

# Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

November 1, 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, January 3, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. More details and the agenda will be posted on the [EHCIB website \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials) at least one week prior to the meeting.
- New Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) members are needed! Consider applying to be part of a team working to improve the state-local partnership in environmental public health. Watch for more information on how to apply in early 2019.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) agreed on a new membership structure. The EHCIB plans to present its new membership structure for approval by the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) at SCHSAC's December 2019 meeting. As the EHCIB expands its focus into other environmental health topic areas, more participation is needed from a broader set of stakeholders. The EHCIB thinks its new membership structure better represents the breadth of environmental health topics and the different regions in Minnesota. A copy of the new membership structure is included in the full November 2018 meeting summary on the [EHCIB website \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials).
- Watch for more information about the [Food, pools, and lodging services \(FPLS\) statewide performance measures \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#performance\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#performance). They will be reported again in spring 2019 (2018 data). Changes from 2017 reporting (2016 data) include:
  - Only staff qualifications and on-time inspections will be reported.
  - Staff qualifications (number of inspectors standardized, etc.) will be reported by agency or jurisdiction. This means multi-jurisdiction FPLS programs will not have to separate

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staff qualifications information by county as they did in 2017. MDH and MDA will also report staff qualifications overall since staff cover multiple counties.

- On-time inspections will be reported the same as before, by county. MDH and MDA will provide their on-time inspections data by county as well.
  - Conversations will be conducted with public health leaders and FPLS program staff across the state. These conversations will help to identify potential statewide performance measures that demonstrate FPLS' impact on reducing the risk of illness. Watch for more information about how to participate.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) reviewed foundational public health services in the area of environmental health from a national model and three other states (WA, OR, KS), and created a draft for MN. The activity furthered the EHCIB's efforts to develop an environmental public health framework for MN and aligns with the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee's (SCHSAC) efforts to [Strengthen Public Health in Minnesota \(http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/schsac/wkgp/strengthen.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/schsac/wkgp/strengthen.html). More to come on this work in the future.

## Action Items

- MDH PHP staff will do the following:
  - Continue to work with MDH EH staff to update or create draft inventories of other EH topics for the EPH framework
  - Coordinate meetings with LPHA and SCHSAC regarding the EHCIB's new proposed membership structure and recruitment strategies
  - Continue to prepare for the FPLS statewide performance measures by:
    - Completing the instructions
    - Developing communications plans and materials
    - Scheduling the statewide conversations in coordination with LPHA and other EH meetings around the state
    - Developing a new proposed set of questions for non-FPLS delegated local health department participants

## 2019 Meeting Schedule

Meetings occur on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. More details and agendas are posted on the [EHCIB website: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/local/cib/#materials).

- January 3
- March 7
- May 2
- July 11

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- September 5
- November 7

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