



EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 07/29/2014

Meeting Minutes

FSAG members attended: James Sams, Steve Kanatzar, and Lee Griffen

EPCPH staff members: Michelle Martinez, Catherine McGarvy, Ankit Parikh

FSAG Purpose Statement:

- Allow for good communication between Food Industry and Public Health.
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Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Lee	Welcome	Lee Griffen, Retail Food Program Manager- EHD, welcoming comments
Lee	Risk based inspection frequency	Discussion about risk based inspection frequency. Environmental Health Specialists have asked questions pertaining to risk during the first inspections of 2014. Questions pertain to the 5 top causes of foodborne illness. Final numbers should be available by the end of 2014. Inspections will be conducted 1, 2 or 3 times a year, based on risk. Anticipated start date of January 2, 2015. Members have asked for an information sheet regarding the questions that are being asked to help management and owners understand the process.
Tom and Lee	State-wide RFE inspection rating	<p>State-wide RFE inspection rating program is in the beginning stages by CDPHE. This will be implemented to provide consistency throughout the state. The exact process has not yet been determined. The start date has not yet been determined. Larimer County Health Department and Northeast Colorado Health Department retail food establishment rating systems were reviewed. It was agreed upon that Northeast County’s system is a better model.</p> <p>www.nchd.org www.larimer.org/health</p> <p>CRA has approve the Northeast Colorado Health Department model. Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Division of Environmental Health & Sustainability has a memo in place regarding the approval.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM #1 A copy of this memo will be sent to member s via email. ACTION ITEM #2 Members will provide feedback on the RFE inspection rating system before it is made public. ACTION ITEM #3 Members requested to find out the number of hits on EPCPH website for RFE inspection reports.</p>
Lee	Consumer Advisory Requirement	<p>As of July 1, 2013, a Consumer Advisory must be used for raw animal food menu items (meat, poultry, fish, shellfish and eggs) that are served raw or undercooked. A 6 month grace period was given to meet these requirements. Specialists were to inform establishments of this requirement. This requirement is now being enforced. Financial and economic hardships will be evaluated on a case by case basis.</p> <p>A copy of “Retail Food Establishment Consumer Advisory Requirements” was provided to each member attending the meeting.</p>

Group	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) News	Next CRA meeting is August 21, 2014
	MEETING ADJOURNED	11:45
SCHEDULE FOR 2014 MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: October 23, 2014		

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