West Virginia State Environmental Liaison Meeting  
Date: August 3, 2018  
Location: DHHR Coop Facility, Flatwoods, WV

PRESENT  
Judy Vallandingham, Greg Young, Jim Ellars, Lock Johnson, Mike Trantham, Jimmy Casdorph, Elizabeth Green, Judy Ashcraft

GUESTS None

CALL TO ORDER  
Judy Vallandingham called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.

MINUTES  
Mike Trantham moved to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2018 Liaison Committee meeting, Elizabeth (Liz) Green seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Environmental Health Electronic Reporting – No report given

Rise WV  
-Judy V. reports administration of the Rise WV Program has been moved from the Department of Commerce to DHSEM and will be managed by the National Guard.  
-Also, OEHS has requested a complete list of affected properties (over 200 properties, info on only 30 has been received). Having this list would allow the LHDs to get a start on the items and allow for a quick resolution. If this list is ever received, it will be disseminated to all.  
-There have been several HAU permits issued.

Farmers Market Rule  
-WVDA has filed Emergency Rule 61-38, which is subject to change in the Legislature  
-Public comment ended the 27th of July 2018, the emergency rule was filed 30th of July 2018  
-Some public comments were made, these can be seen on the SOS website. WVDA responded to all comments  
-If meat, poultry, eggs, dairy are sold, a Retail Food Permit is needed. A Retail Food permit will be needed in every jurisdiction product is sold.  
-Consignment Markets must have Retail Food Permits.  
-A Farmers Market does not need to be permitted for sampling or cooking demonstrations.  
-Some home-canned goods are allowable, they are specified in Ag’s rule  
Liz Green asked how permitting of one vendor supplying multiple sites would be handled. Judy V. believes that one permit should be entered for each county, if multiple counties receive product, multiple permits should be issued.  
-Lock Johnson clarified that a vendor serves multiple sites in the same county, only one permit is needed.  
-If baked goods are sold at a farmers market, a permit must be obtained through WVDA.  
-Farmers Markets are defined as having two (2) or more vendors at a fixed location.  
-If eggs are sold out of a home, they must be permitted by WVDA.  
-Judy V. stated that WVDA has reviewed/edited the Farmers Market Guide and that guide is attached to their proposed legislation. PHS did not approve the changes.
Mike T. recommended some additions to the proposed changes to Procedure R-4 to include a statement warning people to NOT switch disinfection products while using the same feeder. If the disinfection product is switched from an organic (cyanuric acid) compound to an inorganic one, a new erosion feeder MUST BE USED to maintain the safety of the employees and patrons. Once this wordage is added, the proposed procedure will be emailed to liaison committee members for approval and then distributed.

Proposed Procedure R-5 is accepted without change and can be distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Judy V. discussed proposed school share tables. A variance was issued to Department of Education to allow certain products (milk, cheese, chips, etc) to be placed on “share Table” at schools with the goals of reducing food waste and making sure kids aren’t hungry. This will require a variance, a set procedure outlining specific details (temps, etc) and SOPs. Comments about this issue need to be put forth soon.
- Rick Hertges presented several forms with suggestions to clarify and streamline them (SS-182B, SS-182C) or new forms, (Pre-Application Request for Information, Application for Change of Certified Installer).

REPORTS

Beckley District Report-No report

Fairmont District Report-No report

Kearneysville District Report-No report

Mid-Ohio Valley Report-Liz Green
- Still receiving questions about campgrounds, but rate has slowed down
- Number of campgrounds in Wood County has doubled
- Nine (9) campgrounds in Wirt County
- One (1) daycare has been closed to remediate indoor air problems (mold)

Saint Albans District Report-No report

Wheeling District Report-Lock Johnson
- Farmers markets tend to be very fluid & constantly changing
- Ohio County has four (4) Farmers Markets operating throughout the week
- Marshall County has one (1)
- Brook County has several
- Tyler/Wetzel has one or two
- The larger the population, the more farmers markets operating.
- One (1) restaurant has requested Hep A vaccine for employees
- 1st responders are receiving vaccine
- Employee retention is an on-going major problem

District Sanitarian Report-Jimmy Casdorph for Jennifer Hutson
- District/Central Office Sanitarians have been assisting in Jefferson County while they fill vacant positions

RTIA Division Report-Judy Ashcraft
- May start sub-contracting Radon Grant again, not this year, maybe next
- Several new staff starting, including Alex Grimmett, Lee Miller, and Judy Ashcraft

**WVU Report-Mike Trantham**
- Dining services have been taken over by Sodexo, employees with > 3 years tenure can stay and will be managed by Sodexo, employees with < 3 years tenure can stay or go
- Sodexo will be doing lots of renovations
- Athletics has completed therapy pool
- Next year, Mylan Park Pool can be used by both community and athletes

**WV Office of Laboratory Services Report-Greg Young**
- OLS also having retention issues
- The Environmental Chemistry Lab will be changing some of its bottles for sampling
- Lab is having issues collecting fees from private individuals, may need to collect up front (sanitarians to collect? Payment online?)
- Lab will have some sampling bottles marked for flood sampling. These will be distributed to LHDs to use in case of a flood event.

**Environmental Engineering Division Report-Jim Ellars**
- St. Albans District office is down two (2) people
- North Central part of state is experiencing some issues with disinfection by-products (DBP). DPB issues are occurring in older systems
- No evidence of Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) affecting drinking water systems
- There is some ongoing testing for HABs on different bodies of water (Tygart, Elk), but have not seen any evidence of HABs.

**Local Health Department Association-No report**

**OEHS Readiness Program-No report**

**West Virginia Association of Sanitarians-No report**

**Center for Local Health- no report**

**Environmental Update-Judy Vallandingham**
- Hep A Outbreak, 791 confirmed illnesses, seeing about a 30% increase in cases every week. About 50% co-infection rate with Hep C cases, also occurring as co-infection with Hep B, and with both Hep B and Hep C. About 13% of the cases have occurred in the homeless population.
- Seeing increase in cases occurring in people with no risk factors
- Kanawha-Charleston (416 cases), Cabell, and Putnam have most cases, followed by Wayne and Boone and others.
- LHDs need to be sure they are up to speed in performing environmental investigations
- Cabell County has made good use of their own staff in surge capacity
- If an increase in cases is observed in a particular county, recommend vaccination of inmates and prisoners coming in through intake. Prisoners are generally on board with getting the vaccination, only about 10% refused vaccination.
- Both environmental assessment and food handler protocol available on website.
- OH, MD, DC, NC all have cases linked to national outbreak

- 2018 Sanitarian Training class will start Monday, August 6, 2018. The class consists of 5 weeks in class, as well as several projects and online classes.
- World Jamboree will take place next year with at least a million trillion attendees!
Legislative Report-Judy V.
-SB 463-Transfers the Milk Program to WVDA
A group was to be formed to discuss this and make recommendations, has not been formed yet. These recommendations are due to the Legislature in November.
-Food Establishment Rule, 64CSR17, will be reintroduced to Legislature with a few changes to include three (3) Priority Items for closure (not to include Priority Foundation) and a three (3) tiered system (Priority, Priority Foundation, Core).
-Food Manufacturing Rule 64CSR 43 will be introduced.

NEXT MEETING — November 9, 2018, 10:30 AM
OEHS COOP Facility in Flatwoods

Submitted by: Judy Ashcraft
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