



# EL PASO COUNTY FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date 7/24/12

## Meeting Minutes

**FSAG members attended:** Tom Gonzales, Lee Griffen, Jim Goodwin, Steve K, Ted Vong, James Sams, and Greg Howard

**EPCPH staff members:** Robert Warwick, Rebecca Kuhnel, Tara Olson, Celeste Baker, and Sheryl Abeyta

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Tom	Welcome and introductions	Tom Gonzales, Director EHD, welcoming comments
Tom, Lee and Jim	Waldo Canyon Fire Re-cap	Discussed environmental health's response during and after the evacuation. Items such as ES8, mass shelters, change in locations, re-entry plans, primary services offered, disaster recovery center operations and our role to assist the public during the disaster. Specialists assisted approximately 70 facilities to re-open. Steve K. thought it would be a good idea to get volunteers that are trained for possible next disaster. Ted Vong stated that we should consider using the media to call for those who have basic food safety experience to volunteer might be a good option.
Robert	Excellence in Food Safety Awards Program discussion	This topic was discussed at the last quarterly meeting. Robert researched both Mesa and Boulder county's for ideas to implement. He chose Mesa's program since it was a more attractive/streamline system. Criteria: facilities would fall into 1 of 3 categories, which are based on our licensing information and in order to be considered for the program the facility would have to have no critical items in the last two inspections. Mobiles would not be considered in the program for the first year. Steve K. mentioned the possible addition of temperature logs to the program criteria. Greg Howard wanted to know the percentage of facilities that are eligible to date. James Sams thinks that the criteria should be narrow in the beginning and we could possible add to it in the future. Lee will get data from Chris W. and present at next meeting. EHD will collect data for next meeting related to the criteria to start the program. Lee mentioned that we will use October's meeting to discuss the data and finalize criteria with a <u>target date of January to implement the program.</u>
Lee	Food Safety Flyers	Spanish food safety flyers are now available. We should have them available online within a week.
Lee	FDA Standard 2	Presentation on FDA Standard 2. This is a process on how environmental health specialists, both new and old are trained. The standard is to train environmental health specialists for consistency and provides organizations a "standard" to follow.

<b>Tom</b>	<b>Goals/Objectives</b>	Tom went over our goals and objectives with the group. He mentioned how we are monitoring our goals and adjusting at least quarterly. Members provided comments on how we are effectively training new staf, and kudos; a positive difference in the way staff are conducting food safety inspections.
<b>Greg Howard</b>	<b>CRA News</b>	Greg Howard stated that he tried to spread the word through the CRA in regards to our online basic food safety test but the CRA declined due to their own education program. Greg also mentioned bringing up the groups concerns with unlicensed mobiles to the CRA.
<b>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 am - SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETINGS IS AS FOLLOWS: October 16, 2012 from 9:00- 10:30 am</b>		

**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.**