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School Health & Safety TAG

Meeting Agenda

Date: October 21st 2020

Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Location: Virtual – [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Time	Activity/presenter	Notes
1:00	Call to order and introductions	
Estimate 10-15 minutes	Budget updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janis Koch –Environmental Public Health (EPH) budget• Brian Schlottmann – Review ordinance and School Health and Safety fee updates• Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPH fees<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fees were passed in Sept Board of Health meeting.○ All EPH programs moving toward 100% cost recovery, SH&S already has reached this.○ Had to address a \$1.2 million deficit, which led to a reduction in staff.○ Working to balance an anticipated post-COVID increase in work while preparing for a decrease in revenue due to the current slowdown.○ Budget hearings scheduled for 11/16-18. The 17th would be a good day for school representatives to come in and comment.○ Fees should be adopted in November, which is earlier than typical years.• Reviewed SH&S program fees changes.• No questions asked.
Estimate 15-20	Looking back on 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed COVID response impact on staff availability and the transition to Public Health Institute.



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minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID impacts • 2020 successes and lessons learned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed successes and lessons learned including pre-application, plan review, occupancy inspections, playground inspections and food safety. • No questions asked.
Estimate 15-20 minutes	<p>Environmental Health Assessments in 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer year is still available at hourly rate until 12/31/2020 • 1/3 of each district needed annually to meet 3-year cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed volunteer year and plans moving forward in 2021. • No questions asked.
15-20	Open questions and discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What if a school does not know their square footage when signing up for an assessment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If the square footage of a school is unknown, the SH&S program will confirm square footage with the fire marshal. • When is the last day to volunteer a school for an Environmental Health Assessment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The last day to complete an Environmental Health Assessment for the volunteer year will be 12/31/2020. • Conflicting COVID guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed conflicting information concerning guidance coming out from various governing agencies in relation to COVID, example given about mask requirements during PE not consistent with after school programs. The inconsistency is leading to questions and some pushback from parents. • Why are school COVID cases listed on the Public Health webpage when other businesses are not? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This page was developed due to an increase in requests from media, parents and general public. Some school districts also were discussing creating a similar page on their own site. This page was developed to create a consistent presentation of

		<p>information that can be accessed by the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School COVID webpage (https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/covid-19-cases-schools) ● Environmental Health Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed preference for a checklist for the Environmental Health Assessments prior to coming out. SH&S staff will send out what we are currently using. Future plans include creating and updating checklists and resources with current information based on observations and communication with schools. These checklists will be created along the way as this program develops to ensure that the material created is relevant and useful to the school. ○ Feedback given from schools that had participated. Stating curriculum focus is helpful for the schools that had participated.
2:00	Adjournment	

Next proposed meeting: March 2021

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October 2020



Overview

- Budget and fee updates for 2021
- Looking back on 2020
 - Impacts of COVID-19 response on the School Health & Safety program
 - Successes and lessons learned
 - Environmental Health Assessment volunteer year
- Moving ahead to 2021
 - Environmental Health Assessments
- Questions/comments/open discussion
- Adjournment



Budget and fee updates

- EPH budget updates
- School Health and Safety Program
 - School food permits
 - If a permit goes unused during throughout the entire permit cycle, a refund can be issued
 - Before requesting a refund, confirm with OSPI regarding permit requirements



Budget and fee updates

- 2021 changes
 - Broke out levels of complexity in plan review, playground construction, occupancy inspection and EH Assessments
 - Fee Ordinance
 - We won't be going over them individually, but questions are welcome



Budget/Fee updates

Program - Permit/Activity	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Variance	
			\$	%
SCHOOL HEALTH & SAFETY		100% Cost Recovery		
School Plan Review				
7016 Site Review	\$921	\$665	(\$256)	(27.80%)
7011 Small New Construction	\$4,211	\$887	(\$3,324)	(78.94%)
<i>NEW Elementary New Construction</i>		\$1,478	N/A	N/A
<i>NEW Middle/High School New Construction</i>		\$2,070	N/A	N/A
7019 Cafeteria Food Service Operation Plan Review	\$1,382	\$739	(\$643)	(46.53%)
7020 Student Store Food Service Operation Plan Review	\$789	\$527	(\$262)	(33.21%)
7021 Curriculum-Based Food Service Plan Review	\$789	\$591	(\$198)	(25.10%)
7022 Playground Plan Review	\$1,184	\$1,183	(\$1)	(.08%)
<i>NEW Playground Modification Review</i>		\$591	N/A	N/A
7012 Remodel	\$1,184	\$1,257	\$73	6.17%
7013 Portable Addition	\$921	\$370	(\$551)	(59.83%)



