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Peoria City/County
Health Department

**Peoria County Board of Health
Health Protection Services Committee Meeting
March 18, 2015**

PRESENT:

Kathy Simpson
Jennifer Groves-Allison
Dr. David Trachtenbarg

ABSENT:

Dr. Stephen Roehm

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Chance, Public Health Administrator
Wil Hayes, Director of Environmental Health
Carey Panier, Assistant Director Environmental Health
Jean Bellisario, Director of Infectious Disease
Meredith Littell, Assistant Director of Infectious Disease
Jason Marks, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Monica Hendrickson, Epidemiologist
Kristin Grubb, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Suzi Rudd, Salvation Army CCC
John Rudd, Unity Point Methodist
Nicole Gunter, EV Chillicothe
Sharon Cox, Neighborhood House
Patty Heimann, Peoria Senior World
Louie Zheng, New China
Amber Lawson, St. Francis Woods
Jody Davis, St. Francis Woods
Rob Perdew, Wal-Mart
Alice Price, Unity Point
Lisa Leitner, Dunlap CUSD #323
Michelle Reed, IPMR/Senior World
Phyllis Coffman, IPMR/Senior World
Ron VonBehn, Salvation Army
Joshua Joplin, Alexander Steakhouse
Joe Harper, Little Shops Vendors
Dominic Lenzi, Ludy's
Emul Guede, Peoria Casting Club
Claire Crone, Sophia's Kitchen
Marty Lacefield, Neighborhood House
Barbara Miller, Madison Avenue Neighbors Ministries
Eric Heller, Apostolic Christian Skylines
Jong Hart, Manna Food
Marsha Keith, Chez Fayette
Daryl Klusendorf, Sky Harbor
Abdelfattah Asad, Lincoln Food Market
Elizabeth Noe, Redeemer Preschool
B.R. Creson, Kaydee Kats
Terri Brunner, McDonald's

Eileen Williams, Veterans Haven
Bryant Ragler, SSOC
Ivan Williams, South Side Office of Concern
Jason Nein, Children's Home
Brett Howard, Toot's Treats
Daniel Kinney, Toot's Treats
Ed Jesse, Unity Point
Shay McMahon, Salvation Army Mass Feeding
Dot Pitcher, The Cake Shoppe
Alex Wachter, Jim's Bistro
Bill Woosley, Limelight Event Plex
Lynn Ludolph, Ludy's
Michelle Harby, Sharon Woods
Jenn Riddle, Flat Top Grill
James Kremer, Country Club of Peoria
Alli Reed, Peoria Park District
Tara Nguyen, Jimmy's Bar
Barb Evans, Cake Connection
William Montagna, Jim's Bistro
Ron Holmes, Mercedes Restaurants

Summary of Action Items:

- Approved minutes of January 28, 2015
- Approved obtaining adult vaccines from IDPH

Follow-up Issues for Next Meeting:**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Ms. Simpson.

Mr. Chance stated that, as a new food safety inspection tool is being reviewed and considered, the food service industry was invited to hear information and provide comments/questions regarding the proposed new inspection tool. Mr. Hayes stated that, if attendees provided their email address, they will be sent information as the Health Department moves through this process. He then conducted a presentation on the proposed new food safety inspection tool. Mr. Hayes stated that the Food Safety Advisory Workgroup has been working on this issue. He added that if anyone is interested in participating on the Food Safety Workgroup to please let him or Ms. Panier know. Mr. Hayes stated that the current food safety inspection tool was developed by the State of Illinois in the 1980s and consists of a 45 item checklist, this tool does not embrace current best practices in food safety. The four areas of focus for best practices are cooking and holding temperatures, food handler personal hygiene, employee knowledge, and repeat violations. The current tool touches on these issues, but does not emphasize them. The current inspection tool consists of 12 critical violations while the proposed inspection tool has 29 areas of risk factors. Instead of a scoring system, the proposed tool would utilize a matrix scenario evaluating critical violations on a grading system. Risk factors and repeat violations would be combined to determine a facility's inspection grade. Mr. Hayes stated that a draft Enforcement Policy has also been developed and included in the handouts. A guide regarding how to conduct an inspection would also be developed. Mr. Hayes stated that positive outcomes from utilizing the proposed food safety

inspection tool include an improvement in the public's understanding of food safety inspection results and a uniform inspection process.

Public Comments

Alice Price from Unity Point Health asked if training inspections would be conducted in order for establishments to understand what Sanitarians are looking for. Mr. Hayes stated that a great deal of education and training would be done during the first year of implementation. He added that if an establishment is doing well currently, then there should not be an issue. He also stated that Environmental Health staff is more than willing to provide training for food service establishments. Mr. Chance stated that the food service rules and regulations are not changing. What is being proposed is a change in the way violations are documented and emphasizing food safety risks. The proposed tool does a much better job for the Health Department as well as the food service industry.

Brett Howard from Elmwood asked how the new inspection tool would clarify inspection results with the public. He stated he thinks the point system is more accurate. Mr. Chance provided an example of how the current scoring system can give a lower score to an establishment with fewer critical violations. Mr. Howard stated that his recommendation is to re-evaluate the point system with the current inspection tool.

Ron Holmes from Mercedes Restaurants expressed concern regarding public perception and the word fail being listed for a restaurant's inspection and how that could be damaging to a business.

Marty Lacefield from Neighborhood House expressed concern regarding if a certified food safety manager is not on site due to leaving to get something for a repair and this leading to a critical violation due to equipment being broken. Mr. Hayes stated that certified food safety managers can have incidental absences and if something is broke down and the facility is working on it this is not considered a violation.

