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October 3, 2016: Body Art Advisory Group (BAAG) Minutes

Attendance: Gary Wells, Nikki Wells, Kristina Wright, Nicholas Mandelkow, Michael (“Goat”) Stevenson, Mark Dalton, Heather Santistenvan, Josh Miller, Michael Luu, Peter Quinones, Dustin Bastian, Environmental Health Specialists and Program Manager with EPCPH

Facilities Represented: Steadfast Tattoos, Pens & Needles, Sinister Tattoos, Trinity Tattoo, Imperial Tattoo, Fifth Element Tattoo

Discussion:

1) Regulation Changes:

- Hand sinks are limited to use by no more than 2 artists per sink
- A new competency exam must be passed by every artist (see #3)
- Minor/parental consent clarification for minor consent forms – ID is required for both minor and parent or legal guardian

2) Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) Test:

EPCPH is exploring relevant, well-developed BBP online courses; these will no longer be offered onsite at EPCPH. We will provide a list of approved courses; all expired certificates should be renewed via the list of online courses.

3) Regulations Competency Exam:

The group discussed the types of questions and content that would be beneficial on the competency exam to assure appropriate knowledge and application of the Body Art Regulations. The exam was proposed at \$30 (to include one retake per artist without an additional fee). The exam is being developed very specific to the Regulations and must be passed with 80% proficiency every 2 years. The certificates will be printed on watermarked paper. Artists expressed interest in some sort of verification that an individual is affiliated with a licensed facility; to help ensure this, language was added to the cover sheet of the exam requiring a signature of understanding that an artist must work out of a licensed/regulated facility. The group discussed which sections/topics in the regulations are most important, considering the protection of public health and the types of violations often cited during inspections. It was agreed that every section in the Regulations is “testable” and should include at least one question on the exam. Discussed the possibility of having more interactive/situational questions.