



EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 01/21/2014

Meeting Minutes

FSAG members attended: James Sams, Howard Walters, Joe Archey, Janine Russell, Ted Vong, Tim Quaney, Mark Stanley, Tom Gonzales, and Lee Griffen

EPCPH staff members: Michelle Martinez

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Tom	Welcome, Comments and introduction of new members	Lee Griffen, Retail Food Program Manager- EHD, welcoming comments. Welcomed new members: Mark Stanley, Owner of Culvers of Colorado Springs and Tim Quaney, Assistant Manager of Sam's Club. Discussion about changing date of Food Safety Advisory Group meetings. It was agreed upon that meetings will be held the 4 th Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held April 24, 2014 at 9:00 am.
Lee/Tom	Excellence in Food Safety Recognition	The recognition for Excellence in Food Safety will be presented at the February BOH meeting, rather than the January meeting. The BOH meeting will be held February 24, 2014 at 2:30 pm. The two presenters will be Steve Kanatzar and Mark Stanley. Janine Russell and Tim Quaney offered to be present at the meeting. 503 facilities will be honored for the award.
Lee/Tom	Risk based inspection frequency coming in 2014	Discussion about risk based inspection frequency. Environmental Health Specialists will ask questions pertaining to risk during the first inspections of 2014. Questions will 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.
Lee	Environmental Health Specialist area changes	There are 2 open Environmental Health Specialist positions, due to staff turnovers. These positions will be filled within 3 months.
Lee/Tom	Pro Start Basic Food Safety Classes	Steve Kanatzar is the lead. The program is through District 11 high schools, including Palmer, Coronado, and Doherty High Schools. The basic food safety class is taught at the schools. Students will meet an Environmental Health Specialist. This training will help to prepare the students for an actual health department inspection when they are working in a food service establishment. Classes are currently scheduled for January and February of this year.
Tom	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) Update	Food & Wine Expo will be held at the Broadmoor Hotel on March 9, 2014, sponsored by the Pikes Peak Chapter of the CRA, which includes 50-60 representatives.
Group	Other Items	Discussion regarding 2014 RFE license renewals. 2013 RFE licenses expired December 31, 2013. Under 100 facilities still in operation have not paid for 2014 license as of January 21, 2014. Discussion on renewal process, civil penalty process, and time and resources spent by staff. Discussion on what information should be included on initial renewal notice.
	MEETING ADJOURNED	10:30 am

SCHEDULE FOR 2014 MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: April 24, July 24, and October 23

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.