

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

September 6, 2018 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

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, November 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. More details and the agenda will be posted on the [EHCIB website](#) at least one week prior to the meeting.
- [Food, pools, and lodging services \(FPLS\) statewide performance measures](#) 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 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.
 - In order to better understand what measures to collect statewide, which demonstrate how FPLS knows it is making a difference in regard to reducing the risk of illness, focus groups will be conducted across the state with various stakeholders. The EHCIB will do a pilot test of the focus group questions at its upcoming meeting on November 1, 2018. More information about the FPLS statewide performance measures is forthcoming.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) discussed options for its membership structure and how it measures its effectiveness:
 - As the EHCIB expands its focus into other environmental health topic areas, more participation is needed from a broader set of stakeholders. The EHCIB would like to see membership that represents the breadth of environmental health topics as well as the different regions in Minnesota. A decision on membership structure will be made at the November 1, 2018 EHCIB meeting.
 - The EHCIB is accountable to many different stakeholders across Minnesota. In order to demonstrate its effectiveness to these stakeholders, the EHCIB will develop measures of

success that will be regularly communicated to its stakeholders. More to come on this at future EHCIB meetings.

- 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. Two statewide conference calls provide an opportunity to learn more about the new process. They are scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2018, 12:00-12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 11:00-11:30 a.m. Environmental Health managers and lead staff – watch your email for more information.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) continues with its effort to develop a public health framework for the protection against environmental health hazards (EH) area of public health responsibility. At upcoming meetings, the EHCIB will revisit the framework's purpose, update completed drafts (e.g. food, water, lead, climate), and add drafts of new topics (such as lodging and radon).

Action Items

- MDH PHP staff will work with MDH EH staff to update or create draft inventories of other EH topics for the EPH framework.
- MDH PHP staff will work on options for the EHCIB's membership structure and measures of success for review and approval at an upcoming EHCIB meeting.
- MDH PHP staff will schedule the EHCIB's 2019 meetings.
- MDH PHP staff will begin work on the FPLS statewide performance measures.

Upcoming 2018 Meetings

- Thursday, November 1, 2018