**Environmental Health Monthly Report**

**July 2013**

**Accreditation** – The accreditation team (Dr. Novack, Ms. Crossland, Ms. Zmuda) has selected the following domains to be the focus of accreditation work for the remainder of 2013:

Domain 1 – Conduct and disseminate assessments focused on population health status and public health issues facing the community

Domain 5 – Develop public health policies and plans

Domain 8 – Maintain a competent public health workforce

Domain 11 – Maintain administrative and management capacity

**Key Metrics** –

Some examples of metrics that can be tracked and measured are listed below along with suggested reporting intervals and actual data for some of the metrics. Ms. Zmuda is open to feedback about whether this is the type of information desired, if there are additional or alternative suggestions, etc. Once desired metrics have been identified meaningful, user-friendly methods of reporting and graphically representing the data can be selected.

*Food Safety*

**cost analysis interval – report annually**

annual per Ohio Administrative Code (3701-21-02.2 FSO, 901:3-4-04(A) RFE)

last Board of Health adoption 01/08/13

**survey intervals, dates, status – report annually**

at least one survey every 3 years from *each* director/agency

Ohio Department of Agriculture – 05/07/13-05/09/13; APPROVED status

deficiencies – training and evaluation of food program sanitarian

Ohio Department of Health – 05/22/12-05/24/12; APPROVED status

deficiencies – missing elements in plan review submissions, no field verification of light intensity for new restaurant

**applications submitted on time, late fees – report annually**

2 facilities renewed licenses after the due date for the 2013-14 license year

TOTAL LATE FEES = $199.96.

**#, type of facilities – report annually**

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| **2013-14** | **Risk Level 1** | **Risk Level 2** | **Risk Level 3** | **Risk Level 4** | **Mobile** | **Temporary** | **Vending** |
| **FSO** | 0 | 6 | 23 | 27 | 9 | 0 | 13 |
| **RFE** | 7 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 10 | 0 | n/a |

**#, type of inspections – report quarterly**

**#, type of violations (critical vs. non-critical, parameter violated, corrective action) – report quarterly**

**enforcement action taken – report monthly**

*Public Health Nuisances*

#, type of complaints

#, type of inspections

time frame > complaint to 1st inspection

time frame > complaint to completion

activities > contacts: phone, e-mail, person; NOVs; court enforcement

outcome

*Public Swimming Pools*

cost analysis interval

survey dates, intervals, status, deficiencies

applications submitted on time, late fees

#, type of facilities

#, type of inspections

#, type of violations (critical vs. non-critical, parameter violated, corrective action)

*Solid Waste*

# of companies, trucks

#, type of inspections

#, type of violations

#, type of complaints, action(s) taken

**Major Operational Issues** –

The Ohio Department of Agriculture retail food establishment program survey report advised Galion City Health Department’s program remains on the approved list, but that training and evaluating the food program sanitarian(s) is a provision that requires action. While Ms. Zmuda has taken advantage of classroom, conference, and online food safety training, there is no formal plan or requirement for the amount, type, and frequency of food safety training. A food safety training plan will be incorporated in the Workforce Development Plan to be created by the department in order to become accredited. In addition Ms. Zmuda would like to request permission to enter into an agreement with John Harbeck, RS, Environmental Health Director at Shelby City Health Department, for a reciprocal relationship to fulfill the field training/evaluation requirement. With the Board’s permission, a detailed draft agreement will be written and presented for approval at an upcoming meeting.

A licensed Galion retail food facility was recently implicated in a laboratory-confirmed case of listeriosis. While circumstances made it impossible to determine causality—there was no remaining food to test, and the incubation period can be 1-70 days—the foodborne investigation revealed critical violations that may have lead to the illness. An administrative hearing was held on July 11 to address that and the facility’s history of failure to maintain operation in compliance with food code provisions. Company management has submitted weekly reports to detail corrective actions taken since the hearing.

Ms. Zmuda is working with Mansfield-Ontario-Richland County Health Department and two large Galion food employers to offer food safety training to an estimated group of 45 workers.

Board of Health & Health District Licensing Council – Terry Gribble has been a member of the Health District Licensing Council (HDLC) since being appointed by City Council on January 10, 2006. Mr. Gribble has served on the HDLC representing public swimming pools and has also been the appointed Board of Health delegate from among Council members. The fact came to light recently that Terry Gribble resides outside city limits, which is also the boundary of the health district. In order to be appointed and remain a member of the HDLC, an individual must be a resident of the health district, thus Mr. Gribble is not eligible for continued membership on the council. Many thanks go to Mr. Gribble for his years of service on the council. In addition to the vacancy on the HDLC, Pamela Fellner’s resignation from the Board of Health in June leaves a vacancy on the Board of Health (BOH).

Members of both the BOH and HDLC are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by City Council under the current form of government in Galion. There is no statutory residency requirement for the BOH, only the HDLC. Members of the HDLC shall consist of one representative of each business activity for which the board of health operates a licensing program. Licensing programs currently in operation are food service operation, retail food establishment, public swimming pools, and solid waste haulers. Council members are Dan Beach of Wendy’s representing food service operations (term expires 11/21/16) and Phil Schreck of Phil’s Deli representing retail food establishments (term expires 11/21/15). Neither is interested in becoming the Board of Health delegate. There are no eligible candidates for the public swimming pool program and only one eligible individual in the solid waste hauler program. Ms. Zmuda contacted Ohio Department of Health for guidance on the HDLC when there is a shortage of eligible candidates.