

# Liaison Committee Minutes

## February 10, 2005

### Charleston

Present were:

Steve Bayer  
Brad Cochran  
Michelle Cochran  
Nathan Douglas  
Mike Trantham  
Stan Walls  
Jon Welch  
Dave Winowich  
Joe Wyatt

Guests: Bill Toomey  
Scott Rodehaver  
Barb Taylor

**Bill Toomey and Scott Rodehaver** gave the committee an update on the new proposed Water Well Regulations being revised by a committee of drillers, sanitarians, and State staff. Some of the issues being discussed include: w/w certification; pump installations; grouting requirements; design standards for geo-thermal wells; training and education requirements; funding, including permit fees and/or special permit fees. Sanitarians should send questions to Keith Lee at Cabell H.D. or Bill Nichols at Mineral H.D. The USDA also has some grants for funding of water wells. Certain criteria must be met. They hope to give a further update at Mid-Year Meeting in May at Cedar Lakes.

**Brad Cochran** reported that the first Fees for Permit Committee meeting will be held March 1, 2005 in Flatwoods. Committee members include: Brad Cochran, Pat Fulmer, Jeff Fowler, Norman Moore, Anita Ray, Jon Welch, Jolene Zuros and Ron Forren. Ann Spaner will join at a later date.

**Michelle Cochran** gave an update on the Threat Preparedness Program. The BPH will conduct a drill to test the plan which has been drafted by Michelle. March 23 is the scheduled date, however that date is subject to change. Two drills will be conducted to test infectious agents as well as communication and working relationships. The Liability for Sanitarians being used in disasters was discussed; especially cross-county use of

sanitarian and nursing staff. Which organization is responsible for insurance, etc.? Is it okay to do this or must it be voluntary? We all agreed whatever is done or needed **must** be in writing. Michelle also discussed the possibility of an EOC 101 course being developed so agencies can better understand the functions of the EOC and what other agencies would be involved and their responsibilities. Other upcoming training events include Huntington-April 12-14 and Bridgeport Benedum Civic Center in early April. The T-P Disaster Manual is still in the draft stages. It is being modified from the original draft.

**Nathan Douglas** reported on the WVAS activities involving the Legislative Study Resolution introduced in the House Of Delegates. It will look at recruitment and retention of sanitarians. Chuck Hampshire is our lobbyist. Nathan will also contact Kirk Poroznik about posting the Sewage Advisory Committee Meeting minutes on the web.

**Joe Wyatt** reported that Jane Rooney is leaving effective 2-16-05 to take a job with USDA near Washington, D.C. V.J. Davis was appointed to the District Sanitarian position in the Fairmont District and Mark Uraco was appointed District Sanitarian in the Wheeling District. Several vacancies exist in PHS. Hope to fill ASAP. The next Sewage Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 3-16-05.

**Majority** of the meeting was spent addressing and prioritizing issues from previous Liaison Committee meetings. Several issues have not been resolved and Nathan provided each member with a priority list of each issue. Everyone ranked the issues in order of their priority, and the order was chosen based on the average listing of each issue.

**I don't have any other notes from the meeting on District issues, and speaking to a few members, neither did they; So if we missed something, I'm sorry**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 27 in Flatwoods at the DHHR Building. Note: This is the corrected date of the meeting due to scheduling difficulties..