

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board

September 5, 2019 Meeting Take-Home Points and Action Items

Take-Home Points

- EHCIB co-chair Dawn Beck accepted a new position with Olmsted County and will leave the EHCIB in February. Amanda Buell, Hennepin County, will transition into the co-chair role for 2020. Terms for several members expire in February and recruitment efforts will get underway.
- The EHCIB approved the team charter presented by the EHCIB Mobile Food Unit Workgroup. The group met in August with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Food Truck Association, and local health departments. The workgroup will address the complicated food safety regulations surrounding transient food system licensing and enforcement that present barriers to efficient and effective compliance for both operators and regulators. Jeff Travis, Washington County, will serve as co-chair along with a representative for MDH. EHCIB will explore resources for workgroup facilitation and continuous improvement efforts.
- The FPLS Evaluation Workgroup reviewed the piloting plan for Standards 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Washington County and Minnetonka agreed to pilot the frequency options for Standard 4 along with SWHHS (who is piloting all of Standard 4). The Workgroup will report at the November meeting. In December, the Workgroup will hold a feedback session with the pilot agencies. The full report on Pilot 3.0 will be presented to EHCIB on January 9, 2020.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) is preparing to create a work plan for the next few years. Board members will seek feedback from their constituents on potential projects to share at the November meeting. In the next few weeks, Becky Buhler, PHP, will send an email with the feedback questions.
- The Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EHCIB) continues to make progress on its work to develop a framework for environmental public health in Minnesota (EPH framework). At today's meeting, EHCIB reviewed a one-pager overview of Foundational Responsibilities for Environmental Health and a new format to describe activities. Kim Gearin, Center for Public Health Practice, will work with MDH content experts to complete the tables for all activities. The Board will review this work at the November meeting.

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Action Items

- Tom Hogan and Dawn Beck will transition Amanda Buell in the co-chair role over the next few months and seek MDH co-chair for Mobile Food Units Workgroup
- EHCIB co-chairs will present a brief overview, including a high-level explanation of the meaning of delegated/non-delegated agencies, at the October 2 SCHSAC meeting
- MDH PHP staff will do the following:
 - Explore resources for the new Mobile Food Units Workgroup
 - Seek MDH EH content experts to complete the Strengthening PH in MN and EPH Framework document
 - Revise the EHCIB's recommendations and prepare the FPLS Statewide Performance Measure report for publication
 - Work with Local Public Health Association to recruit EHCIB members for terms expiring in 2020
 - Work with SCHSAC to recruit someone to share the SCHSAC representative role
- EHCIB members will:
 - Share the take-home points with constituents
 - Gather feedback on priorities for the EHCIB work plan to share at the November meeting (a set of strategic questions will be sent to EHCIB members via email)

Meeting Schedule

Meetings occur on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Participants can join in-person and remotely. More details and agendas are posted on the [EHCIB website: https://www.health.state.mn.us/ehcib/#materials](https://www.health.state.mn.us/ehcib/#materials).

- November 7, 2019
- January 9, 2020 (virtual only)
- March 5, 2020
- May 7, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- September 3, 2020
- November 5, 2020

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