

WALHDAB-EH Group
Wintergreen Resort, WI Dells
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Present: Dale Grosskurth, Courtenay Johnson, Brian Hobbs, Nick Oasen, Tim Banwell, Tim Anderson, Bruce Kress, Hsing-Yi Hsieh, Paul Andriacchi, Barb Salna, Jeff Phillips, Patty Lombardo, Michele Williams, Don Wick, Gary Garske, Chris Hinz, Gloria Smedema, Nancy Eggleston, Kevin Hurlbert, Jed Wohlt, James Blaha, Jane Adams, John Paul, Todd Troskey, Craig Kratcha, John Hausbeck, Jim Koehler, Jason Aho, Todd Drew

Guests: Chuck Warzecha, Jim Kaplanek, Tom Leitzke, Marni Bekkedal, John Powell, Mike Barnett Carrie Pohjola, Carol Drury
Recorder: Hsing-Yi Hsieh

Topic	Major Points Discussed	Action Required	Assigned To	Due Date
Minutes	Minutes from October 15, 2009 approved Motion to approve minutes carried.	None		
<u>Environmental Public Health Tracking</u> (Marni Bekkedal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Public Health Tracking website http://165.189.78.7/EPHTWebsite/default.aspx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS received a grant to develop a system to share environmental health data since 2003 • Website has a public and secure portal, public portal has preset reports that can be downloaded and secured portal requires WAMS sign in but allows data exploration • EPHT is integrated with AVR Q.: Are the training live meetings and are they going to be recorded? A.: Some older trainings are recorded. For sure the follow up meeting on Feb 2 nd . The following link will connect LPHDs with the training for manipulating the EPHT reports in AVR. http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/epht/LHD.htm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, trainings will be repeated at least 2-3 times. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q.: How is the resolution of the mapping capability? A.: Right now is only at state level • Q.: How updated is the data set on toxic air emissions? A.: On the site we have 1999 data, the 2002 data was just published in 2009 and the website will be updated. DNR is working on obtaining state data to be published once a year. • Power point presentation and one-page start up guide attached. 			
<p><u>FDA National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards</u> (http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/RetailFoodProtection/ProgramStandards/ucm124968.htm)</p>	<p>John N. Powell, Regional Food Specialist Central Region/FDA 501 N. Riverside Dr. #203, Gurnee, IL 60031 Voice Mail: (847) 249-8632 x105 FAX: (847) 249-0175 Email: john.powell@fda.hhs.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q.: What is your involvement with the locals? A.: FDA currently works through the state to fulfill local needs, however, if there is more locals enrolled then more resources may be brought in. There are more resources available during the planning phase than during the self assessment phase. Outagamie County received \$2,000.00 for the self assessment phase • Michigan used the partnership money and used it for self assessment and now will be using the money to work on standard 3 (inspection form) • Retail Food Program Standards is now the number 1 priority in FDA and they are looking into obtaining more funding and resources. • Outagamie County has almost completed the self assessment process and has found it very self explanatory and the standards are clearly established. There would be a lot of opportunities to collaborate if more jurisdictions enrolled in the 			

