

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE (EHSRC) DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday October 11 2018
5520 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Conference Call Line Available

Members Present:

Ms. Graciela Garcia, REHS, CA Environmental Health Association
Mr. Joseph LaCava, Speaker of the Assembly Representative
Ms. Sarah Crossman, REHS, Public Member
Mr. Carlos Menes, CP-FS, Senior Manager Food Safety – Sodexo, Private Industry

Members on Conference Call:

Chris Pace, Executive Officer, California Department of Public Health (CDPH),
Environmental Management Branch Chief
Mr. Lawrence Fay, Director of Environmental Health, Santa Barbara County
Ms. Graciela Garcia, REHS, CA Environmental Health Association

Members Absent:

Mr. David Conway, REHS, Director, Mariposa County Health Department
Ms. Rosa Santana, Senate Rules Committee Appointee
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. LaCava called the meeting to order at 11:07 am
A quorum was established.

Appointment of 2017-2018 Officers

Speaker of the Assembly Representative Member – Mr. Joe LaCava announced that he
will not be seeking reappointment when his second term expires

CCLHO Health Officer - Mr. Fay mentioned that a joint panel was formed to better
coordinate activities between the CCDEH Executive committee and CCLHO.

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.

Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2018

All committee members received a copy of the minutes to review. Mr. Fay made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Ms. Garcia seconded, none opposed, none abstained, the minutes are approved as written.

CDPH Environmental Management Branch Update and Environmental Health Services Section Update, Mr. Chris Pace

Mr. Pace read from the CDPH ESS Update October 2018 report. He also gave a short summary of the ongoing Hunter's Point issues regarding the low level radiation found on Parcel A-1. As an update to the Equivalency Process, Ms. Malloy mentioned that we have received 3 applications for Equivalency. A registrant from the state of Kentucky, North Carolina, Arizona and Nevada have all met the requirements for equivalency with 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. The subcommittee met twice over the last 6 months and reviewed over 16 course syllabus. Ms. Crossman called for a motion to accept the recommendations from the subcommittee, Mr. Menes seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Mr. LaCava thanked the members of the subcommittee for their work.

Registration Process Subcommittee

No new agenda items were discussed.

CCDEH Professional Promotions Subcommittee

Mr. Larry Fay, Director, Santa Barbara County

Mr. Fay mentioned that this subcommittee started as an adhoc committee but is now a standing committee that hopes to do more to promote the profession for young graduates. Some of the Recommendation for future action are: university curriculum development, a model internship program, an ongoing project with CEHA to develop a Leadership Academy

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 sent a letter with some revisions to the last submission of the proposed curriculum. We look forward to receiving updated curriculum shortly.

New Business

Ms. Malloy received a call from a former REHS who had their registration revoked for violating CH&S Code Section 106715 and would like to know how to regain their registration back. She hopes to find some existing state law that speaks to reinstatement after ethics violations, but the majority of the members agreed that the existing hearing process and opportunities for appeal are sufficient. At the time of hearing, the members can discuss a number of disciplinary actions upon the finding that a violation of this section occurred. These actions range from a minimum of 7-day suspension to the maximum penalty to deny, refuse to renew or revocation of registration. In this particular case, the members agreed that the violation was so severe it warranted a full revocation of the registration.

**Next Meeting: CEHA AES April 8 - 11, 2019 – Ventura
ADJOURN at 12:15 pm**

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