Liaison Committee Meeting

February 24, 2012

Introduction/Attendees

Don Thimsen, Judy Ashcraft, Gail Harris, Greg Young, Tom Ong, Ryan Harbison, Barb Taylor, Nathan Douglas, Donnie Haynes, Brad Cochran, JJ Rose, Susan Plum, Lock Johnson

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting were provided to members electronically and on-line, with one hard copy available at today’s meeting. Nathan motioned to approve, group agreed and approved

Old Business

H12 – there were some changes made and should be posted online today. Cisterns were discussed, and filtration will be added and will also go into drinking water policy. Posted as final draft and will run by committee for approval

EH Reporting Project - Moving along, Health Space is the vendor. Fred Barley is coordinating project and has had several teleconferences. 1 on 1 meeting with pilot project counties has been held. There were 2 webinars this week with Health Space to show other features of program. The pilot counties had two representatives get the computer programs installed and looks positive so far. Currently awaiting approval for laptops. Gail – observed presentation by Health Space on Tuesday, and having another today. Gail asked if computers will have cameras. Brad is not sure, but was told photos can be downloaded. Judy indicated Mid-Ohio Valley sanitarians are excited. Barb received feedback from Stan Mills and Anita Ray, and asked is Phase II pilot counties have been identified. Brad says Fred may have a list of Phase II counties. Brad said Health Space is providing templates to transfer data. Local Health Departments (LHD) will decide if laptops provided will take place of current computers. If so, LHD will be responsible for docking station. Gail asked if portable printers are color, to go with new grading system.

New Business

Gail – has been meeting with DEP to discuss Brown Fields which are areas identified by DEP as contaminated and need cleaned up. Engineering companies are buying properties and want to drill wells. There are concerns with legal fees to review documents. Brad says we have open lines of communication with DEP to work on this issue. Harrison County had a meeting and developed an ordinance and then had a 30 day comment period. Barb said when contaminate plume goes across property boundaries, additional approval is needed. There were questions on municipality control, or whether it falls back to LHD. There is a need for surface water sampling to ensure safety. By drilling it would open the chance of contaminated water spreading to surface water. There is a voluntary
remediation program to help with plume issues. Brad asked what LHD representatives think about this. JJ said he is not sure his board would want to take on liability. Wheeling is requiring a new water plant and LHD is getting questions about drilling wells because cost of public water could go up 70-80%. Municipalities may be more assertive ordinance because of loss of revenue. Brad - we will keep the discussion open and reminded the group to be aware of this situation.

**ADA Act/Public Pools:** New ADA regulations requiring ADA access to public pools which goes in effect March 2012. Private pools are not affected; specifics are outlined depending on situation. No grandfathering clauses. Pools with more than 300 linear feet are required to have 2 access points with one being a lift. Pools with less than 300 linear feet are required to have 1 access point. ADA is a self enforcing group, and DOJ only gets involved when legal issues arise. OEHS website has information on the ADA Act to provide guidance for LHD. ADA is a federal requirement, and OEHS cannot force compliance. Brad encouraged LHD to make public pools aware and point them towards OEHS website for guidance.

**Manufactured Home Inspection Report:** Brad - Draft was worked on internally and copy provided to group for comments, tried to keep a 1 page document. Want form to meet requirements and will put on intranet for review. If you have comments, send them to Brad or Judy Vallandingham. Take back for discussion and feedback in LHD meetings.

**Record Retention:** Environmental Health Forms handout was provided. Discussion was held on how long health departments should keep water sample results. Some public samples are kept for 5 years. Tom says lab keeps sample reports for 5 years, and is indicated on back of form. Group consensus agreed to keep sample for 5 years. Brad asked group for thoughts on keeping “request for sample” permanently. It was suggested to follow EPA requirements. Brad asked members to review forms and be prepared next meeting to suggest changes for requirements.

JJ discussed a situation in which a guy built some structures, then come to LHD for permits which were denied. Guy sold property, and buyer wants to get permits. It was determined the buyer would need to contact appropriate utilities. This would be a civil matter.