	<p>program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power Point presentation attached. 			
<p>DHS Updates- Chuck Warzecha Jim Kaplanek James Mack Shane Sanderson</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary Food Establishment Committee (Jim) Met in Dec., the group concluded that it will require more than 2 meetings. Might involve regulatory and legislative changes, but a “major issues” list has been established and a survey will be sent to all jurisdictions to get a current picture of the practices around the state 2. Food Safety Advisory Committee (Jim) Met and discussed and established the priorities and intent of this committee. Roles has been assigned and some actions will be taken over the next month. The group will meet in March. Some members of the group include: WRA, Courtney Johnson, Chris Hinz, DATCP, Tavern League, and Jim Kaplanek. This is just a small group right now and the group will define the size of committee in the future 3. Template for On-line posting of inspections (Jim) Looking for a state wide public access to the records so it is more uniform. J. Kaplanek reported that industry was at firs resistant to the proposal, however, the idea of being capable of designing the website before it was mandated was the selling point to industry. They met a couple times and a couple of ideas were developed. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site will be modeled after the state of Virginia’s website. http://www.healthspace.ca/vdh - It be located at the state’s website with links to local health department. - There will be FAQ section and different links to other food safety sites 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- There will be a brief section explaining the inspection process and a list of different counties and jurisdictions that the public can select and it will take them to that jurisdiction's reports that can be searched by address or name.- Under each facility, there will be a page with facility information and the inspection history (will keep 3 yrs worth of inspections. If you click on the inspections, it will give you a list of the risk factor violations but it will give you an option to view the entire report also. Complaint inspections and FBO investigation reports will not be posted, only Routine, follow up.- Reports with no CDC risk factors, with only Retail practices violations or with CDC risk factors corrected on site will be posted immediately. Those inspections requiring reinspections will be held until reinspection is performed. Any other report held for 7 days before posting to give operators a chance to respond, except for reinspection reports.- It will not be the entire report, Health space and the state will define what format and what portion of the report is posted.- There was concern about the format of the report and if someone makes changes to the report.- Q.: Can we obtain a copy of the proposed report to present to the board to obtain approval and/or support? A.: Health space will be asked to develop a template to show how this will work.- Timeline is not envisioned to be anytime soon, the priority is to get agents on Health Space <p>4. HealthSpace (Jim)</p> <p>DTACP and DHS have been meeting and reached an agreement to allow agents use Health Space to document retail inspections. Will meet in the near future to develop a more generic inspection</p>			
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	<p>form to accommodate retail inspections. More information to come.</p> <p>5. Monoxide Detection Requirement (Jim/Chuck) There are two rules: - For hotels, motels and TRH, allows CO combustion unit inspection instead of a CO detector, emergency rule moving forward. Innkeepers assoc is agreeing. More information on implementation to come. - AB 607 Carbon: Requires CO detectors in all 1-2 family dwellings. Not sure if it will go through. But if it passes, it will help clarifying the requirements on the other bill. Bill does not mention LHDs so they are not expected to enforce it.</p> <p>6. EHS-NET (Jim) Application for the grant will be submitted. DHS is looking for letters of support. This is a 5-yr grant. Yr 1: Development of teams and training. Will need local health departments to pilot the program Yrs 2-3: Implementation of teams (there will be money to offset cost) Yrs 4-5: expansion of model program and collaborate with neighboring state.</p> <p>7. Instead of one All State Sanitarian Conference, this will be carried out regionally to increase participation</p> <p>8. Wind Farms and Health (Chuck) Shadow Flicker Study http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_share/view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=122522 -More and more concerns are being raised in this topic. People like the idea but as long as not in their own backyard. There are health concerns due to the low frequency vibrations and sounds that may affect people with sleeping disturbance disorders. However, there are no good studies to</p>			
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	<p>support or to deny these claims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Trempeleau and Calumet counties have moratoriums against them.-LHD receiving the complaints can contact DHS for information.-There has been a lot of discussions but very little science at this point.-Q.: Is there a site to dump all the information so we can share? <p>A.: some suggestions include the EH group Google portal, WALHDAB website</p> <p>9. Green Cleaning Bill – Rep from Racine area promoting schools and public buildings to use certain products and cleaning methods that carry the green symbol. There are no public health and/or safety interest in the green symbol criteria on these products. The Representative is looking for DHS endorsement.</p> <p>10. EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule starts April 22 2010, anybody working on a house that was built prior to 1978 will need to have some safe lead certification unless he or she is the homeowner. EPA has a waiver for homeowners certifying that there are no children living in the house, but is considering eliminating. Locals are not enforcing it, but if there is any information the state would like to know about it.</p> <p>Q.: Are building inspector required to report or enforce this rule?</p> <p>A.: There is nothing to require this at this moment. Compliance might be unlikely at this point because of the enormous amount of people that might be affected.</p> <p>11. Health Impact Assessment initiative DHS received grant to promote the use of the assessment. Trainings are going on at this moment, there will be a training in March targeting LHD. It is a useful tool and there is a lot of federal money tied to this initiative. There is</p>			
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	<p>another grant to apply that may include local health departments to implement the program. For more information, http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/hia.htm</p> <p>12. There is some Flood Recovery money that needs to be spent. Requested proposals from WALHDAB-EH, it needs to be tied to 2008 flooding in Wisconsin. Some ideas include: Retest problem wells this spring and additional resources to help homeowners apply for well improvements; working with facilities to help prepare for flooding, the money can be used to supplement inspector time when discussing emergency preparedness with facilities (200,000.00)</p>			
<p>DATCP Updates- Tom Leitzke and Mike Barnett</p>	<p>1. Raw milk working group Press release from Department. Group is well represented and will discuss whether or not raw milk should be sold in Wisconsin and if so, how should it be done. They will start meeting by the end of February but do not know the timeline.</p> <p>2. Pickle Bill status Passed by assembly. Amendment takes into account recommendations from DATCP and clarifies the bill in items such as what products can be canned and ingredient labeling. Bill is in senate today, it is likely that it will pass and it will become effective immediately.</p> <p>3. Country of Origin (COOL) Update DATCP has renewed the contract with USDA to inspect for COOL labeling, 206 more establishments will be inspected in 2010</p> <p>4. Conference for Food Protection Meeting in April. Will try to include the supplement</p>			

