

## **State and Local Environmental Health Liaison Group Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2007**

**Present:** Brad Cochran, Michelle Cochran, Ryan Harbison, Stan Walls, Mark Whittaker (for Fairmont District), Steve Bayer, Arletta Lancaster, Clarence Christian, Richard Peggs (RTIA), Craig Cobb (EED), Julie Miller (Nursing), Mike Tranthum (WVU), and Brian Carrico (MU).

**Absent:** Nathan Douglas and Lock Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Brad Cochran.

Old business was discussed, and oil and gas contamination of water wells was addressed first. At the last meeting ATSDR staff, DEP staff, and Larry Duffield with the Lab's chemistry section met with the Liaison Group members. Since that meeting a fact sheet is currently being developed, it is anticipated to be completed by next meeting. The ATSDR program is presently short staffed with the recent retirement of Barb Smith and the resignation of Carolyn Taylor.

Meeting on June 7, concerning the boil water rewrite was lead by Karol Wallingford.

Training Class is complete - OJT underway.

Next Class starts: Aug. 27-31 in Morgantown with Sewage. The second week will be in Morgantown. The class moves back to Charleston for 4 weeks, then back again to Morgantown to finish the last two weeks.

Procedure memo F-14: The food demonstrations and instruction memo is done and was announced via email. The memo covers cooking demos at fairs and festivals. The policy requires these facilities to obtain a permit, and includes the use of permitted facilities after hours.

Board of Registration: In response to a question about approving Threat Preparedness training for CEHs, the meeting agenda must be submitted for review. Approval will depend on the hours allowable. Send agenda and application to Dave Thornton for submittal.

Homeowners Perc Test - They are required to take the homeowners exam. The policy is underway, waiting on the revision of the form. Brad and Rick are working on this policy together and hope to have it done soon.

ES 59 - Craig Cobb addressed the issue of the monthly operational report form for sewage discharge greater than 50k gpd municipal. He would like to have it uploaded onto the web not sure if it has been done. Craig is going to email it to Walt for forwarding to Russell Hicks.

PES Exam Course is set for June 6 at Chief Logan, 30 people are set to attend and we hope to have positive outcomes for everybody.

The food code revision to reference 2005 FDA model code is done. It is with Ann Spaner and will be ready for public comment soon. Consumer advisory is included this time and hot holding goes from 140°F to 135°F. Food allergens will be a new topic in this revision. PHS will host training for all Sanitarians when the new code is passed. Courses for industry may be available

if needed. When passed, it should go into effect July 1, 2008. Also, the number of uncorrectable critical violations for facility closure drops from 5 to 3.

Clarence Christian, Beckley District Sanitarian

- Has many new subdivisions in Southern WV. He is having trouble getting compliance with the subdivisions regulations.
- Several Sanitarians have changed positions or resigned. Nicholas and McDowell county both have openings.
- Richard Wheeler shipping out to Iraq in August for 15 months.

Steve Bayer, Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

- Sewage problems, one of their sanitarians wanted to issue a summons order but wound up issuing an arrest warrant. He feels they're needs to be stronger training on how to deal with legal issues.
- Roane County vacancy has been filled, the candidate will be a new trainee. He would like to see a training class available by video or some way for folks to get training more quickly. Brad commented and said training via web is underway. Hope to have some modules out by end of year.
- Dr. Rachel Abraham, WVU Dept. of Community Medicine; Alan Gelfius, FDA; and IT issues and updates are topics from the 2007 WVPHA annual conference. Note: Threat Preparedness section may be needed at WVPHA conference.
- Linda Whaley is to take over Secretary/Treasurer duties for the Sanitarians Association.

Julia Miller, Nursing Liaison

Next meeting pm 6-5/ am 6-6

Spring teaching days had cdc/tp topics and was well attended. She has info to share if you would like it.

