



EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 04/23/15

Meeting Minutes

FSAG members attended: Steve Kanatzar, Howard Walters and Lee Griffen

EPCPH staff members: Michelle Martinez

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Lee	Welcome	Lee Griffen, Retail Food Program Manager- EHD, welcoming comments
Lee	Retail Food Logic Model	Lee briefly reviewed and explained the purpose and importance of the Retail Food Logic Model. Copies were provided to those in attendance. The logic model describes the Retail Food Program's goals and objectives, short term and long term objectives, and lists the stakeholders involved in the Retail Food Program. The logic model can be found on the Health Department's website – www.elpasocountyhealth.org .
Lee	Mobile unit/farmer's markets/ temp events	Illegal (unlicensed) vendors selling food out of mobile units, at farmer's markets, and at temporary events were discussed. Discussion was concerning the need to re-implement Environmental Health Specialists inspections/verifications at these types of events to assure that all vendors are licensed, as well as mobile units selling food only in the evenings and on weekends. EHS's would have to work overtime or flex hours in order to achieve this. There was concern regarding the safety of the food being sold on the street. Health Department placards or stickers placed on the exterior of the unit to visibly show compliance with licensing. It was also discussed working the CSPD to alert EPCPH of illegal vendors. All present at the meeting were in unanimous agreement that this should move forward.
Lee	Risk Based inspection frequency	Risk based inspection frequency will be implemented on May 4, 2015. The data system (Envision Connect) will determine the inspection frequency for each RFE, which will be 1, 2 or 4 times per year.
Group	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) News	Steve Kanatzar attended a meeting in Washington DC. CRA is opposed to letter grades being posted on doors of RFE's.
Lee	Consumer Advisory Options	Compliance with the regulation concerning the "consumer advisory" was discussed. During recent inspections, EHS's have found that facilities that previously had a consumer advisory on their menus, printed new menus which did not include the consumer advisory. It was discussed that compliance proceedings should be enforced if facilities do not comply within 30 days.
	MEETING ADJOURNED	10:30 am

SCHEDULE FOR 2015 MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: July 23, 2015, October 22, 2015

FSAG Purpose Statement:

- Allow for good communication between Food Industry and Public Health.
- Encourage healthy feedback on customer service, policies and regulations.
- Work together to improve El Paso County's Food Safety Program using current science, technology and through educational opportunities.
- Work together to prevent food borne illness in our community.