



# EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date August 8, 2013

## Meeting Minutes

**FSAG members attended:** Tom Gonzales, Lee Griffen, Ted Vong, Scott Crum, Steve Kanatzar, Ken Chi, Greg Howard

| Lead | Topic  | Discussion/Action   |
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| Lee  | Welcome and introductions  | Lee Griffen, Program Manager, EHD - welcoming comments  |
| Lee  | Temporary Assistance to Conduct RFE inspections during Black Forest Recovery | Announcing 2 Temporary Health Techs to cover RFE inspections (for 9 months) that are behind schedule as a result of the Black Forest Fire and Black Forest Recovery.  |
| Tom  | Cultural Awareness Training  | Our goal is sustained behavioral change. As a department we are - increasing staff awareness of different cultures and belief systems, by offering more training and asking staff when out in the field to explain the science behind regulations. Suggestions included: 1) FSAG members (that share the same situation/culture/type of business) go along with specialists during inspections to help improve relationships with other REFs 2) Possibly using FSAG members as translators to address language barriers. Either of these options offers an advantage to staff as well, by offering a new perspective.<br><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Tom will contact UCCS multi-cultural department for staff development options. |
| Lee  | Consumer Advisory Requirements   | Retail Food Establishments can meet the Consumer Advisory Requirements by either placing stickers on their menus, until a new printing or by placing table tents on their tables.   |
| Tom  | Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) Update                                 | Anything new? Discussion about the Health Department looking into providing inspections at Farmer's markets.  |
| Lee  | Thoughts on how to improve Attendance at Quarterly Meeting                   | Discussion among those present on how to improve attendance. Ideas included: what type of participants should be invited to participate. Potential members included: Resort, grocery store, distributor, culinary instructors/students.<br><b>ACTION ITEMS:</b> FSAG members will discuss the FSAG purpose and invite new potential members to the next meeting<br>A survey will be sent to members and potential members asking for preferred meeting times and dates as well as location and type of activities/discussion at future FSAG meetings.   |

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:20 am -  
SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
October 22, 2013 9:00 - 10:30  
January 21, 2014 9:00 - 10:30

**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.