

# Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EH CIB) Meeting Summary

Date: 3/18/2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

## Setting the table

10:30 a.m. Welcome | Linda Kopecky

**Meeting Purpose:** Dig deep into Foundational Public Health Responsibilities and tie them back into EH CIB regular activities.

10:45 a.m. Review and approve meeting notes from December.

December's meeting notes were reviewed and approved by the membership.

10:50 a.m. Regular updates (5-7 minutes each)

- Mobile Food Unit workgroup: Slow start, meeting has been added on the agenda and invitation has been sent out. The workgroup will be making slow progress.
- Charter refresh workgroup: Tom takes the lead and made suggestion for changes. It has been posted on SharePoint. The workgroup continues to enhance Environmental Health initiatives at the state level. A process with SCHSAC is in place to change the charter.
- FPLS program evaluation workgroup: Timeline updated and extended through this year. the verification process has been wrapped up. Improvement was identified and work continue. The policies and procedures were updated, and the draft report was also shared with partners.

## Digging deep

11:10 a.m. Overview of FPHR | Linda Kopecky

*Optional review of FPHR for context and background* [Foundational Public Health Responsibilities and Framework - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us/fphr)

- Linda presented a PowerPoint that outlines the different elements of the national framework of the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities, particularly those related to Environmental Health.
- The group discussed which activities are happening across the state and to what extent.

## 11:30 a.m. Cost and capacity results summary | Linda Kopecky

Optional review of interactive dashboards and report [Publications and Resource Documents - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)

- Linda led a detailed discussion while navigating the interactive dashboard, focusing on Environmental Health results statewide. The group delved into clarifying roles and responsibilities, as well as recognizing differences in capacity and exposure levels across the state.

## 11:40 a.m. Revisiting the Continuous Improvement and systems-level focus of the CIB | Padlet Activity

The Padlet activity focused on various aspects of addressing Environmental Health issues in the context of the elements of Continuous Improvement (selecting opportunities, planning improvements, executing changes, and reviewing those changes). Some specific issues identified related to housing issues, nuisance complaints (public health hazards), and the importance of updating statutory language to better address disparities. Additionally, they considered program evaluation efforts as part of reviewing changes and possibly discussed reviewing delegation agreements as well. These discussions highlight a comprehensive approach to addressing EH issues, with some specific focus areas including how housing issues relate to public health.

## 12:00 p.m. Inventory of EH activities – Tom and Amanda

Tom and Amanda proposed that the EHCIB should do an inventory of activities as the IDCIB is currently doing. The group discussed about how to reimagine the landscape of environmental health in the state. It recognizes the importance of 21st-century public health approaches in addressing emerging challenges and opportunities. Key questions revolve around the utility of these approaches and the level of granularity required in developing an inventory of activities. While the EHCIB has outlined core values, there is a need for more specific roles and responsibilities, akin to those delineated by the IDCIB. A comprehensive framework would not only showcase the breadth of EHCIB's work but also clarify roles and responsibilities.

## Next meeting June 10, 2024.

Topic: Discuss EH CIB framework and inventory of activities.

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