

Environmental Health Professionals Advisory Board

Minutes for October 26, 2016 Meeting

1. Roll

In attendance: Jim Love, Lori Hoffman, Marty Goff, Robin Eychaner, Andrea Ables, Isis Bonney, Martin Goff, and Marcelo Blanco.

2. Update on vacancy candidates

- Discussion of Dr. Claude Jones application and resume
 1. He worked for the Dept. of Health in Lake County and Putnam as medical executive director,
 2. Has experience in epidemiology and community health assessments and is knowledgeable of our certification program
- Discussion of Roy Costa
 1. Public health for a long time and has worked with the Dept. of Health in food safety and sanitation particularly, but it's not a requirement for him to be knowable in OSTDS
 2. Worked for FEHA
 3. Worked for DBPR doing food service education
 4. Per Garry Schneider Roy is very knowledgeable of the food program and would be a great addition

We are still awaiting Roy's official application for appointment.

Two vacancies and one is troublesome to fill. The coordinator Robin Eychaner has asked if they would like to review application materials. The board members would like to review the appointment documents, so Eychaner has agreed to submit appointment documents to the chair for determination. Dr. Jones and Roy Costa at this point seems to fit the second vacancy opening. Eychaner has left up to the Board to review materials and decide on which of the two if not both will be appointed.

3. Board review, discussion, and/or recommendation of possible disciplinary actions regarding certifications

- Charlotte County and EHD tampering; numbers in question: 15-1118,15-2024,16-1648,16-2113
 - A. Eychaner discusses the process of certification and submission of information into the database so that board members can make a knowledgeable recommendation.
 - B. Eychaner discusses the discrepancies found in EHD.

Eychaner turns the discussion to the Board members for their recommendation. Jim Love referenced section 381.0101(3)(b) and cites that they are unable to make a recommendation per statute. Eychaner mentioned section 381.0101(3) which indicates the advisory board assists the department in seeking enforcement. However, regardless of any difference in opinion with statutory language, Eychaner preferred to seek the board's recommendation as their input is still appreciated. The board then reviewed and discussed the roles and scope of employees in training. Eychaner explains the different permission levels in EHD to provide clarity to board members. Eychaner discussed options of discipline per Chapter 64E-18, Florida Administrative Code (FAC).
 - C. Board recommends the following:
 1. A letter of warning for 15-2024,16-1648,16-2113 as they were following instructions given to them by their superiors.
 2. 15-1118, some recommendation to fine, but no consensus provided, so decision made to contact Bureau staff and legal to view options and additional opinions and proceed from there.
- Former Leon County OSTDS inspector signing other private CEHP's name to their site evaluation and other conduct not becoming of a CEHP regarding theft.
 - A. Board Recommends the following:

1. 15-1667 Recommendation to revoke certification due to gross misconduct. The individual can always request an appeal from the board.

4. New Business

- Introduction of Isis Bonney as the program manager for the Certified Environmental Health Professional Program.
- Rule Revision
 - A. Major issues identified that need to be changed
 - B. Expansion of requirements to include ungraduated transcripts applicants and higher level degrees/courses
 - C. No proposed fee changes in rule revision

5. Old Business

- Status on credentialing per DOH Certification and Training Workgroup
 - A. Pending discussion with Human Resources (HR) and legal
 - B. Awaiting to verify information with HR
 - C. Eychaner will send final updates once the workgroup moves forward with their next step

6. Adjourn

- New program coordinator will follow up with board
- Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.