

EH Liaison Minutes
February 20, 2007
Charleston WV

Attendance: Brad Cochran, Linda Whaley, Nathan Douglas, Brian Carrico, Tim Miller, David Thornton , Gail Harris, Curt Richards, Jeff Smith , Jennifer Walls, Susan Plum

Brad has minutes of the last meeting posted on OEHS website. Gail Harris was appointed to take minutes at this meeting.

Linda Whaley: Linda discussed meetings that had been occurring with WVU extension, independent and chain restaurants, WV Department of Agriculture and some farmers concerning a new FARMERS MARKET GUIDE. The New MOU will replace the old F-7 in the procedure manual. They had had two meetings to date. When you receive the draft please respond with comments ASAP. “Chef Demonstrations” and “no more cook offs” allowed unless a food establishment permit is obtained for each vendor is one of the major changes for the future MOU.

Old business: DW policies have come out and e-mailed to sanitarians. Still working on DW-23; Reference to DW 37 has not been resolved but will be soon.

Virginia Graham Baker Act: Frequently asked questions are on website. Along with other helpful links. Mike Trantham sent this message regarding VGB Act: equalizer lines are submerged drains and must be plugged or covered. Physical therapy pools may not be defined in VGB Act but according to WV law may be a public pool. Brad said we cannot shut down pools not in compliance, it is not our rule and we have opted not to open our rules at this time.

Jennifer Walls, Nursing Liaison: Spring teaching days March 25/27. At Stonewall Jackson Resort. There are problems with the new lab forms; Kay Shamblin is working on the draft forms with the lab personnel. Adult hepatitis program – In Cabell if a person attended a STD clinic they were offered free HepB vaccine. Drug treatment centers are also offering free vaccine. Jennifer Walls, Diana Riddle and Julie Miller as part of the Nursing leadership Institute have developed a PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING video (made to recruit nurses) and it will be shown at the Stonewall meeting.

Susan Plum-Fairmont District: In other states, persons are not allowed to perform percolations tests and install during inclement weather and other times of the year. Although our code also states that, it is hard to tell a contractor not to install when the weather is sunny today. Can this be addressed by the state and defined in better detail?

Someone in her district had trouble with calling the PEIA representative and having to talk to Wells Fargo and all other parties to get some problems resolved with their insurance. She wanted to know how come we have a PEIA representative but we still have to talk to the 3rd party people. Not a Liaison Issue.

Jeff Smith- OEHS/TP: Two T-P classes to be offered: The EH Training and Emergency Response (ETHER) will be held in conjunction with WVAS Mid Year meeting, held at Cedar Lakes on 5-6-09. The other course will also be offered at Cedar Lakes on June 2nd thru 4th, 2009. Persons must have completed ISC 100, 200, and 700 to attend. Lodging, food and training at no fee. Please register with Jeff, call or email him for more details.

Curt Richards-Beckley District: Nicholas County is finally caught up with food inspections. He noted that repeat non-critical violations continue to be a problem with some establishments. The rabies surveillance program has ended.

Dave Thornton-WVAS: WVAS Mid -Year meeting May 5, 6 and 7. Agenda includes the FDA Plan Review course in conjunction with the ETHER course offered as a second track. Jessica Lucas is working on the Public Health Conference for 2009 and all is going forward at this time. Sanitarian Registration act is being considered at the legislature at this time. The new name for the board will be State Board of Sanitarians and will allow for three categories: Sanitarian in Training, Sanitarian and Registered Sanitarian.

Tim Miller-MOVHD: Everything is good at MOVHD. They are working on a Gold Star program for restaurants that have 3 or more good inspections (2 non critical or less) will receive a certificate. May also look at silver certificates based on scores. He is also looking at closure standards for habitual offenders to reach the goal of improving food services. They are currently 1/1/2 sanitarians down. Pat Fulmer retired and Will Helmich has to finish training school- he can only inspect food and swimming pools at this time. He felt his CIAR program is the opposite of Kanawha County's enforcement program. Their places are in compliance and he had two CIAR convictions in January. MOVHD also had a person piercing without a license. The person was found guilty (after pleading guilty) on 7 counts and was fined \$100. A piece plus court cost. MOVHD hopes to place food service inspections on a website and is looking at software to make it more searchable. Gail Harris suggested he contact Greg Rinehart, Anita Ray and or Stan Mills who have also been researching computer software companies. If several of the counties went into together the software would be cheaper. Brad said the state had also been approached by some companies but the money was not available at this time. Gail added that many states have hired the companies to integrate a state wide reporting system and the presentations she had attended allowed for savings since the forms and laws are the same across the state.

