

Monthly Report for August 2015 Submitted by Stephanie Zmuda, RS

Environmental Health

Food Safety

I will be collaborating with Karim Baroudi, RS, Food Safety Program staff with Ohio Department of Health and Masters of Public Health student at Northwest Ohio Consortium for Public Health, on a quality improvement project in our food safety program. The project will be the basis of Karim's scholarly project for his MPH program. It will benefit the department in a number of ways, including moving us in the direction of accreditation readiness. Components of the project include:

- Developing a Level 1 certification course in food safety. Upon receiving course approval from ODH, I will be able to teach the course and certify successful participants.
- Developing procedures and protocols for achieving compliance with laws or enforcement actions (PHAB 6.3.1(2))
- Developing a risk-based protocol or algorithm for scheduling food safety inspections (PHAB 6.3.2(1))
- Developing a reporting template for the food program's annual reports that summarizes complaints, enforcement action, and compliance (PHAB 6.3.4(1))
- Developing a process improvement system for food safety program enforcement action (PHAB 6.3.4(2))

The estimated time of project completion is December 2015.

Public Health Nuisances

Seven new public health nuisance cases were reported in August: solid waste (6), and vector (1). Several changes have been made to the program to reduce cost and increase efficiency: maintaining electronic rather than paper files, and receiving electronic shipment information for certified mail.

Crawford County Municipal Court activity summary:

355 Cherry Street –

Case referred for prosecution; hearing set for 09/15/15

436 Hensley Avenue –

Case referred for prosecution for a 2nd offense; hearing set for 09/15/15

516 Second Avenue –

Defendant pled guilty during a hearing on 08/11/15; \$250/\$250 was suspended pending completion of clean-up by 09/12/15. Review hearing set for 09/15/15.

Upcoming Events

Posey D's restaurant opening – 09/08/15

Family Dollar store closing – 09/24/15; store re-opening as Dollar Tree – 10/09/15

Galion Oktoberfest – 09/24-26/15

Accreditation Learning Community – 09/29/15

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Zmuda, RS