West Virginia State Environmental Liaison Meeting  
Date: November 3, 2017  
Location: DHHR Coop Facility, Flatwoods, WV

PRESENT

Judy Vallandingham, Michelle Cochran, Mike Trantham, J.J. Rose, Greg Young, Warren Von Dollen, Jimmy Casdorph, Stanley Mills, Elizabeth Green, Steve Hinerman, Jim Ellars, Laughlin Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Judy Vallandingham called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

MINUTES

Stan Mills moved, J.J. Rose seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- **EHERS (Electronic Reporting Update)**

Judy says that the EHERS system will be updated with the 2013 Food Code when the state adopts that code. Stan asked if the 3-tiered system will be included and Judy said it would be.

- **Recreational Water Facilities**

Judy stated that she had spoken to Bill Herold since the last meeting. He said that they only approve engineering aspects of pools such as pumps, electric, etc. J.J. asked if there is a way EED can communicate to owners that they need approval from counties or can work on collaboration with counties to avoid confusion. Judy will forward that to Mr. Herold.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Tattoo Removal**

An issue had been raised on what to do about tattoo removals. The FDA advised that the procedure needed to be FDA approved. Tattoo facilities have been advised to talk to the legislature. Michelle suggested that a procedure be made to give guidance to LHD’s. Laughlin asked if people were having issues with micro-blading in their counties. There was general discussion about experiences with micro-blading recently.
- **64CSR17 Food Establishment Rule Revision**

Judy stated the 2013 Food Code had been approved by the Legislative Rule-Making Committee and is moving to the legislature. Two questions: 1. Were we adding new facilities, retail food stores? The answer was no. 2. Are we adding any new fees? The answer was no. J.J. asked if the change would be quickly implemented. Judy says yes and there will be training and form changes.

- **Consistency of LHD's related to Farmers Market Vendors**

There have been complaints that LHD’s are not being consistent when it comes to regulating farmer’s markets. There was a general discussion about the complexities of farmer’s markets now. Stan noted that it could be a problem of underregulating by various counties (counties allowing cooked burgers, etc.) Laughlin mentioned they have a mobile farmer’s market in their county called Ohio Valley Grow. It was suggested that there be general reinforcements to LHD’s about uniformity. This could be done at in-services and other training opportunities.

- **Home Loan Evaluation Procedure/Forms H-12 & SG-55A**

There was a concern about possible inconsistency between these two forms, specifically regarding the requirement to pump septic tanks. Steve suggested that steps be taken to assure that the two documents match.

- **Program Plan Reporting**

Presentation by Amy Adkins, Center for Local Health. Stan asked about not getting credit for pre-inspections, re-inspections, etc. Amy suggested meetings with LHD’s to address. Michelle had questions about interventions being based on projected permits and if basing funding on projected permits and the permits decrease. It could cause problems if LHD’s receive the income. Amy noted that the higher rate of interventions receive higher funding. Also noted that funding is always 1 year behind.

REPORTS

**WV Office of Laboratory Services Report**

Greg Young said they were looking at redoing their website which was built between 2000 and 2004. Having issues collecting fees and may start requesting fees with samples. Lab is assigned to set up laboratory approval process for medical marijuana.

**RTIA Division Report**

Michelle reports they have a new person on staff, Paul Ice. It is lead poison prevention week. Stopped at 8 or 9 LHD’s and regional meeting. They are currently trying to find out how to test lead in baby food - Cabell Midland High School wanted to test. There is grant funding for environmental lead assessments.
There was a contractor out of Raleigh County illegally operating and received a $21,000 fine. RTIA will address indoor air complaints in government buildings. They have received calls about cancer clusters.

**Mid-Ohio Valley Report**

Liz talked about a cost-cutting plan. Retaining sanitarians with outside funding. Parkersburg fire burned for a week and a half. DEP ordered owners to produce a list of items in the warehouse. Still a lot of testing going on.

**WVU Report**

Mike Trantham is getting ready to retire. WVU decided to maintain the position he is in. Construction on campus has slowed down.

**OEHS Readiness Program Report**

Warren announced the FEMA IS-305 Environmental Response Preparedness course

**Beckley District Report**

J.J. says they are trying to get harm reduction grants.

**Fairmont District Report**

Steve reported continued growth. His LHD has started their own harm reduction program. Haven’t had issues so far.

**Kearneysville District Report**

No report

**Kanawha/Charleston Health Dept.**

Stan spoke about the harm reduction program. Treated 420 people in a 5 hour period. They are currently having issues with a sewage contractor. There were five sanitarians (3 from KCHD/Putnam) that took their final at KCHD.

**St. Albans District Report**

Jimmy stated that he is getting ready to start On the Job Training for new sanitarians. There are four in the St. Albans district.

**Wheeling District Report**

No report

**District Sanitarian Report**

No report
Environmental Engineering Division Report

Jim spoke about the Parkersburg fire. He is not aware of any drinking water concerns. Raw water testing of Ohio River.

Local Health Department Association Report

No report

West Virginia Association of Sanitarians Report

Executive meeting on Monday, November 6th

Center for Local Health

No report

Environmental Update

See attached

NEXT MEETING

February 9th 10:30 am

Charleston

J.J. motioned to adjourn. Mike seconds.

Submitted by: Jimmy Casdorph

Date: January 23, 2018