West Virginia State Environmental Liaison Meeting  
Date: August 24, 2012  
Location: OEHS COOP Location, Flatwoods, WV

PRESENT  
Brad Cochran, Judy Vallandingham, Steve Hinerman, Tom Ong, JD Douglas, Ryan Harbison, Donnie Haynes, Mike Trantham, JJ Rose, Greg Young, Scott Rodeheaver, Bill Toomey, Denny Taketa, Don Thimsen, Jimmy Casdorph, Nathan Douglas, Amy Adkins, Elizabeth Green  
Michael Ayers - WV Division of Labor

CALL TO ORDER  
Brad Cochran Called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

MINUTES  
JJ Rose moved and Mike Trantham seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION: WATER SLIDES AND LIFTS AT PUBLIC POOLS  
Michael Ayers with the WV division of labor spoke to the group about the change in the definition of amusement ride that now will include a water slide. (Water slide systems shall be defined as rides intended for use by riders in bathing attire where the action of the ride involves possible and purposeful immersion of the rider’s transportation along a purpose built path)

Mr. Ayers indicated that his is the only inspector for this type of facility and his office is in the process of contacting all of the recreational water facilities that have a waterslide(s) to notify them of the new requirement and these facilities will have to obtain a permit and be inspected prior to opening/operating the waterslide(s) in 2013. The permit fee for the waterslide will be $100.00/year and the permit expires annually on December 31st. Mr. Ayers indicated that his inspection would cover everything about the slide except for the water quality. An operator for the waterslide must be 18 years of age or older. A maintenance log is required to be kept for the waterslide(s). There are also signage requirements for the waterslide in the Division of Labor Rule. Mr. Ayers requested that if there is a facility(s) in your area with a waterslide(s), to please notify his office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Ayers briefly discussed the requirements for the lifts being installed at the recreational water facilities. He indicated that all lifting devices must be installed by a licensed Elevator Mechanic and must pass an inspection before the device can be turned over for use by the facility. These devices require an annual inspection. The facility will be given a copy of the inspection certificate to display. These lifts may be inspected by a third party inspector that is licensed by the West Virginia Division of Labor.
Mr. Ayers indicated that all amusement rides must be inspected by the Division of Labor and will have a sticker with the calendar year punched out if the ride has been inspected and passed inspection, this does include inflatable amusement rides (i.e. bounce house). The Division of Labor does not license inflatable water toys (i.e. Orbs, Weiner Logs) or other toys of this type. And the West Virginia Division of Labor does not license or regulate ski resorts.

Brad thanked Mr. Ayers for coming.

OLD BUSINESS

Procedure A-22 Local Health Department Record Retention Schedule and Form SF-74 List of Environmental Health Forms

Judy Vallandingham went over the changes made to both of these documents as per the decisions by the Liaison Committee at the May 18th 2012 meeting. Both the A-22 and the SF-74 will be finalized and posted on the PHS website.

Environmental Health Electronic Reporting

Brad reported that Phase I LHD’s are in the process of going “Live” with the program Cabell, Kanawha, MOVHD and Braxton LHD’s went “live” on July 1 with the entire program except for land development. Summers LHD went “live” with recreational water on July 1. Also Monongalia LHD intends to go “live” September 1, 2012.

Denny Taketa indicated that Mineral County was putting all the inspections in the system in the office at this time.

Brad told the committee that all of the computers and printers for the Phase II and Phase II LHD’s have been received. The Office of Technology has indicated that all the hardware must be assigned to an individual and Fred Barley is in the process of contacting the LHD’s and completing that task and provides that information to OT. A group call ticket is in place with the Office of Technology to set up and installation of the necessary software. Each local health department needs to contact their regional IT person to schedule the setup and installation of the computer and printer.

Brad also indicated that if you are having problems with this process or the hardware not to hesitate to contact Fred Barley.

Brad reported that Phase II training may begin as early as September or early October.

A meeting is being arranged to work on the Land Development module (sewage and individual water wells) with Michael kinder – HealthSpace, Rick Hertges, Bill Toomey, Scott Rodeheaver, and PHS Staff.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT - BRAD

Brad indicated that PHS has three bills in the Legislative process for the upcoming Legislative Session.
64 CSR 34 – adopting the 2011 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance

64 CSR 51 – Fees for Service Rule relating to permit fees for Food Manufacturers

64 CSR 18 – General Sanitation Rule – to replace the Emergency Rule that was filed in the spring. The suggestions made by Jamie Moore were incorporated into the rule.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Toomey and Scott Rodeheaver discussed the Draft Procedure on the topic of Cathodic Protection Wells. This procedure would require that a permit be obtained for Cathodic Protection Wells in excess of 50 feet to minimize or prevent electrolytic corrosive action of metallic structures installed below ground surface, such as pipelines, transmission lines, well casings, storage tanks, pilings shall obtain a permit as required by 64CSR19 Water Well Regulation before construction begins.

Bill and Scott discussed the complexity and difficulties of locating and permitting these wells.

