

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

Monday, April 18, 2011

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel
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Members Present:

Mr. Larry Dvoskin, REHS, CCDEH, CHAIR – via teleconference
Ms. Marcy Barnett, REHS, CEHA Representative – via teleconference
Dr. Dean Kelaita, M.D., Health Officer, Calaveras County
Ms. Terri Williams, REHS, CCDEH
Dr. Lal Mian, Ph.D., REHS, University Representative - via teleconference
Mr. Glenn Takeoka, REHS, Chief, Environmental Management Branch, Executive Officer

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program Staff Present:

Ms. Robin Belle Hook, REHS, Environmental Health Services Section Chief
Ms. Deann Kanenaga, Continuing Education (CE) Coordinator

Guests

Ms. Veronica Malloy, REHS
Mr. Doug Turner, REHS

Members Absent

Ms. Alicia Enriquez, REHS, Secretary, Public Sector
Mr. Todd Frantz, REHS, Private Sector
Dr. Antonio Machado, Ph.D., REHS, University Representative

Opening Remarks

Mr. Dwoskin welcomed the committee members at 10:15 a.m. and led the self-introductions. Ms. Hook introduced Veronica Malloy as the prospective REHS Program Administrator. Ms. Malloy gave some background information about herself. She graduated from UC, Davis in Environmental Planning in 1992. She worked as a REHS in Monterey County in 1996. She has worked at CDPH in the LPA Program and in the Environmental Review Unit.

Mr. Dwoskin wrote a letter of resignation/retirement from the Committee

Election of 2011-2012 Officers

Nominations were opened for chairperson and secretary

Mr. Takeoka stated we expect to have a representative from the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly.

Mr. Dwoskin nominated Ms. Williams for chairperson. Dr. Kelaita seconded. All others – yes.

Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Frantz for secretary. Mr. Dwoskin seconded. It was decided to ask Mr. Franz if he would be willing to serve before holding the election.

Mr. Dwoskin continued with the agenda for Ms. Williams.

Approval of the Minutes from the October 6, 2010 Meeting

Mr. Dwoskin asked the members to review the minutes from the October 6, 2010 meeting.

Dr. Kelaita moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Mian seconded.

The October 6, 2010 minutes were approved.

CDPH Environmental Management Branch (EMB) Update

Glenn Takeoka, Executive Officer

Mr. Takeoka provided a CDPH EMB update. Topics discussed included the new CDPH Interim director, Howard Backer, nuclear emergency response, drinking water point of use devices, pool antientrapment devices, mussel quarantine and the upcoming forum of the Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) on June 15.

Continuing Education and Accreditation Agencies Deann Kanenaga, CE Coordinator

There are currently 28 Accreditation Agencies (AAs). UCD Extension plans to apply. The majority of AAs do not approve outside courses, just their own. We will be planning more conference calls with the AAs and will be doing audits of all AAs. We have received a few exemption requests from those on military duty and those with long term illnesses. There is a need for more courses in Northern California and online. Mr. Takeoka stated that we have sent electronic messages to remind everyone to meet the continuing education requirement.

Ms. Williams asked if those that don't submit 24 hours of continuing education are suspended. She asked if all directors understand the consequences. She suggested we write a letter to the directors and other industries regarding what those consequences will be.

Those who are not CEHA members want approval for their courses. Ms. Barnett stated that CEHA is considering writing frequently asked questions to help communicate better. Mr. Takeoka stated we can have a link to our website. Approximately 1800 REHS will expire at the end of this year on December 31, 2011.

Education Subcommittee: University Approvals

Robin Belle Hook, REHS Program

UCLA – Ms. Hook explained that UCLA wanted to include a certificate program to encourage those outside to apply. We have spoken to UCLA and they understand students must have a Master of Public Health. It doesn't have to be an environmental health, but it must meet the course requirements. Ms. Hook asked if the committee is ready to approve UCLA.

Dr. Mian referred to page 10 of the UCLA report. He asked why it is a certificate instead of a degree. He suggested we remove the sentence on page 10 of the report under "Curriculum" which says "In the future the curriculum requirements will be part of a certificate program." He also made a correction to page 2 and 6 where Dr. Phalen's title should be Assistant Professor. Dr. Mian also stated the need for more environmental health courses in food, water, waste water. He asked how many units are needed and required. Mr. Turner asked if any of the professors who teach these courses are REHSs. We need to find out what EHS 200 A and B cover and the number of units. Ms. Hook stated she will contact UCLA to get more information on what EHS 200 A and B covers. These courses should be required if they cover the other environmental health topics.

California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) – Mr. Dwoskin moved to approve their program. Dr. Kelaita seconded his motion. The CSUSB, REHS Option V program was approved for 3 years.

Proctor Manual for REHS Exam Update

Robin Belle Hook, REHS Program

A copy of the proctor manual is on the REHS website. More explicit have been placed into the manual due to complaints of cheating on a previous exam.

Subject Matter Expert (SME) Angoff Panel Update

SME panels will be held in Northern and Southern California this May. The panel determines the difficulty of each question and gives each question a score. We are using the same list of panel members from last year.

REHS Video Development by CCDEH

CCDEH is working to develop a video designed to promote the REHS profession. Lew Pozzebon had the idea for CCDEH. This will help with recruitment. Mr. Takeoka stated that we do have power point presentations on the REHS website. Recruitment can be done at special events. Ms. Williams suggested we get more universities to participate. She said it's a big push to get students to go to environmental health from biology and other majors. Mr. Takeoka stated that we should utilize a type of social media. Ms. Williams stated we could have departments share information for Facebook and twitter. Dr. Mian has cards and posters from national organizations. We would be very willing to work with CCDEH.

Ms. Barnett mentioned an inspection fraud scam. Southern California put out an alert and revised the alert again. They are aware and keep facilities informed. Mr. Takeoka stated that this happened in Northern California and Sacramento Valley. Mr. Dwoskin stated that they are

trying to get enough information to set up fake E-Bay accounts with business information from restaurants.

Items from the Floor

Mr. Turner stated that CPS has received a request to approve an online lab for microbiology. He recommends that the committee not approve a lab from a distance learning course. CPS will not approve any online labs until the committee approves it. Frank Gomez suggested the committee review the "Virtual Lab".

Mr. Takeoka stated that it is very difficult to have meetings with conference calls. Participation on this committee means that members should come to the meeting and not call. There are expectations for committee members and protocol for committee meetings.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 2011, Sacramento – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 pm.

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