

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE (EHSRC) DRAFT MINUTES**

***Thursday April 26 2018  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM***

Conference Call Line

### Members Present:

Ms. Graciela Garcia, REHS, CA Environmental Health Association  
Mr. David Conway, REHS, Director, Mariposa County Health Department  
Ms. Rosa Santana, Senate Rules Committee Appointee  
Mr. Joseph LaCava, Speaker of the Assembly Representative  
Ms. Sarah Crossman, REHS, Public Member  
Mr. Lawrence Fay, Director of Environmental Health, Santa Barbara County  
Mr. Carlos Menes, CP-FS, Senior Manager Food Safety – Sodexo, Private Industry

### Members Absent:

Mr. Eric Trevena, Section Chief, Environmental Services Section, CDPH  
Executive Officer, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Environmental  
Management Branch Chief  
Dr. Michael J. Sullivan, University Faculty, Professor of Environmental and  
Occupational Health, California State University, Northridge

### Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program Staff Present:

Veronica L. Malloy, REHS/RS, Program Administrator

### **Opening**

Mr. Conway called the meeting to order at 10:12 am  
A quorum was established.

### **Appointment of 2017-2018 Officers**

CCLHO Health Officer - Mr. Fay mentioned that he could possibly reach out to CCLHO and recruit a nominee to this position. He suggested that the CCDEH Executive committee could begin this discussion at their next meeting in a few weeks.  
University Professor – Ms. Malloy suggested we have an opportunity to solicit nominations once the two new universities Cal Baptist and CSU East Bay have their proposed accredited programs approved.

Nomination for EHSRC Chair – Mr. Fay nominated Mr. Conway to stay on for another term as chair. Ms. Garcia seconded, none apposed, no discussion, motion carried. Mr. Conway accepted the nomination.

Nomination for EHSRC Secretary – Mr. Conway called for nominations, Ms. Garcia motioned to nominate Mr. LaCava for another term as secretary. Mr. Fay seconded, none opposed, no discussion, motion carried. Mr. LaCava accepted the nomination.

Nomination for Private Industry Representative – Mr. Conway called for nominees, Ms. Garcia motioned to nominate Mr. Menes for a second term, Mr. LaCava seconded, none opposed, no discussion, motion carried. Mr. Menes accepted the nomination. Nomination for University Professor – Mr. Fay motioned to have Dr. Sullivan remain for a second term, Ms. Crossman seconded, none opposed, no discussion, motion carried. Ms. Malloy will contact Dr. Sullivan.

### **Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2017**

All committee members received a copy of the minutes to review. Ms. Crossman and Ms. Garcia corrected a statement on page 3 regarding the 3-year training period. The minutes were corrected to include the amended language. Mr. LaCava motioned to approved the minutes as corrected, Ms. Garcia seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, none opposed, Mr. Fay abstained, motion carried.

### **CDPH Environmental Management Branch Update**

Ms. Malloy read a statement from Mr. Anthony Chu introducing the new Branch Chief, Chris Pace. Mr. Pace will begin his employment with CDPH beginning May 14. The announcement is an attachment to these minutes.

### **Environmental Health Services Section Update**

Ms. Malloy read a statement from Mr. Eric Trevena. The Program Update is an attachment to these minutes.

Mr. Conway asked about the free Radon test kits – the radon test kits program ended in January 2018, it is hopeful the free test kits will be available again in January 2019. The low-cost test kits are available at the following website: [www.drhomeair.com/california](http://www.drhomeair.com/california)

### **Educational and Professional Standards Subcommittee Report**

Ms. Sarah Crossman, MS, Public Sector REHS

Ms. Crossman read from the Educational and Professional Standards Committee Report. Mr. Conway calls for a motion to accept the report and recommendations from the subcommittee, Ms. Garcia made a motion, Mr. LaCava seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Mr. LaCava thanked the members of the subcommittee for their work.

### **Registration Process Subcommittee**

Mr. Dave Conway, REHS, Director, Mariposa County

Reciprocity: Ms. Malloy read a statement from the Section Update to let all the members know that CDPH is in receipt of the reciprocity letters from CCDEH and is in the process of determining what authority exists to allow CDPH to proceed with the ask. Mr. Fay reiterated that recruitment at the entry level is not an issue, the challenge lies in the supervisor and manager positions. Applicants prefer not to change locations because of family and personal preference. Ms. Malloy will meet with Mr. Pace, the new Branch Chief and bring him up to date with the reciprocity topic.

### **CCDEH Professional Promotions Subcommittee**

Mr. Larry Fay, Director, Santa Barbara County

Mr. Fay mentioned that this subcommittee is looking forward to the reciprocity response from CCDEH. This subcommittee is focusing on promoting an interest in the program from other California universities and mentioned outreach continues with CSU East Bay, Sonoma State University and CSU Sacramento. The subcommittee is also developing the role of the EH Technician and envisions this position as a stepping stone to full registration. Mr. Fay mentions that this subcommittee is also working with CEHA on a Leadership Academy and will be asking Directors and Managers to teach courses.

### **Ongoing Items and Announcements**

California State University – East Bay – Proposed Option V Curriculum

Ms. Malloy reported that the curriculum is getting very close to final approval for Fall 2018. Forming the advisory committee is the next critical step.

California Baptist University – Proposed Option III Curriculum

The faculty at Cal Baptist submitted all syllabus and curriculum lists. The Educational and Professional Standards Subcommittee will review the latest submittal at their next meeting.

California State University – Fresno

Mr. Conway informed the committee that the November site visit was very encouraging. The program took all of the recommendations from the last report and are moving forward to build the program to the level it once was. Ms. Garcia commented that Ms. Launer is a very important part of their success as she is actively engaging with each EOH student as they move through the program.

California State University – Sacramento

The Deputy Director at Sacramento County EH reached out to the Health Sciences program in hopes to get the accreditation revived. The program, however, is challenged by the 120 unit requirement and the faculty were requesting that some research be conducted at the surrounding feeder schools to identify classes that would transfer into the university. Mr. Conway suggested that Sac State should update their articulation agreements with their feeder schools. Mr. LaCava mentioned that the curriculum for engineering students have always been greater than any other program, perhaps the trustees should consider a waiver from the 120 unit requirement and recognize programs that feed into professions. Mr. Conway suggested to add this item to the Educational and Professional Standards subcommittee agenda.

### **New Business**

REHS Exam Changes – Dr. Sullivan proposed some ideas for changes to the REHS Exam. He thought to divide the exam into two sections and if someone passed the first section, they would only have to sit for the second section when they schedule a retake. Although Mr. Conway said the exam could easily be separated into 2 sections, Ms. Garcia thought that this might confuse things. Mr. Fay agreed that administratively this is very challenging.

**Next Meeting: CEHA Update October 11, 2018 – San Diego**

**ADJOURN at 12:09**