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## March 30, 2017: Body Art Advisory Group (BAAG) Minutes

Attendance: Gary Wells, Nikki Wells, Kristina Wright, Brenda Brown, Bob Doyer, Chaz Young, Mark Dalton, Environmental Health Specialists and Program Manager with EPCPH

Facilities Represented: Steadfast Tattoos, Pens & Needles, Fallen Heroes, Tattoo America, Aliza Ink, Sinister Tattoo

### Discussion:

#### 1) "Body Art Excellence Program":

The group revisited criteria for inclusion in the "Body Art Excellence Program." Currently, Body Art Establishments that are in full compliance and have not had a critical violation on the previous two inspections may receive this designation. The group discussed the current criteria and agreed that they would like to retain the lack of critical item citations as criteria for this program, with one exception regarding documentation for pending re-certifications.

The group suggested that participation in at least one BAAG meeting per year by at least one representative from eligible facilities would be a positive inclusion for the "Excellence" criteria; this conversation will continue at the next meeting.

#### 2) Compliance Issues:

Discussion around how/when EPCPH is able to respond to complaints regarding body artists working from unlicensed/unregulated facilities, such as a private residence. EPCPH is continuing to work through procedures and protocol to respond legally and appropriately to these complaints in the community.

#### 3) Future Meetings/Planning:

Discussion about the purpose of these meetings and the possibility for them to become more education-based for the body art community as a chance to exchange ideas and promote safety awareness, new technology, etc. Artists commented that participation with EPCPH was valuable because it offered a chance to interact with the environmental health specialists beyond the time for inspections. Will continue discuss about the future of this group as it could be led/initiated by the body art community and supported by EPCPH by helping send reminder emails/agendas and to secure meeting room location at Citizens Service Center. Discussed value in having 3 meetings per year instead of quarterly.