West Virginia State Environmental Liaison Meeting
Date: August 11, 2017
Location: DHHR Coop Facility, Flatwoods, WV

PRESENT

Judy Vallandingham, Brad Cochran, Michelle Cochran, Pat Murphy, Mike Trantham, J.J. Rose, Greg Young, Warren Von Dollen, Jennifer Hutson, Mike Flesher, Jimmy Casdorph

CALL TO ORDER

Judy Vallandingham called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

MINUTES

Mike Trantham moved, J.J. Rose seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- **EHERS (Electronic Reporting Update)**

Not many changes to report. Quarterly environmental health reports will be able to compile numbers. This will be a form instead of an excel sheet and will roll out maybe in September.

Report is related to the program plan and the required routine inspections for the programs indicated on the report, this is based on public health indicators that OEHS as task to develop for the implementation of the reporting project. This is not meant to replace the SG-61 Sanitarians Monthly Report which captures all of the activities and staff time related to all EH program areas. Then 4th Quarter reports will be due August 15th. Stacy King is working a report that will directly pull the reporting information from your EHERS.

**FY 2018’s EH Report** - Feedback from Administrators and environmental health staff indicated that the report did not reflect all of the activity areas that EH did so additional categories were added to the report.: animal encounters, environmental disease investigations, clean indoor air regulation inspections, water haulers, food handler cards issued, food manager (PIC) training, home loan evaluations, plan review, and special projects/other programs. And a place for notes was also added.

- **Water Wells**

Remind sanitarians to send GPS coordinates for water well locations when they turn in paperwork.
NEW BUSINESS

- What to do when LHD’s receive animal encounter reports with police K-9 units.

Judy brought up the issue stated above. J.J. suggested keeping track of vaccinations, gathering information from K-9 officers and calling to follow-up after 10 days. The group agreed this was an acceptable practice.

- Pool being designed and approved by WVOEE without having a bath-house

J.J. brought up the issue stated above. Michelle Cochran states that there are two different permits issued for pools. It was stated that engineers approve the construction of the pools but not necessarily the bath-house. Counties can enforce the bath-house issue when they issue their permit to operate. Judy said she would follow up with Bill Herold.

- Question regarding Airbnb’s

Jennifer Hutson states that Jefferson County had questions about Airbnb’s. There are over 400 listed from the county. Someone pointed out that if it is operated in the owners own residence it is exempt. Policy H-25 is mentioned. Must meet a definition in the General Inspection rule to be permitted.

REPORTS

Beckley District Report

J.J. says that the district applied to do a regional health assessment grant. It is a two year process. They will be housed at the Beckley District Office.

County Health Department’s in his district are looking to adopt harm reduction policies.

Fairmont District Report

No report

Kearneysville District Report

Jennifer Hutson reported that they hosted an RRT meeting. Had an Hep. C discussion. 45% of source of Hep C is untraceable.

Berkeley experience a GI outbreak at the County Fair with 25 people involved.

Mid-Ohio Valley Report

No report
St. Albans District Report

Upcoming St. Albans District In-Service to be held in Wayne County on September 22nd.

Wheeling District Report

No Report

District Sanitarian Report

PHS currently has 6 vacant positions: Wheeling District Sanitarian posted – still open for applications to be submitted, Kearneysville District Sanitarian posted – still open for applications to be submitted, Wheeling District Milk Sanitarian, Asst. Sewage Program Manager, IMW Inspector – Brad filling this role – part-time, Secretary II Position – Central office

RTIA Division Report

Michelle report on the RTIA involvement with the Boy Scout Jamboree. X-Rays were on site and inspected. Dosimetry badges given. Epidemiology reported heat-related, water intoxication (over hydration) issues at the jamboree.

The Lead Position has been filled by Paul Ice.

XRF- Repaired, not paid for to get back. Two new machines are going to be purchased. Director position still vacant.

WVU Report

Mike Trantham talked about the cooling tower. Chloramine is used to treat hot water in hospitals, etc. West side of football stadium is renovated. The culinary school at the Beckley campus was dye tested.

WV Office of Laboratory Services Report

Greg Young spoke about Oil and Gas Kits. They are $200 and people need to be careful because lawyers are now saying it is possible to test the wells too early.

Marijuana Bill. They are looking at possible testing at the lab and the certification it would need.

Questions regarding microbiology were discussed by Mike Flesher. Mike reminded people to fill out the forms correctly because they cannot be altered by people at the lab.

Environmental Engineering Division Report

Pat discussed new personnel. Don Goldsmith is now the Compliance Officer. Cameron Lucas is Data Management Supervisor. There is still a vacancy for Engineer in the Kearneysville District Office.