Nathan Douglas/Brian Carrico- Marshall University: Cabell-Wayne Medical Reserve Corps meeting is being coordinated with Stan Mills. They hope to have 500 people as part of the corps. Marshall has opened the new pool in compliance with the Virginia Graham Baker Act. It took \$10,000 to be in compliance (pool and hot tub). There is to be Regional T-P team training at the Tri-State Fire Academy in April. He and Brian were involved in the peanut butter recall on the Marshall campus as well as flu shot information is on Marshall Website. They have been watching closely possible bacterial meningitis on campus since the outbreak on the Ohio University campus. Jennifer suggested that Cabell-Huntington Health Department would coordinate activities

on that issue if requested. Marshall is looking at opening up catering to outside food services- in the past all catering activities occurred in house.

Gail Harris-St. Albans District: Kanawha Co. is continuing to write violations with CIAO but have not had a case go to court as of this date. With the change of prosecutors the office was informed our submitted paperwork was not sufficient and all cases were dropped and refiled. New court dates for repeat violators are set for later this month and in March. A new health officer is expected in March and enforcement as well as other changes is expected. Beverly Spurlock from Cabell-Huntington sent an email that suggested the Mobile home task force may look at the definitions she had found in the WVCode Chapter 37. Real Property, Article 15. House Trailers, mobile homes and modular homes.

Brad Cochran- PHS Updates and Legislative Issues:

H. B. 2503 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-38-3 of the Code of West Virginia The purpose of this bill is to require licensed tattoo artists to inform patrons, prior to performing the tattoo procedure, of the potential problems that a tattoo may cause in relation to the clinical reading of magnetic resonance imaging studies, should the medical need for such studies ever arise.

H. B. 2382 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-1-14a, relating to sanitarian employees of the Division of Health; providing for a twenty five percent across-the-board salary increase; and providing for an annual cost-of-living increase.

H. B. 2206 A BILL to amend and reenact article 5, chapter 64 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health and Human Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to public water systems. Same as **SB195**.

H. B. 2019 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-17a, relating to prohibiting employees at restaurants from handling drinking vessels by touching on or near the vessel's brim.

H. B. 2062 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-13A-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the owners of newly constructed homes a grace period of 10 years, unless the home is sold, before a connection to a newly installed sewer line is mandatory. Notwithstanding any provision of the code to the contrary, an owner of a home that was constructed within 5 years before a newly installed sewer line was installed has 10 years from the date of installation before a connection is mandatory: *Provided*, That title to the property is not transferred within that 10 year period.

H. B. 2128 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-6-14a, relating to the requirements for designated handicapped accessible rooms in motels and hotels; requiring tubs and showers in every hotel or motel room that has been designated or held out to be handicapped accessible to include grab bars on all walls of the tub or shower, consistent with applicable design standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

H. B. 2529 Chapter 30 ARTICLE 17. SANITARIANS. This bill came before the House Gov. Org. Committee on Thursday. Passed without issues, was supposed to be

referenced to House Judiciary but will probably be suspended and move to House floor for vote, then submitted to Senate for consideration.

Senate Bill No. 28 The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of Bureau for Public Health to conduct a public health impact statement assessing the health impact of any new air or water rule, or modification of an existing air or water rule, proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection to insure that no air or water rule is promulgated without substantiating independent medical or scientific evidence that there is no detrimental public health impact from the rule. VERY COSTLY and time consuming. Probably won't happen.

Next meeting: May 1, 10:30 am Ryan's Steakhouse, Bridgeport WV