Shay McMahan from the Salvation Army Mass Feeding asked about guidelines for food being brought in by volunteers. Mr. Hayes stated that once an establishment takes possession of the product, they are responsible for it. He added that, if guidelines do not already exist then something will be created to assist establishments that rely on volunteers to bring in food items. Mr. Hayes also stated that the rules and regulations are not changing and he realizes that many entities rely on volunteers. He added that Environmental Health staff is willing to provide education/conduct an in-service for restaurant staff.

James Kremer from the Country Club of Peoria asked if the process will be streamlined as he has had some very lengthy inspections. Mr. Hayes stated that the same items will be inspected; however, he hopes the process will be more streamlined. Mr. Kremer stated that he has asked for education and was told the Health Department is not able to provide education. Mr. Hayes stated that an education session will be set up with Mr. Kremer.

Ron Holmes suggested videotaping an inspection and putting that video on the website for viewing. Mr. Hayes stated that this is something that could be done.

Shay McMahan asked about the timeline for the proposed new inspection tool. Mr. Hayes stated that the proposed timeline is for the inspection tool to be adopted in 2015 and implemented in 2016.

Eileen Williams from Veterans Haven asked about when food is brought in and she is not there. Mr. Chance stated that whether or not this facility is currently inspected needs to be determined

and a discussion with Mr. Hayes/Ms. Panier can be held. Shay McMahon also asked about food donations being received when no manager is present.

Barb Evans from the Cake Connection stated that it would be difficult to overcome a failing grade; however she understands that what is being done is the same. Mr. Hayes stated that the Code itself is not changing.

Mr. Chance stated that the draft Enforcement Policy will be re-evaluated. He stated that this is an open process and also reminded everyone that if they would like to participate on the Food Safety Workgroup to let Mr. Hayes know.

In the next item of business, a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015 was made by Dr. Trachtenberg. Motion was seconded by Ms. Groves-Allison. Motion carried (3, 0).

In the next item of business, Ms. Bellisario stated that, in response to a study by the CDC showing low adult vaccination rates, IDPH is offering Health Departments the ability to obtain vaccines for adults who are underinsured or uninsured. If an adult's insurance does not cover vaccines, then they would be eligible to receive vaccines through this program. She added that the recommended administrative fee is \$20.00 per vaccine, which is the same as the administrative fee for vaccines administered by the Health Department through the Vaccines for Children Program. A motion was made by Dr. Trachtenberg to approve obtaining adult vaccines from IDPH. Motion was seconded by Ms. Groves-Allison. Motion carried (3, 0). Ms. Groves-Allison stated that she is interested in seeing the number of vaccines provided through this program once implemented.

In the next item of business, Ms. Hendrickson reviewed the 2014 Infectious Disease Report. Information provided was from 2011-2014 and included a three year mean.

In the next item of business, Ms. Hendrickson reviewed the 2014 Sexually Transmitted Disease Report. The full year to date report will be provided at the Committee's next meeting. Ms. Hendrickson stated that there have not been any significant changes. In response to a question, Ms. Hendrickson stated that syphilis and HIV are not included on this report due to the values being fairly low. She added that she can do a report on these two diseases.

In the next item of business, Mr. Chance stated that Ms. Harant asked that the Strategic Planning Timeline be shared with all committees. The Strategic Planning Committee will have its first meeting on March 24th. Mr. Chance stated that a critical part of the Strategic Planning process is a Retreat that will be held sometime in July. Since it is important to have a large majority of Board of Health members at the retreat, Mr. Chance asked for the Committee members to provide their preference of the retreat being held on a Saturday or on a weekday starting in the afternoon going into the evening. Dr. Trachtenberg and Ms. Simpson stated their preference is for Saturday; Ms. Groves-Allison stated her preference would be a weekday. An email survey will be sent to the Board members later this month with more information provided before or at the April Board of Health meeting.

In the next item of business, Ms. Hendrickson stated that, through the Million Hearts initiative, hospital discharge data regarding asthma and mental health is accessible.

Mr. Marks stated that he has been meeting with several entities regarding closed Points of Dispensing for the medical countermeasures plans. A full scale exercise is planned for September 29th-October 2nd, with IVC school being used for the exercise. Mr. Marks stated that amended legislation for the Good Samaritan Act is moving through the General Assembly. Mr. Chance

added that there are bills in both the House and Senate regarding the Good Samaritan Act, with Senator Koehler co-sponsoring the Senate Bill. There has been little opposition to the bills.

Ms. Bellisario stated that there are several physician offices out of compliance with the VFC program; therefore, clients are being referred here for vaccines. She also stated that the State now has fourth generation rapid HIV testing; the Health Department could have this testing by fall. Mr. Chance stated that Randy McClallen left the Health Department for a position in the private sector. Mr. Chance is working with Ms. Bellisario regarding staff capacity and skill regarding HIV testing and risk prevention, especially with the at-risk population. He added that the Health Department returned a couple of grants due to the lack of staff capacity to conduct these services at this time.

Mr. Hayes stated that Environmental Health staff provided 97 groundwater test kits and 100 leak test kits at the Farmers Share Breakfast on Saturday. There was interest from the public in Health Department services. Mr. Hayes stated that, regarding the food trucks being considered by the City of Peoria, the Health Department already licenses mobile food vendors. He added that he has attended public meetings regarding mobile food trucks in the City of Peoria.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.