**District Reports**

**Beckley** – JJ has no report

**Wheeling** – Northern Panhandle has an older building which has opened as a “freeze shelter” for cold weather. Apparently shelter is operating like the Salvation Army for shelter and food. Radio personality was taking 10 gallons of soup to shelter for donation, and LHD said could not. Local Legislator got involved and proposed amendments to bill to enact Good Samaritan Law which regulates donation of food. This bill will automatically be reintroduced for the next 3 years. Marcellus Shale drill site has company employee’s not using porta -potty. Land owner walked property and found “evidence” company was using bathroom in the woods. LHD contacted company to address. Another concern recently brought up was transfer of radiological mud across county from drill sites vehicles and boots. There have been no recent water tests, total of 9.
Marshall University – Nathan discussed the CO2 bill, exhaust from pool heater. Bill would require all residential establishments that house people to install CO2 detectors. The Senate Bill specifies location and required all detectors be hardwired.

St. Albans – Ryan reported 4 new sanitarians in district and all four have been trained.

Lab – Tom/Greg reported a there will be a new Milk Certification Officer. EPA will be coming in September to provide training. Have purchased 3 GC’s, and looking at buying 1 more and replacing the old metals unit. The Chain of Custody samples have to be hand delivered. As long as package is sealed properly, anyone can hand deliver. Greg will send Brad information to distribute.

OEHS Readiness Coordinator – Donnie reported the RFQ was sent to DHHR for the portable water operator training. Once approved, a vendor will be selected and trainings coordinated and dates will be shared. Contact with Joe Gonzalez to coordinate and provide trainings for interoperable radios. Once arranged, information will be shared with LHD. Have initiated planning for a COOP exercise. Will be contacting stakeholders to have an initial planning conference. Have initiated conversation with Michael Coor from the Center for Radiological/Nuclear Training facility to coordinate radiation safety trainings. Once set up, information will be distributed. Donnie has been taking FEMA courses to be trained in emergency preparedness, and plans to attend sanitation trainings this summer.

Mid-Ohio Valley – Judy reported receiving new vehicles, started a new food handlers program, a retail food service survey that ties in with grants with incentives, looking at moving facilities, sanitarians are CPO trained, all types of presenters coming this summer for conference.

Kanawha County HD – Gail reported the county commissioner wants a grading scale and post the report on front door of establishment. Committee was established, trial program will have 1 sanitationian in their district grading “Good, Fair, Poor”. Board of Health will vote on grading system in March. Anita is at a Mosquito Conference this week. We are working on food improvement program. Have 1 position open, new sanitarian has been inspecting vending machines. Need carbon paper to finish well reports.

OEHS/RTIA– Don discussed water quality in Printer, WV – went to engineering firm TRIAD for water analysis, used REIC as lab.

Susan Plum – LHD getting sued over home loan evaluation application from WESBANCO

OEHS/PHS – Brad hopes to fill vacancies soon. Linda Whaley is working on 2012 Sanitarian Class Schedule for this summer and will be open to current sanitarians as a refresher. State Sanitarian Board is holding a PES Course in March 2012 in Ripley. Cost of PES exam is $90, which is separate from other costs associated. There is potential for onsite training course in Ripley from some grant money. PHS is considering offering 2 courses per year. Online payments for body piercing certification and bottled water permits is no active. Rules pending are: Environmental Engineering: Public Water Systems, Public Water Design Standards, Wastewater and Water Operator Certification Rules; PHSD- Manufactured Homes Community Rule.
There are 3 Senate Bills affecting LHD: SB54- no one under 16 tattooed, parents has to give consent, be present, and provide proof of ID. This was a carryover bill. SB73- regulations of tanning facilities has passed senate, prohibits minors from tanning, will require law and could fall to LHD to enforce. OEHS is responsible for promulgating rule to legislation by June 2012 to implement by July 2013. SB341- Restroom Access Act, allows those with certain medical conditions to access bathrooms in health department regulated facilities, will require person to have medical alert card.

Will keep everyone informed. Minutes from each meeting is placed on intranet and OEHS website.

Next Meeting Date/Location

May 18, 2012 in Flatwoods – Brad to check and secure location