Environmental Engineering is in the process of sending letters to Department of Transportation, WV DEP, and the major construction companies to advise them of this policy.

The issues that have arisen with these well is the hole is not properly dilled and grouted to protect the ground water.

A question was ask of these wells would have to obtain a permit the answer is yes and the fee would be the same as a water well.

The question was asked about geothermal wells – multiple wells on one site – Bill said that one permit should be issued to include all the wells.

Bill and Scott will present the topic of Cathodic Wells at this year’s Public Health Conference.

Bill and Scott discussed with the committee the fact that a lot of well pumps are not being installed by certified pump installers. The well drillers are not installing the pumps and if the home owner installs the well pump – the home owner is not coming into the LHD and taking the homeowner pump installer’s exam.

Bill Toomey also asks the committee members about the process when the LHD receives the well completion report. Steve Hinerman stated that the well completion report goes to the environmental health supervisor and after that he is not aware of any actions taken.

Bill and Scott ask that the LHD’s provide them with information on any well driller that is not providing well completion reports.

Jimmy Casdorph asks what to do if the home owner says that they installed the pump themselves. Bill and Scott suggested that the LHD have the home owner take the home owner pump installer test and
complete the pump completion and report. Scott added that the items that are most of time missed when a home owners installs the pump are the check valves and the pit less adapter.

Other Issues

Denny Taketa ask about if a facility does anything to the water inside the building is that going to make them a public water system.

JD Douglas – indicated that Charlie Robinette is in the investigative stage trying to determine to which facilities this may apply. The concern is that treatment changes the water chemistry and what the change in the water chemistry may cause.

Brad stated that he will keep the committee apprised of developments on this issue.

Elizabeth Green asks about football concessions if this would be considered temporary event.

Brad indicated that the attorney’s opinion is that the event is the season.

Denny Taketa ask about a Class II sewage installer’s course. Brad stated that we hope to have one soon. Brad informed the committee that there are now two sewage training centers – new one at Cedar Lakes and the existing one at Chestnut Ridge.

Beckley District – JJ

No Report, except that Tim Eachus will begin work in McDowell County on September 4th

Lab Report – Greg

Lab has completed their EPA Audit. They have developed a pamphlet for homeowner’s on sampling. The water samples that require chain of custody have dropped off.

RTIA – Don

No Report

District Sanitarian Report – Ryan

Cabell County has had numerous Bed Bug Complaints in multi-unit housing, what is the guidance to give the complainant.

Brad indicated that these types of complaints would be covered under the Landlord-Tenant Act and the LHD’s role would be educational only.

Local Health Report – Amy

Workforce Self-Assessment was completed and General Public Health Competencies was 78% response. Workforce Development and training will launch soon for the LHD’s. Communication has been sent to
the administrators to encourage all LHD employees to participate. The data from these assessments could be used for workforce development on General Public Health Competencies. After the launch the data will be available four months later.

**Saint Albans District – Jimmy**

No Report

**PHS/Training Class – Brad**

Jessica Douglas has taken the position of General Sanitation Program Manager.

2012 Sanitarian Training Class will meet next week in Morgantown for On-Site Sewage. There are currently 10 trainees in the class. Any sanitarian who would like to attend a portion of the training class is welcome just contact Linda Whaley to make arrangements to sit in on a class. WVPHA Conference at Olgeby Park in Wheeling September 18-20, 2012. There will be HAU training October 9-12, 2012 at the Cabell County Health Department. At Mid-Year meeting there will be an FDA Course – Investigating Foodborne Illness, it is a 3 day course (80 people) May 8-10, 2012. Mid-Year will be a 4 days May 7-10, 2012.

A Writ of Mandamus was filed with the WV Supreme Court that would require and LHD to look for failing septic systems. The WV Supreme Court threw out the Writ. The court upheld the Bureau and DEP’s response.

**EED – JD**

Just still recovering from the storm.

**Fairmont District – Steve**

Steve state the Chad ask where is the information needed to suspend a food establishment permit. The group discussed and agreed that the information is provided in Chapter 8 of the Food Code, the group also suggested that the sanitarian will need the backing of the Board of Health and the County Prosecutor’s Office.

**WVU – Mike**

Mike stated that the students are back. The university is constructing a new baseball stadium and there is a lot of construction on campus.

**Marshall University – Nathan**

Nathan stated that students are also back on campus and that a dead bat was found and he had to take care of it.

**Kearneysville District – Denny**
Dealing with change of ownership for food establishments – Taco Bell/KFC/ Pizza Hut. Mineral County has had a lot of complaints filed this year.

**Readiness Coordinator – Donnie**

Donnie reminded the group about all the training that is on WV Train. He also informed the group that there is a mobile Water Treatment Course. Brad stated that there is still interest about radiation training for the LHD’s.

**NEXT MEETING – Brad**

November 9, 2012 at the OEHS COOP location, Flatwoods, WV

Submitted by: Judith Vallandingham
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