

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

January 3, 2019 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

Take-Home Points

- **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.
- The Food, Pools, and Lodging Services (FPLS) program evaluation workgroup continues to make progress on developing the new program evaluation process. The workgroup is currently focused on modifying the templates, protocol, and instructions for the food standards. They will share these materials at the March 7, 2019 EHCIB meeting. Some considerations to be discussed in March are:
 - Whether or not to pilot the remaining food standards. Since they learned a lot from piloting standards two and eight, it may be beneficial to pilot the other ones as well.
 - How to update the delegation agreement without delaying the rollout of the new program evaluation process. Since the new FPLS program evaluation process impacts the current delegation agreements, the workgroup would like input on how to update the agreement in parallel to rolling out the new program evaluation process.Consider joining the EHCIB and FPLS program evaluation workgroup members at the March 7, 2019 EHCIB meeting to share your input.
- 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 staff qualifications information by county as they did in 2017. MDH and MDA will also report staff qualifications as an agency since staff cover multiple counties.
 - On-time inspections will be reported the same as before, by county/city. MDH and MDA will provide their on-time inspections data by county/city as well.

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- Statewide 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 your email for more information about how to participate.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) continues to make progress on its work to develop a framework for environmental public health in Minnesota. Meeting participants reviewed a new draft framework for lodging. New topics, such as radon, will be added in the near future. This work 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/wkgrp/strengthen.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/schsac/wkgrp/strengthen.html>). More to come on this work in the future.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) welcomes all members and guests to participate in its meetings. A remote participation option is 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, March 7, 2019, 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.

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 with LPHA on new member recruitment strategies
 - Continue to prepare for the FPLS statewide performance measures by:
 - Completing the instructions
 - Sending out communications via email and the EHCIB website
 - Scheduling the statewide conversations in coordination with LPHA and the regulator's breakfast
 - Complete the EHCIB's update for the SCHSAC annual report
- EHCIB members will share the take-home points and updated lodging frame with constituents

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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).

- March 7
- May 2
- July 11
- September 5
- November 7

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