

# Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

## July 26, 2018 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

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### Take-Home Points

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) welcomes all members and guests to participate in its meetings. A remote participation option is now available for all EHCIB meetings. A link to join remotely is included with each meeting agenda and all that is required is an internet connection via a smartphone, tablet, or computer. Consider joining the next meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. More details and the agenda will be posted online at least one week prior to the meeting.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) reviewed its [charter](#) and suggested some changes to its structure. The EHCIB charter was created in 2014 and this is the first full review of it since the EHCIB's inception. The changes will include:
  - The "Goal" section will be removed from the charter and, instead, kept as part of the EHCIB's work plan. It will be replaced with the EHCIB's vision elements.
  - Membership will be updated. As the EHCIB expands its focus into other environmental health topic areas, more participation is needed from a broader set of stakeholders. Regional representation will be considered. Other state agencies can participate as ad-hoc members.
  - Member expectations will be updated to reflect the new membership.
  - The "Accountability" section will be completed at a future EHCIB meeting and added to the charter.
- 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.
- As part of the changes to the food, pools, and lodging services (FPLS) program evaluation process, the FPLS program evaluation workgroup identified places where the FPLS delegation agreements will need to be updated. For example, in the current FPLS delegation agreement, part C (risk-based inspections and a uniform inspection program), subdivision 2 is missing a reference to MN Statute 144.73, describing the inspection frequency requirement for youth camps. More information will be shared during the upcoming statewide calls. Watch for more

information about the calls soon.

- 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) and Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) staff, who work in the area of food safety, shared their draft inventory. This draft inventory included an expansion of the roles section, which was well received and helped provide clarity. While some changes are needed, meeting participants were happy with the direction the framework is headed. The other draft inventories already completed will be revisited to expand the roles sections, and other changes to the ultimate purpose of the framework will be discussed at future EHCIB meetings.

## Action Items

- FPLS program evaluation workgroup will set up a statewide call and continue progressing on its work plan
- MDH PHP staff will work with MDH EH staff to update draft inventories of other EH topics for the EPH framework and develop a plan for getting more feedback from public health across the state
- MDH PHP staff will work on updates to the EHCIB charter for review and approval at the September EHCIB meeting

## Upcoming 2018 Meetings

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