



# EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 04/24/2014

## Meeting Minutes

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

**EPCPH staff members:** Michelle Martinez

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 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. Exact start date not known at this time.
Lee	Newly hired Environmental Health Specialists	Catherine McGarvy, Michele Girard, and Ankit Parikh (9 month temporary position). Ankit will be conducting weekend and evening inspections of mobile units that are not able to be located during normal work hours. New specialist inventory areas: Catherine McGarvy – Northeast Colorado Springs, Michele Girard – Southwest Colorado Springs, Ankit – mobile units and helping with various areas throughout the county. Other inventory area changes – Celeste Baker – Southeast Colorado Springs, Michelle Martinez – West Colorado Springs.
Lee	State-wide RFE inspection rating	State-wide RFE inspection rating program is in the beginning stages. This will be implemented to provide consistency throughout the state. The program will be voluntary. The exact process has not yet been determined. The start date has not yet been determined.
Lee	School/RFE's using on-site grown fruits and produce	Retail food establishments are allowed to grow their own produce for use in their facility. School District 11 is currently growing their own produce in a monitored environment. Local "guidelines" will be produced for guidance regarding growing produce. There currently are no regulations regarding this topic.
Lee	Pro Start Basic Food Safety Classes	Steve Kanatzar is the lead. A Pro-Start competition was held at Johnson & Wales University in Denver. Two local high schools competed. Students can receive 7 college credits for completing the program. Steve will look at continuing the program next year. Steve was asked to conduct a survey among the schools to determine if EPCPH basic food safety class was sufficient, or if the teaching concept should be altered to fit the needs of the Pro-start program.
Tom	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) News	Steve Kanatzar will be attending a Restaurant Association meeting in Washington DC next week. Pete Meersman will be retiring as president of CRA during the next 5 years. He will be training Sonia Riggs, to take over his position.
Group	Other Items	James Sams inquired as to whether or not it is required for RFE's to use color coded cutting boards and utensils. This is not a requirement in the "Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules & Regulations". James Sams inquired as to what department is responsible for determining ventilation hood requirements in mobile units. Environmental Health is responsible for mobile units.
	<b>MEETING ADJOURNED</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>

**SCHEDULE FOR 2014 MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 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.