

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

March 1, 2018 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

Take-Home Points

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) welcomed new members:
 - Amanda Buell, Hennepin County (metro locally delegated FPLS program)
 - Ruth Greenslade, Goodhue County (non-delegated state FPLS program)
 - Kristine Lee, Countryside Public Health (non-metro locally delegated FPLS program)
- The food, pools, and lodging services (FPLS) program evaluation workgroup plans to present the results of pilot two, along with its recommendations for next steps, at the May 3, 2018 EHCIB meeting.
 - Four local FPLS programs will complete the self-assessments: Washington County, Horizon Public Health, Le Sueur-Waseca Counties, and City of Minnetonka (dual-delegated agency).
 - MDH, MDA, and three of the local FPLS programs participating will complete the verifications.

The EHCIB appreciates the commitment of everyone involved in pilot two and looks forward to seeing the results and recommendations.

- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) welcomed MDH leadership and representatives of several local FPLS programs to its March 2018 meeting to discuss the MDH's transition to a new e-licensing system and the impact on local programs using Rapid Inspection. The purpose of the discussion was to determine how state and local programs could move forward in partnership to address the statewide IT needs for FPLS and the EHCIB's role in this process. The following next steps were agreed upon. EHCIB also agreed additional conversations are needed to establish a long-term vision/plan for FPLS data collection and sharing.
 - MDH provided assurance that locally delegated FPLS programs will be able to use some form of the Rapid Inspection software after December 31, 2018.
 - A short-term sub-group will be established to provide clarity and possible short-term solutions to the urgent issues at hand. This sub-group will primarily focus on determining the cost, feasibility, and value of upgrading and maintaining Rapid Inspection in the short-term, or whether something else is needed. Tom Hogan and Steven Diaz, MDH EH, will participate on the group; a few local FPLS program

representatives expressed interest in participating too, but more locally delegated FPLS program volunteers will be needed. Please watch for an announcement with more details about the sub-group and how to volunteer for it soon.

- Due to the more pressing and urgent matter of FPLS data systems, the EHCIB decided to forgo conducting key informant interviews this year to further evaluate the 2017 data collection process and measures. Instead, the EHCIB will use feedback already received during the 2017 data collection process. The EHCIB is committed to collecting FPLS PMs and to improving the measures and process and will continue with its plan to collect FPLS PMs again in 2019 (2018 data). More information about how to get involved in this effort will be forthcoming.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) made progress on 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 Healthy Homes – Lead, shared their draft inventory and received feedback. The EHCIB agreed upon the following next steps:
 - MDH Healthy Homes staff will create a list of healthy homes topics for the EHCIB to consider including in the EPH framework.
 - MDH PHP staff will begin working with the other areas of EH (Indoor and outdoor air, climate change, and food) to complete draft inventories.

Action Items

- EHCIB members will:
 - Get feedback from constituents on EPH framework draft inventories for water
 - Ask constituents for feedback about EHCIB's success in fulfilling its charge
 - Recruit new metro, delegated FPLS evaluation workgroup member
- FPLS program evaluation workgroup will finish pilot two and report results at the May 2018 EHCIB meeting.
- MDH PHP staff will work with MDH EH staff to complete draft inventories of other EH topics and a list of healthy homes topics.
- MDH EH staff and PHP staff will determine how to staff the sub-group working on FPLS inspection systems and get the meeting dates set.

Upcoming 2018 Meetings

- Thursday, May 3, 2018
- Thursday, July 26, 2018
- Thursday, September 6, 2018
- Thursday, November 1, 2018