Liaison Committee Meeting

February 4, 2011

Lower Level Training Room, One Davis Square – Charleston, WV

Present

Jason Raschka, Tim Miller, Donald Thimsen, Denny Taketa, Susan Plum, Greg Young, Tom Ong, JD Douglas, Brad Cochran, Barb Taylor, Jeff Smith, Ryan Harbison, Linda Whaley, Lock Johnson, and Jonathan Graziani

Call to Order- Brad Cochran 10:34 A.M.

Minutes- Tim moved to accept minutes. Jason seconded. Motion carried.

Sewage Issues-

SS-177

Rick: Passed out a new revision of the SS-177 (Septic System Inspection) form that will be a two-sided form to help provide more room for more detail in the final inspection drawing of the system. The form has also been developed to be a fill-in version of the form to be done electronically. The revisions also included more room to recorded Latitude and Longitude, area to mark multiple tanks, and way to note if a four inch inspection port is present at the surface or a riser.

- Rick stated that he plans to have specific inspection forms for each of the Class II systems. The first of which will be for the Low Pressure Pipe System (LPP).

- Rick also stated may develop a check list as a supplemental form that a sanitarian could use in addition to the inspection form.

- Rick stated that he is still looking for comments on SS-177.

- Rick discussed his concerns on the terminology on the inspection form that states whether a system meets or does not meet design standards and feels that using the terminology that the system is approved or not approved would be preferred.
Denny: Asked what happens when a homeowner looks at the inspection form and sees the additional comments made by the sanitarian on whether the system is approved or not approved and disagrees.

Rick: Stated that the homeowner should know when there are problems with the system and to help better explain the problems and issues with the system.

Lock: Stated that they have very few banks that request to see the final inspection of a septic system but prefer to see the home loan evaluation form.

Brad: Stated that the home loan evaluation inspection is just a snap shot in time.

Tim: Stated that they do not do the home loan evaluation inspection so the only thing that the homeowner receives is the final inspection.

Brad: Stated that they need a quick turn around on the SS-177 form so need quick responses to Fred on any comments on the form.

HAU Discharges

Rick:

Informed the group that he ran across an issue with the practice of roadside discharges from HAU’s on to state road right a ways. Rick stated that he became aware of a WV DOH memo from 2003, which prohibits any discharges into state road storm water structures due to their highly regulated storm water permits. This issue came to light due to a situation that Denny has been dealing with in the Eastern Panhandle.

Denny: Stated that he contacted his local WV DOH folks after he became concerned that if the roadside ditch line that he was considering as a possible discharge point for the failing septic system was that he was working on. When he explained his situation the WV DOH supervisor that he spoke with stated that he was not permitted to discharge anything into their roadside ditch line since it was theirs to maintain.

Rick: Talked to WV DEP and WV DOH about this issues and if it’s a permitted discharge it’s not going to be a problem and Rick is waiting on a memo that would state this in writing.

Denny: Asked if we should still make sure the roadside ditch line is graded properly so the discharge effluent flows to the intended discharge point effectively.
o Rick: Answered by stating that he thought it was a good idea to look into this but didn’t think it should be an issues that would hold up the SS-188A.

o Susan: Asked if the memo would include not only any future Direct discharge permits but would cover the permits that have already been issued.

o Rick: Answer by stating that the memo would cover future and existing permitted direct discharges.

o Brad: Stated that when the memo was issued they would get that information out.

Denny:

Asked why Direct discharges were not eligible for the WV DEP loan program?

o Brad: Stated that the WV DEP is trying to work this issue with the individuals that oversee the grant money for their loan to include these situations.

o Rick: Stated that if its public health concern the WV DEP is working on this issue. And the WV DEP is requesting information on situations from sanitarians in which the use of the funds from the loan program would be the only solution to solve the existing failing system.

o Barb: Asked if the issue was the source of the funding for the loan program.

o Brad: Stated that if there are issues recommended in contacting the WV Housing Authority and DEP directly and plead your case.

Public Health Infrastructure Grant – Workforce Development
Assessments-

Linda:

Stated that the 3rd component of the Public Health Infrastructure Grant was having the Bureau hire a Workforce development coordinator that will have goals developing Workforce trainings and looking into trainings that are already available to our staff to bring folks up to speed with the outcomes competency assessments.