	<p>to Wisconsin changes</p> <p>5. Honey bill – proposed by Wisconsin Honey Producer to create a certification for honey producer that includes a testing requirement.</p> <p>6. DATCP is starting to update Amanda to Amanda 5 (computer system) which is fully web based and it might help in the access of health space in the future</p> <p>7. Wayne Kopp and James Mack continue to meet to review and update Wisconsin Food Code. In April there will be a work group convened to review changes and provide input</p> <p>8. Most self assessments were received on time, DATCP and DHS are meeting in February to discuss responses. Preliminary review shows improvements on the completion of the assessments.</p> <p>9. Onsite evaluations continue. 2010 plans are scheduled. 12-15 will be done by each agency and at least one of them joint.</p> <p>10. DATCP anticipates one new agent before July</p> <p>11. Listeria found in a food processing plant was traced to a producer in Minnesota and lead to a substantial recall. Please review the recall information and perform efficiency checks.</p> <p>12. Training on Retail HACCP was just finalized. In 2010 there will be training on special processes in 2010 and another Retail Field HACCP in November or December.</p>			
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**WALHDAB Update
-Nancy Eggleston
and Dale**

1. WPHA/WALHDAB Conference in May (Nancy)
 - Seeking Presentation: Housing Equity topic:
Abstract: "Intact lead paint, heat, safe drinking water, structural safety, and cleanliness are each a few aspects of a healthy home environment that not all Wisconsin residents enjoy. Join us as we discuss lead paint hazards, mold, basic utilities, unsafe structures, hoarding, along with filth and squalor conditions encountered in urban and rural homes all too regularly in Wisconsin."

May 25-27 Looking for someone who would be interested in presenting. Maybe to have a panel discussion on different challenges faced by EH professionals. Volunteers: Tim Banwell, John Hausbeck, Jeff Phillips, Courtney Johnson. Nancy will provide them with details

2. RE: AB 414 Exam requirement to renew food safety certificate (ALL)

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2009/data/AB-414.pdf>

There is no education requirement, more and more courses are being offered online and people can take the exam. Conference for Food Protection just came out with this requirement.

3. Bed and breakfast establishments to offer more than breakfast to their guests

<http://thewheelerreport.com/releases/jan10/jan8/0108radcliffebbbill.pdf>

Rep. Mark Radcliffe (D-Black River Falls) wants to allow bed and breakfast establishments to offer more than breakfast to their guests. Currently, B&Bs are limited to breakfast, but under Radcliffe's proposal that restriction would be removed. The bill would,

	<p>however, limit the additional meals to renters at the B&B. “Many of the Bed and Breakfasts across the state use local or home grown products to prepare meals for their renters,” Radcliffe said in a co-sponsorship memo. “This is a way to increase tourism for bed and breakfasts that are located in remote rural areas where options for meals other than breakfast may require distant travel.” The B&Bs would not be required to have a restaurant license to provide the additional meals.</p> <p>The bill is now searching for sponsors and DHS has already responded to the secretary that they are not in favor. The B&B association is not in favor of the bill either</p> <p>4. Another bill that would allow special organizations to have 25 temporary events w/o license, the bill is looking for sponsors and DHS responded to the secretary and alerted associations.</p> <p>5. Selection of WALHDAB-EH Chair (Dale)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Chair needs to be selected for approval at the May WALHDAB annual meeting. <p>Dale reviewed the job description, he would be open to continuing on the position if no one volunteers reelection. WALHDAB board needs to approve our election. If interested please talk to Dale</p>			
<p>Local Issues -All</p>	<p>1. Bar fight events (John Paul) Bars block area of the facility for combat fights. Concern about bloodborne pathogens and establishment allows fighter to go through kitchen</p>			