There is an issue with spring water at a camp that is being worked out. Fayette County is experiencing a high number of cancer cases that is being looked at.
Local Health Department Association Report
No report

OEHS Readiness Program Report
Warren reported that the Health Guide Disaster Recovery copies were available.
Water Utility and Public Health Coordination Workshop was August 24th in Morgantown

West Virginia Association of Sanitarians Report
Brad Cochran reminded everyone that the WVPHA Conference was September 19-22. Environmental agenda was complete.
Election of Officers: VP-VJ Davis, Jeff Fowler. Board member- Marc Hawkins, Matt Poling
The 2017 IEHS will be held in Gatlinburg, TN October 4-6, 2017 – Edgewater at the Aquarium.
WVAS will also begin working on preparation for the 2018 IEHS to be held in WV at Glade Springs Resort, July 11-13, 2018 – the evening activity will be a cookout held at the resort.

Center for Local Health
No report

Environmental Update
- Tony Turner retired on March 31, 2017
- Environmental Engineering Division has a lot of new people in different positions at within OEHS especially Central Office.

- 2017 Training Class- Class will began July 31st. The class schedule and agenda is posted. Week 1 – Public Health 101.
  - Week of Sewage training has been moved to October 2-6, 2017
  - New format this year
    - Reduce classroom training portion to 5 weeks. With the in-class time focused on Rules
    - Additions: out of class assignments:
      - On-Site Sewage project, Bad Bug/Food Project
      - Reading assignments with Quizzes
      - FDA Food Code Courses on-line
      - Additional on-line courses
    - Final Exam October 31st, given at each district office
2017 BSA Jamboree

- July 19-28, 2017
  - 24,000 scouts, 6,000 staff and volunteers
  - 50,000-55,000 attendance for 3 days w/show events

- Working with Fayette County and BSA
  - Holding tanks for temp food venues
  - Construction permit for temp scuba pools
  - Log Rolling pool

- Other BPH activities
  - Water sampling plan –
  - Environmental Assessment – mosquito activity
  - DIDE Initial day scout screening
  - DIDE on-site disease surveillance
  - DIDE syndromic surveillance – in conjunction with local hospitals
  - CTP will be activated during event
  - JATIF will be located at the NG Glen Jean Amory
  - National Guard/Army Preventive Medicine Unit will perform limited EH functions – WV liaison is Major Nathan Douglas.
  - Over 250 inspections and visits were made by FCHD, PHS and WVANG staff were performed during the Jamboree
    - Main issues – refrigeration issues: cold holding (kitchen temperatures were at or above 100F on several occasions)
    - Holding tanks at 2 of the food establishments were being pumped twice a day.
    - Log rolling activity pool was not adequately filtered.
- Bathhouses (Latrines) were not being disinfected – took about 3 days for scouts to distribute sanitizer and instructions to all sub-camps – did not begin this process until day 3 of Jamboree.
- 4 bathhouses were retrofitted with bidets at the camp housing international scouts
- 27 Food establishments on site
- 5 camp Grocery stores on site

**Legislative Report**

SB 283 Food Production Act introduced would give WVDA jurisdiction over all manufactured food in the state. Both USDA and FDA products. Currently USDA products/firms inspected by WVDA and FDA products/firms inspected by PHS. This bill was referred to interim meeting for study. – Nothing posted on this at this time.

64CSR92 Clandestine Lab Remediation Rule was updated.

Tanning Salon WV Code 16-45 sections 3 & 5 amended effective July 7, 2017, requires proof of age by driver’s license or other government issued id. And persons under the age of 18 not permitted ot use a tanning device. Also, updated the penalty section.

**Rules for the 2017 Legislative Session:**

BPH Rules for the 2018 Legislative Session… **64CSR17 Food Establishments Rule** ----- adopt the 2013 FDA Food Code,

- 3-tiered violation – priority, priority foundation and core
- Time/temperature control for safety food (TCS) instead of phf
- Add leafy greens and cut tomatoes as TCS foods
- Give Retail Food Stores that are already under permit 5 years to refurbish or replace the equipment to hold leafy greens and cut tomatoes.

64CSR17 is out for Public Comment on the WV Secretary of States website: comment period ended July 27, 2017. Only 1 comment received on 64 CSR 106 Homebased Food Production

**64 CSR 3 Public Water Rule** – update rule (have submitted updates to the Bottled water section to reflect the new FSMA rules adding an inspection using the Preventive Controls inspection procedure).
64 CSR106 Homebased Food Production is in the process for an emergency - must go through the Legislative process within 18 months –

- Would allow acidified foods and frozen fruits & vegetables to be produced in a home kitchen: permitted and inspected by PHS staff. 70% of product sourced from own farm or garden.

64CSR106 is an emergency rule out for Public Comment on the WV Secretary of States website: comment period ended July 27, 2017.

J.J. Rose motioned to adjourn. Michelle Cochran seconds.

NEXT MEETING

November 3rd at Flatwoods 10:30 am

Submitted by: Jimmy Casdorph

Date: October 17, 2017