Linda stated that she is the lead for OEHS that includes all state and local Environmental health staff is an assessment that will be sent to staff via email. Assessment will include some basic
demographic questions, duration of employment in Environmental Health as well as a list of questions which they are working on. They are working with Univ. of North Carolina on the development assessment which will include a three tier assessment. The questions in the assessment will lead back to the 10 essential services of Public Health and the assessment would include about 60 questions.

Would have a couple of weeks to complete the assessment and return that to Linda. If they don’t receive a response back they will send out a reminder email. The responses and answers to the assessments will not viewed by supervisors or other staff to help individuals feel comfortable in completing the assessment honestly.

- Barb: In addition to hiring a Workforce development coordinator they may be four Regional coordinators that will be contracted to work with the Local health departments.
- Linda: The time frame for this is trying to begin the conducting the assessments in the beginning of April and examining the results in May.
- Jason: Asked when we should expect to get the assessments?
- Linda: Answered by stating that according to their timeline they should be sent out to all sanitarians by the beginning of April.

Electronic Environmental Reporting Update-

Brad:

Stated that the main goal of the group working on this project is getting the RFQ (Request for Quotation) ready. A draft RFQ is ready it has been forwarded onto Purchasing for them to take a look at it and they hope to have a vendor chosen by June or July.
After talking to several vendors the group feels that it’s within the budget to include all programs that Environmental Health covers. So they are currently get all the necessary forms ready to be used by the Electronic Reporting system.

- Barb: Stated that the Liaison Committee could help with making our counterparts in other health departments aware of the project since the goal is have this system cover all
Manufactured Home Task Force Update-

Brad:

Stated that at the last Liaison Committee Meeting they had asked for comments on the Manufactured Home draft and didn’t receive any so it is still in draft form.
Fred is looking for a volunteer to head the Manufactured Home Task Force Group since his time has been spent working on the Electronic Reporting Program.

Old Business-

A-4: Is now posted.

WW-8: Rick is still working with EED with Cluster systems.

DW-27: Is now posted.

Tim: Asked if the new DW-27 had been included into the forms for the Electronic Reporting system.
Brad: Stated that he would look into this issue.

PHS Website:

Is still in the process of being upgraded which will make navigation easier and make the website stand out.
**Susan-Fairmont District** - Susan stated that she received an email from John Welch concerning grease traps that he wanted to be addressed by the group.

- The issue that was listed in the email was concerning grease traps on food establishments and how the other counties were handling these.
  - Brad: Commented that since the WW-13 that address grease trap sizing was rather old, it probably needed to be revised.
  - Tim: Stated that if they are in a Public Service District they recommend that these establishments contact that Public Service District.
  - Don: Feels that there needs to be better clarification on which establishments are required to have some form of a Grease trap or interceptor.

**Tim/Mid-Ohio Valley Health Dept.** - Stated that he spent yesterday at the Capitol for Local Health Association Day.

- Asked the group is they had heard anything about the enforcement and regulation of Tanning beds becoming a responsibility of the Local Health Departments.
  - Brad: Stated that they only that he was aware of was requiring minors to have parental consent.

- Tim stated that he had talked to his local senator about dealing with penalties for Tattoo studios that tattoo underage individuals.

**Jonathan** - Stated that they only issue that he had was already address under the discussion on HAU’s.

**Denny/Kearneysville District** - Nothing to report.

**Lock/Wheeling District** - Stated that counties in his district are getting requests to perform baseline water samples for individuals concerning Marcellus Shale drilling.

  - Greg: Stated that they have done around 60 of sample kits for individuals who are interested in having their water sample associated with concerns of Natural Gas Well drilling in the area.
The water sample will be tested for 14 different parameters at a cost of $235.

Stated that they have recommending to some Local Health Departments that once the Sanitarian takes the sample that they seal up the sample bottle and have the homeowner mail the sample to help defer the cost from the health departments.

Brad: Stated that they are starting to see an increase in the number of requests and concerns due to the water samples that are being taken by the drilling industry because a level of mistrust.

Greg: Added by stating that the water samples taken by the industry are typically only being tested for by 5 parameters.

Lock stated that he had an inquiry from a county in his district about possible changes in food handlers training and he asked if everyone was still providing food handlers training.

Brad: Stated that food handler’s training was up to each individual county and the only rule that address food handlers training was the reportable disease rule.

Lock: Stated that Brooke Co. has partnered with Hancock Co. to provide an online food handling training.

Jason: Asked how do you know if that person is the one how has taken the test?

Denny: Asked if any counties are requiring Serve Safe training for the PIC (Person In Charge)?

