

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

May 3, 2018 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

Take-Home Points

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) approved the [food, pools, and lodging services \(FPLS\) program evaluation workgroup's recommendations for next steps](#) at its May 3, 2018 meeting. Based on the [results of pilots one and two](#), the recommendations are:
 - Focusing the new program evaluation process on the MDH FPLS programs (state-run and delegated).
 - The FDA standards will be removed from the evaluation criteria.
 - The criteria from the previous MDH FPLS program evaluation will be used as the starting point for the new tools and process.
 - A standard-by-standard approach (or bundled standards, when appropriate) will be used.

The workgroup's next step will be to develop a roadmap to guide the rest of the process. The EHCIB appreciates the commitment of everyone involved in the workgroup and pilots and looks forward to what is to come.

- The food, pools, and lodging services (FPLS) program evaluation process is changing. Now is the time to participate in the development of the new process. Watch your inbox for an opportunity to learn more about how you can shape the new process soon.
- At the May 3, 2018 Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) meeting, the Electronic Inspection Systems subgroup shared the [results of its discussion](#) to determine the best short-term solution to the changes in MDH's support of Rapid Inspection (RI).
 - The recommended short-term solution is an update to RI. MDH agreed to update RI with the changes to the new food code, which provides more time for local programs to investigate a long-term solution.

MDH will communicate more about this solution to its locally delegated programs. The EHCIB will continue to have conversations about statewide data-sharing needs and consider guidelines for inspection systems parameters to assist with long-term planning.

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) continues with its effort to develop a public health framework for the protection against environmental health hazards area of public health responsibility. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) staff, who work in the

area of climate change, shared their draft inventory. Draft inventories for other areas of EH (indoor and outdoor air, food, other areas of healthy homes) continue to be developed.

Action Items

- EHCIB members will ask constituents for feedback about EHCIB's success in fulfilling its charge
- FPLS program evaluation workgroup will develop a roadmap and set up a statewide call
- MDH PHP staff will work with MDH EH staff to complete draft inventories of other EH topics for the EPH framework
- MDH EH staff will communicate more about Rapid Inspection

Upcoming 2018 Meetings

- Thursday, July 26, 2018
- Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Thursday, November 1, 2018