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October 14, 2019 (1:30-3 PM): Body Art Advisory Group (BAAG) Minutes

Facilities/Businesses Represented: Bearded Lady Custom Tattoos, Pens & Needles, Fallen Heroes, The Hive

Also in attendance: EPCPH Body Art Program Manager and Environmental Health Specialists

Minutes/Discussion:

Liquor and Retail Food Establishment licensing within Body Art Establishments (BAE): EPCPH cannot deny licensure for liquor or retail food if the BAE meets the requirements in the relevant regulations. We are working to improve communication between plan review and relevant teams during the plan review process to streamline meeting these requirements with our best judgement. We require a separation between any food service areas and body art business areas (procedure areas, waiting areas, etc.). People receiving body art procedures may not be “visibly impaired.” During a recent review process, we provided a letter reiterating any menu limitations and that artists should use extreme caution when performing body art procedures if any potential client appears impaired. Licensed food trucks are permitted in parking lots (we do not do the zoning for where these are allowed). However, open food or containers should not be brought into a procedure area. Nonperishable food items may meet the minimum requirements for a liquor license.

Body Art Ink Presentation/Industry Updates: Jodi Z. presented a brief presentation about the lack of regulatory oversight for body art inks, especially around the misleading labeling of “sterile.” Jodi is the President of the Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA), and she hopes to have a one-day body art training in 2020 for industry and regulators. The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) has adopted a national model body art code, which states may elect to adopt as their regulatory guidance. Body art industry is invited to participate on Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) body art committee calls, especially around conversations to regulate body art ink, etc. A Tattoo Ink and Permanent Makeup Labeling Guide can be found here: www.afdo.org/publications. The group discussed issues around diluting inks, approval of Titanium Dioxide, etc.

Other issues/discussion: We (EPCPH) responds to complaints about individuals operating outside of a licensed facility. Owners/artists present indicated value in hearing about closures/complaint investigations, and in hearing more details about violations cited either quarterly or annually. They also expressed interest in having us send out our annual “Body Art Excellence” list via social media so that they can also share it.

NEXT MEETING: TBD. Topics for discussion and/or agenda items may be submitted to: marlaluckey@elpasoco.com. Thanks!