



Environmental Health Services

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DEHS Director Meeting: 03/05/2015

Next meeting will be held 04/28/2015

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| Alaska: | Denman Ondelacy | Nashville: | Not on Call |
| Albuquerque: | Debra Grabowski | Navajo: | Brian Johnson |
| Bemidji: | Not on Call | Oklahoma: | Danny Walters |
| Billings: | Joe Amiotte | Phoenix: | Kenny Hicks |
| California: | Gordon Tsatoke | Portland: | Celeste Davis |
| Great Plains: | Chris Allen | Tucson: | Martin Smith |

Environmental Health Support Center: Richard Turner, Angela Hodge

Rockville: Kelly Taylor, Darren Buchanan, Nancy Bill, David McMahon, Jessica Otto

1. **COSTEP wrap-up: Kelly Taylor**

- a. Reminder that 1662's need to be sent to DCCPR no later than 60 days before the anticipated call to active duty date. Please send in your paperwork as soon as possible to ensure nothing gets delayed.

2. **Tribal Food Code Update: Kelly Taylor**

- a. The deadline to enter updated food code version used by tribe was 2/20. Kelly asked if the directors were ready to have the data in WebEHRS reported to represent their area.
- b. Many of the Directors were not ready, because all tribes for the nation were shown when they went in to update their data.
- c. This will be on hold for a new due date until the contractor updates it so that Directors don't see all tribes. The instructions for changing your food code type are below for reference when the system is fixed.
 - i. Please login to your WebEHRS account, click on "my account" and then "view/edit Tribal Food Code information". You can make your edits there. A video of the process can be viewed here: <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/p7t5b9t950z/>.

3. **Environmental Health Specialist of the Year (EHSOTY): Kelly Taylor**

- a. The winner for the IHS EHSOTY has been selected and will be announced at the in-person meeting next month.
- b. We will send each area a certificate and letter for their Area EHSOTY.

4. **Injury Prevention Specialist Meeting: Nancy Bill**

- a. The meeting will be April 14-16 in Rockville Maryland. A planning group is forming so if you'd like to participate let Nancy know.

5. Director Meeting Draft Agenda Presentation: Gordon Tsatoke

- a. The draft agenda was presented. It was distributed along with the travel approval memo. Information on a block of hotel rooms will be sent soon.
- b. You are still encouraged to bring a protégé. Three areas are in the planning stages of bringing a protégé.

6. Performance Measures 2011-2015 Wrap Up: Kelly Taylor

- a. The final piece to complete the current cycle performance measures is to share best practices. We will spend some time before the end of the year sharing best practices.
- b. A narrative document with your interventions and final impact numbers will be shared so that you can better define which interventions might be best practices to share.

7. Performance Measures 2015-2020: Dave McMahon

- a. The guidance document on what the new measures will be was shared and distributed. There is some activity that Directors and their staff will need to complete before 1 OCT, 2015. Darren will present on some of the changes that need to occur.

8. Demonstration on Data Changes: Darren Buchanan

- a. A presentation on the changes that need to occur before we can collect the new environmental health measures was presented.
- b. The presentation will be posted to WebEHRS so that staff is aware the changes are coming. There will be an announcement sent out to consult with your Director to make the changes.
- c. Changes for the environmental health measure will be due mid-September, 2015.

9. Area Reports:

a. AK: Denman Ondelacy

- i. Nothing new to report.

b. AQ: Debra Grabowski/Jerry Lee

- i. The Area OEHE Workshop will occur March 24-26.
- ii. Antoinette Toya was selected for the vacancy at the Albuquerque Office and has reported for duty.
- iii. Vacancy announcements for the Albuquerque Service Unit Sanitarian and Santa Fe Service Unit Sanitarian will be announced soon.
- iv. Staff are pilot testing the new Safe Native American Passengers (SNAP) course.

c. BE: Not on Call

d. BI: Joe Amiotte

- i. Anticipate the announcement of the Area DEHS Director, Institutional Environmental Health and Injury Prevention vacancies. The individual hired for the Crow Service Unit left, so that will be advertised soon too.
- ii. Preparing for the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) visit to the area by preparing a white paper with current environmental health issues and initiatives.

- e. **CA: Gordon Tsatoke**
 - i. The California Area OEHE Workshop will be the week of April 13th.
- f. **GP: Chris Allen**
 - i. The area DEHS Workshop will be in Bismarck, ND April 8-9.
 - ii. Chris is the Acting OEHE Director.
 - iii. The community injury prevention profiles are on hold until all the data is suppressed and will require Area Director approval for each individual release instance.
 - 1. Nancy mentioned she is looking into what can and cannot be reported. Phoenix also mentioned they are working on data suppression metrics.
- g. **NS: Not on Call**
- h. **NV : Brian Johnson**
 - i. There is a current vacancy announcement for a field sanitarian at Many Farms that closes 5 March.
 - ii. Kayenta will open its new health facility this summer. There are lots of new quarters with the hospital and demolition of the old quarters is still ongoing.
 - iii. Starting to see charter schools that are opening on tribal lands. This is a challenge for permitting and oversight.
 - iv. Working on a memorandum of agreement with Head Start.
- i. **OK: Danny Walters**
 - i. The position in Pawnee will be advertised soon. There are still plans to fill the area injury prevention specialist position but it is unknown when that will come to fruition.
 - ii. The area staff have been nominated for an Oklahoma Excellence Award for their work on the large tattoo convention that happened last year.
- j. **PH: Kenny Hicks**
 - i. There will be an environmental management team meeting March 31-April 3.
 - ii. The Lifesavers conference is coming up, and two staff will be presenting a poster on injury prevention.
 - iii. There will soon be three vacancies announced, one each in Parker, Elko and Tempe.
- k. **PO: Celeste Davis**
 - i. There is a tribal environmental health position open at the Coeur d' Alene Tribe. More information can be found here: <http://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/HR/HumanResources.aspx>
 - ii. Meeting with EPA about a possible research project based on a study on childcare centers on tribal lands that was published recently in the Journal of Environmental Health.
 - iii. Next month will be the area Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program (TIPCAP) site visits.
 - iv. April 16th the Washington staff will meet with local health departments at their annual meeting. They're excited to share ideas and information.

I. TU: Martin Smith

- i. Gearing up for the annual rabies clinics and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever prevention activities.
- ii. There will be one vacancy announcement soon to fill the slot that Angela Hodge vacated.
- iii. Plan on hosting an Injury Prevention Level II course in October/November of this year.
- iv. Working with Tohono O'odham Nation on Food Code adoption.

m. EHSC: Richard Turner

- i. Angela Hodge has reported for duty. She'll be doing environmental health, injury prevention, and a little institutional environmental health support work.
- ii. OEHE Orientation will happen next week. There are 75 students registered, of which 20 are environmental health staff.
- iii. Thank you to all the staff who are helping make the orientation happen, Headquarters, Phoenix, Great Plains, Oklahoma, Albuquerque, Tucson and Navajo are all helping out in one way or another.

The next meeting will be held in person from April 28-May 1, 2015.