Tim: Responded by stating that the Mid Ohio Valley Health Dept. is now requiring that the PIC attend and pass Serve Safe Training.

JD/EED: Stated that they are still having issues associated with Marcellus Shale Drilling.

- Stated that the West Virginia American Water plant in Huntington is claiming that they are seeing evaluated levels of Bromide from their intake as well as other water plants.
- Also stated that they have seen an increase in the number of request for food permit suspensions and there has been
some confusion with the warning letters that are being sent to the water systems that are in violation. The letter is a warning that they may have to request to have their food permit suspended until the system takes corrective action but JD wanted the group to be aware that this is a warning that they may request that the food permit be suspended.

- Brad: Stated that Linda indicated that the sanitarian from the local health department must go to the establishment in question and perform an inspection and cite the specific code that address that situation before they can close that establishment.

- Also mentioned that the CDC has recommended that water systems lower their levels of Fluoride since people are getting Fluoride from multiple sources.

- **Greg/Environmental Chemistry Lab-** Stated that the Environmental Chemistry Lab has recently purchased some new equipment that will test multiple elements in one sample.

- **Tom/Office of Laboratory Services-** Nothing to report.

- **Jason/Beckley District-** Nothing to report.

- **Jeff Smith/Threat Preparedness-** Stated that his current objective is to get 100 people trained to operate mobile water treatment systems for use in disasters situations. Also wanted to make everyone aware that he is available for In-service training.

- **Don/RTIA-** Nothing to report.

- **Ryan/District Staff-**
o Stated that the agenda for the Interstate Health Conference is now posted on the WVAS website. The conference will be held at the Glade Springs Resort July 20-22.
  o Brad- Also informed the group about the free Seminar regarding Compliance with Pool and Spa Safety Act (VGB Law) that will be presented by the National Swimming Pool Foundation on Tuesday July 19th. This information is also posted on the WVAS website.
  o Stated that Mid-Year will be held at Cedar Lakes May 3-5 and hoped to get the agenda out soon.

- Brad/PHS-
  o Personnel-
    ▪ Richard Wheeler is now back in the country from another tour in Iraq.
    ▪ Jarod Dellinger, Milk Sanitarian in the Beckley Office fell and broke his ankle before Christmas that required 14 screws and a plate on his ankle.
    ▪ Nathan Douglas, former PHSD employee is now stationed in Kuwait for approximately 10 months.
  o Training-
    ▪ The 2011 Sanitarian Training Class agenda is being finalized and will be posted on the PHS website in the very near future.
  o Legislative Issues-
    ▪ HB2600/SB 171 “Board of Sanitarians Interim Fee Rule” is progressing currently in the House. This Rule was necessary due to the Emergency Rule already in place.
    ▪ HB2601/SB 172 “Board of Sanitarians Rule-Practice of Public Health Sanitation” has not been up before committee as of today. This is the rule based on the changes made last year in regards to Chapter 30-17 of the state code Board of Sanitarians.
    ▪ State Board of Sanitarians. Two old rules have been filed as procedural rules and are currently in public comment phase. These rules can be found at the SOS website.
    ▪ Legislative Rule 64CSR3 Public Water Systems and 64CSR43 Food Manufacturing Facilities Rule have been assigned in both House and Senate.
Boy Scout Project-

- OEHS staff is currently working with designers on the new Boy Scout Adventure Camp and the new location for the Boy Scout Jamboree in Fayette County. Staff is involved with the water system design as well as on-site wastewater systems and numbers of bathhouses and fixtures needed to accommodate an estimated 50,000 scouts during the jamboree season. The site has also been selected for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

- **Mike/WVU**- Stated that there had been updates to the Federal ADA regulations that will impact public pools. That will require that every public pool or spa will have to have two means of entry into the pool.

- **Barb/OEHS**-
  - Want to give the group a heads up about an issue with an unhappy employee from a large wastewater sanitary board that has been calling and writing to state and federal agencies about what was transpiring at the plant.
  - After following up on the concerns they found that the at times of operation the plant was being operated by individuals that didn't have the proper title. So a notice of violation was issued.
  - Since this notice was issued several wastewater treatment plants throughout the state had a contact with a lobbyist agency in Washington DC which has in-turn started spreading a rumor that OEHS is going to take enforcement action against all wastewater systems that don’t have a consistent operator for the size of the plants.
  - She wanted the group to be aware of this and to let our folks know that this is not the case.

**Meeting Adjourned**- Brad Cochran 2:11pm