Stan Walls, Beckley District

- Subdivisions are a problem.
- He would like to get copies of all plans that engineers review.
- Notices of food establishments issued by EED were to be copied to LHD'S. He would like to know if they are going out. He has not seen any for his county. Brad said he is getting his copies so Stan's facilities must be okay.
- CPO course was held in Beckley area, there were 22 attendees. Thank you to Mike.
- Permit renewals underway. Mobile permit overcharge problem.

Mark Whittaker- Fairmont District (Standing in for Susan Plum)

- Mark suggests that Mike Nestor should train on the legal process at the next in service; it is June 15<sup>th</sup> in Gassaway at the Mountaineer Food Bank. The tour of the food bank is included. Agenda should go out next week.

Mike Tranthan, WVU Environmental Health & Safety

- Lots of construction at WVU, CPO courses Beckley, Mid Ohio, and Mon County held.
- Came across some home style spas in hotels, Sanitarians need to know watch for them.

- Got a call from Monongalia Co HD regarding the avian flu to see if WVU has any poultry and what their plans are. Mike talked with Agriculture Science folks and there are some experimental poultry houses but numbers are not huge. The State of Dept Agriculture does not provide oversight. Mike also checked on the working farm for the kids. Information is provided to schools before attendance regarding hand washing.

Brain Carrico, MU Environmental Health & Safety

- No report at this time. Glad to be a part of this committee.

Craig Cobb, Environmental Engineering Division, Philippi District

- AWWA Conference at Lakeview Country Club next week Sunday – Wednesday  
Topics: TP, Cross Connections/Back Flow Prevention, stage 2 disinfection rule etc.
- LHD and PHSD help is appreciated in getting compliance with water systems. One water system at the 7<sup>th</sup> day Adventist school near Salem has consistent problems, due to all new staff every 12 months.
- Backflow program not being implemented equally by all water systems. Some systems making every connection that is not a residence out in an RPZ. Craig testified at PSC last fall ruling came out in May. The only other question is if the system is doing the minimum to meet the requirements.

Richard Peggs, RITA

- Barb Smith (ATSDR) retirement on Tuesday.
- Meth Bill - Law passed in 2007. Regulations being written for 2008 introduction deals with home cleanup.
- 3 Asbestos abatement contractors being investigated by Department of Justice, only 1 currently licensed.

Ryan Harbison, St Albans District

- Working to get county commission and building permits and health permits all on the same page. Have had many meetings, letters sent to contractors in the County. MHP sales is good to get into the loop.

Michelle Cochran, OEHS Threat Preparedness

- TP course in Louisville, wants to bring to WV and wants locals to help teach it (train the trainer).
- Information on the intranet now loaded, power point presentations for public information booklets, chemical database.
- Satellite broadcast: Environmental Health at Shelters June 29 1:00-2:30 eastern time.
- District Sanitarians at TP Meetings are okayed with Brad.
- Flipbooks and public information booklets (Tape/ CD) at printers.
- Ag. Vulnerability assessment course June 12-14 at Kroger's in Charleston.
- Pan flu flier for water and waste water utilities.

Brad, PHS Director

- IMW position hired a 90 day temporary person.
- General Sanitation position posted currently as HHR I.

- Recreation Water rule passed, effective immediately, but posted April 18<sup>th</sup> on secretary of state website. Some changes: pH at bathing beaches, fecal and vomit accidents, changes in minimum disinfection levels, wording in lifeguard numbers, entrapment guidelines, etc.
- There was an impersonation of a Sanitarian in Kanawha County.
- Forms: NCR for LHD'S ordered, they will be sent to district offices when received.
- Sewage: PHS is going to be implementing an HAU with surface discharge inspection program in counties that do not issue their own permits. Random final inspections will be done by district sanitarians. Cluster system site evaluations will also be conducted by district sanitarians.
- Sewage advisory board: effluent filters recommended on septic tanks. This will likely come out as a procedure manual memo, can't require until rule is opened and changed. Will require a port for inspection.
- Shelter inspection form: please review and send comments back to Brad, Nathan, or Michelle. The form will be available for review on the PHS intranet site.

The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Ryans Restaurant in Bridgeport.