



# EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 4/23/13

## Meeting Minutes

**FSAG members attended:** Tom Gonzales, Lee Griffen, James Sams

**EPCPH staff members:** Pauline Faust, Alex Clemments

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Tom	Welcome and introductions	Tom Gonzales, Director EHD, welcoming comments
Tom	Excellence in Food Safety Recognition	Presented at last El Paso County Public Health Board of Health (BoH) meeting on March 18, 2013. 447 establishments were recognized on the Excellence in Food Safety listing. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> The Division's direction will be to discuss with specialists about promoting the program, A staff member will give a 5 minute presentation to staff at next monthly staff meeting.
Lee/Tom	Cultural Awareness Training	Two goals discussed: To craft a survey asking about cultural and belief systems, leaving it with establishments and Making staff aware of different cultures and belief systems. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Tom will contact UCCS multi-cultural department to craft survey, provide assistance.
Lee	Revised Colorado Retail Food Regulations	There are some (13 major) changes to regulations. Staff are covering changes at monthly Retail Food Program meetings. The two big changes are: Date Marking starting March 1 <sup>st</sup> ; and Consumer Advisory starting June 1 <sup>st</sup> . At the first inspection after regulation goes into effect, specialists will simply make a note on the inspection. At the second inspection they will cite violations if needed.
	Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) Update	Not discussed
	Colorado Cottage Foods Act Update	Not discussed
Lee	Improving Attendance at Quarterly Meeting	Discussion among those present on how to improve attendance. Ideas included: Changing meeting location, Changing meeting style, i.e. chaired by community members versus EHS staff, Including short presentations on relevant topics, Checking commitment level of current members, and Sending out postcards to generate interest/new members. <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Lee will ask at state level for ideas to generate interest

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:20 am - SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETINGS IS AS FOLLOWS:  
August 6, 2013 and October 22, 2013 from 9:00- 10:30 am**

**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.