## Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:
Melissa Rogerson – EPCPH Program Manager  
Heather Tucker – EPCPH Lead EHS  
Jodi Zimmerman – EPCPH EHS  
Kristen Mickens – EPCPH EHS  
Phil Cavinta – EPCPH EHS  
Chris Miller – EPCPH EHS  
Jana Homeyer - Resilient Demographics  
Shannon - Virgin Ink Tattoo  
April Kuhns- April Lauren Ink  
Larry – Handsome Larrys Tattoo Emporium

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| Melissa | Body Art Excellency List | • Proposed changes to EPCPH Body Art Excellency List:  
  • Shop must have no critical violations during the last two regular inspections  
    • 3 Criticals:  
      • Certificates are not up-to-date but a body artist is still operating  
      • Shop/artist is cited for demonstration of knowledge  
      • Procedural violations were observed  
  • Shop must be in good-standing with EPCPH regarding licensing fees  
  • Shop must have 50% or more artists pass the EPCPH Body Art Competency Exam on the first try  
  • Excellence List to be posted on EPCPH website and social media; certificates will be sent to each shop for posting as well |
| Melissa | Body Art Competency Exam | • Proposed changes to EPCPH Body Art Competency Exam:  
  • Changes expected to go live in April/May  
  • Exam will be divided into either two sections or two separate exams - one for tattoo artists (7 specific questions) and one for body piercers (5 specific questions)  
    • Artists who do both will take both sections/exams  
  • Additional questions will be general demonstration of knowledge, managerial/person-in-charge, and medical/first aid-related  
  • The new exam will be 40-50 questions  
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BAAG Purpose Statement:
- Allow for good communication between Body Art Industry and Public Health.
- Encourage constructive feedback on customer service, policies and regulations.
- Work together to improve El Paso County’s Body Art Program using current science, technology and through educational opportunities.
- Work together to prevent infectious disease in our community.

**Violations and Complaint Investigations**
- Violations observed during inspections or investigations that are not corrected on-site will be issued a Violation Correction Sheet (VCS) with a due date ten days from the date of issuance.
  - If a VCS is not correct and returned by the due-date, a follow-up inspection will take place at the shop's expense.
- Future complaint investigations will focus first on educating and working with an artist or shop, shifting to enforcement of regulation if needed.

**Additional Notes**
- To encourage attendance:
  - Add note to upcoming BAAG Meeting invitations for owners to distribute the invite to their artists.
  - Consider scheduling upcoming meetings outside of business hours.
- Discuss ways to reward individual artists.
- Development of a body art apprentice exam/cert?
- Gather and distribute resources for artists who suffer from mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 12:44
**Next Meeting:** TBD