	<p>to use the restroom. Nick - These events are not a sanctioned event and are not regulated. Locals can choose to place an injunction on the activity. No infrastructure to protect the public's health (no set back, area carpeted, no sanitation guidance, etc)</p> <p>2. Madison/Dane County Environmental Health Report Card – 2008 John Hausbeck) http://www.publichealthmdc.com/publications/envReportCard.cfm , Click on links for the Executive Summary or Full Report John indicated that this is the 8th year using the report card. The data is not the most complete but you use what's out there, sometimes county level, sometime city level. It is a very time consuming process, it is important to find the most meaningful data. Make sure you understand the data (limitations, source) to be able to properly answer to public questions in regards to different data sources. Madison has an epidemiologist position to look at data but not everyone has the capabilities and EPHT is a great tool. Pros and cons of a report card, the biggest advantage is to get people talking about it and having the awareness, no funding as a result of the report card yet. For Rock County it has helped explain the poor county health rankings.</p> <p>3. EH blog for LPH for food safety etc. (Dale Grosskurth) Winnebago County has a facebook and twitter to get outreach to a populations that normally LHDs do not reach</p> <p>4. Oneida Co. policy on allowing EH inspector to charge a reinspection fee to public facilities permitting tobacco smoking after July 5th: [see attached letter] (Todd Troskey)</p>			
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	<p>Some facilities have established funds to pay for the fine for not being smoke free. The policy allows inspectors to not finish an inspection due to tobacco smoke and the intention is to recuperate some the cost of being present and not conducting the inspections. Todd developed the letter and it has been approved in Oneida County but it was suggested that it be brought to other jurisdictions that may have something similar or would be interested in implementing a similar fine. Contact Todd for any ideas. The state has decided not to fill the void of the enforcement. Chuck does not see the state implementing such policy but can see small communities or local health departments support the action.</p> <p>State will perform surveillance but will not enforce. There is a mark added on their inspection reports to check for compliance, and if no significant change is observed after a period of time, then maybe enforcement will be appropriate at that time. Todd indicated that this is not meant to be an enforcement tool.</p> <p>Concern was raise about other agencies with inspection duties (ie. Fire departments).</p> <p>5. Restaurants wholesaling to other establishments. Retail establishments are allowed to wholesale 25%, but restaurants are not. Are other agents running into this issue? (Tim Anderson) 41-59 split discussion it was agreed that restaurants could not wholesale. Non-profit buying from restaurant and reselling is OK as long as it is not labeled as the restaurant's product.</p> <p>6. Agents using Health Space, are you still keeping paper copies or relying completely on Health Space. (Tim Anderson) Many LHDs are still keeping paper copies, the state is not keeping paper copies anymore. Jim Kaplanek's suggestion is to do whatever you are comfortable with. So far, there has not been lost</p>			
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	<p>of data.</p> <p>7. Manure runoff and groundwater contamination (Dale)</p> <p>Looking to work with land conservation on potential complaints due to groundwater contamination.</p> <p>There are about 5 DNR codes that oversee this practice and they all need to be revised.</p> <p>Dane county had fish kill problem and are working with DNR to grant the county authority to regulate, however, DNR is not interested at this point. Eau Claire experienced similar denial. However, they have been able to take care of it through human health hazard ordinance but not through DNR enforcement officer because DNR does not have the manpower</p>			
Next Meeting	<p>APRIL 22, 2010 9:30 AM -2:00 PM at Tony Romas, 1490 County Highway XX Rothschild, WI 54474</p>			
Meeting was adjourned	<p>3:10 p.m.</p>			
	<p>Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Hsing-Yi Hsieh</p>			