in late-March/early-April. MDH, MDA, and at least one locally delegated program will participate in the pilot. The pilot will focus on testing the tools; it will not include testing of the continuous improvement process.
 - Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) members are looking for at least one locally delegated program to participate in pilot testing of the tools and assist in verifying MDH and MDA. Please contact your [EHCIB representative](#) if you are interested.
 - The tentative timeline for workgroup activities is the following:
 - June 2017: finish and evaluate pilot
 - July 2017: share pilot results with EHCIB
 - Fall 2017: develop tools for the remaining Standards
 - 2018: roll-out new FPLS program self-assessment and verification process
 - The EHCIB and FPLS program evaluation workgroup recognize there are differences in MDH's and MDA's approach to their delegation agreements as it relates to the FDA standards. Dual-delegated programs are in conversation with MDA. MDA continues to participate in the FPLS program evaluation workgroup.

Action Items

- EHCIB members will recruit locally delegated program volunteers to pilot test the new self-assessment and verification tools for Standards 2 and 8.
- EHCIB members will email their nominations for EHCIB co-chair to Megan Drake-Pereyra prior to the May meeting.
- FPLS program evaluation workgroup will conduct the pilot and share the results with the EHCIB in July.
- The Center for Public Health Practice will assist with the evaluation of the pilot.
- The Center for Public Health Practice will update the EPH framework rationale and guiding principles.

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, May 3, 2017
- Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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- Wednesday, September 13, 2017
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017

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