Budget/Fee updates

School Permit				
7111 Central Cafeteria	\$1,579	\$1,626	\$47	2.98%
7119 Satellite Cafeteria	\$789	\$1,035	\$246	31.18%
7113 Student Store	\$658	\$591	(\$67)	(10.18%)
7120 Curriculum-Based Food Service	\$921	\$887	(\$34)	(3.69%)
7115 Head Start	\$658	\$517	(\$141)	(21.43%)
School Inspection				
7114 OSPI Summer Lunch	\$724	\$591	(\$133)	(18.37%)
7116 Facility Health & Safety Environmental Health Assessment: Small School	\$1,579	\$1,183	(\$396)	(25.08%)
<i>NEW Environmental Health Assessment: Elementary School</i>		\$1,774	N/A	N/A
<i>NEW Environmental Health Assessment: Middle/High School</i>		\$2,365	N/A	N/A
7121 Portable Placement Occupancy Inspection - Modification Projects	\$789	\$591	(\$198)	(25.10%)
7122 New Construction/Remodel Occupancy Inspection	\$3,684	\$1,183	(\$2,501)	(67.89%)
7123 Playground Safety	\$1,184	\$2,070	\$886	74.83%
<i>NEW Playground Modification Safety Inspection</i>		\$887	N/A	N/A



2020 updates - COVID-19

- SH&S staff pulled into response, impacting staff resources available to conduct typical work assignments
- Transitioned to Public Health Institute (PHI) in June
 - PHI has a COVID response team with some CCPH representation
 - School liaison working with ESD 112 and other partners to develop guidance
- SH&S staff still had a busy summer
 - Construction projects and occupancy inspections
 - Food service inspections
 - Quickly realized a need to clarify the roles and responsibilities between the EHS and COVID response team due to questions asked in the field and emails received



2020 updates – COVID-19 roles clarified

PHI/CCPH COVID response team

- All case investigation and contact tracing, including those involving school staff/students
- Work with Dr. Melnick, ESD112 and state DOH to develop local guidance for schools
- Maintain the school COVID case tracking webpage:
<https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/covid-19-cases-schools>

School Health and Safety program staff

- Can assist in interpreting the guidance put out by the state, ESD112 and COVID response team
- Monitor school COVID complaints coming in from the state – not taking action at this time
- Maintaining our role as environmental health technical advisors (inspection, plan review, assessments, chemical cleaners, etc.)



2020 updates - successes

- Pre-application
 - Saw an increase in requests for recommendations and feedback prior to design plans being submitted
- Plan review
 - Recommendations made during plan review process were accepted and incorporated into final design approvals (e.g. science lab safety, advanced art safety)
 - Submitted plan reviews are now showing prior recommendations being integrated as part the design (e.g. impervious walls behind emergency showers, lighting design)



2020 updates - successes

- Occupancy inspection

- Inspection walkthroughs for new construction identified sound level issues due to HVAC installation errors (e.g. ducting size, improper sealing, damper settings)
- Lessons learned incorporated into plan review to prevent issues on next review projects (e.g. lighting deficiencies in restrooms, impervious flooring near water sources)

- Playground

- Worked with playground sales rep to address concerns with pieces of certified of equipment not passing safety audit
- Identified installation errors leading to head entrapment and entanglement hazards (e.g. pieces of equipment missing, orientation of equipment creating hazards)



2020 updates - successes

- Food service inspections

- Assisted in interpreting the COVID guidance for food service staff safety
- Worked with school food service to adapt to changes in distribution methods
- Completed food safety inspections for all schools remaining open in the spring and over the summer

- School Environmental Health

- Started developing resources based on observations from Environmental Health Assessments including 3D printers, animals in classrooms and food service in classrooms (still in draft form)
- Received an increase in requests for school environmental health related information and questions



Environmental Health Assessment- volunteer year

- The intention of 2020 volunteer year was to:
 - Collect DTA for the work to capture the time and true cost to inform our budget
 - To learn about current conditions to better understand best use of our time/resources
- What happened was:
 - 3 assessments completed
 - Conditions we saw were not typical due to prompt closures of schools
- Volunteer year remains an option until the start of 2021
 - Cost will be an hourly fee
 - These assessments will inform budget talks for 2022, which begin in January



Environmental Health Assessments - 2021 plan

- Starting in 2021, fee moving to tiered set fee
 - Small School
 - Schools that are 35,000 square feet or less
 - Elementary School
 - Includes abbreviated playground inspection and classroom walkthrough
 - Middle/High School
 - If a combination school, the fee assessed will be the grade due to complexity of curriculum



Environmental Health Assessments - 2021 plan

- The scheduling of the assessments will be the responsibility of a school representative
 - To be in compliance with WAC 246-366, all schools must have their first assessment completed by 12/31/2023
 - Private schools are on a 3-year cycle per OSPI requirements
 - For public schools, in order to achieve 3-year compliance timeframe for all schools in Clark County, 1/3 of each district will need to be assessed per year
 - Schools will be scheduled first come, first served based on CCPH staff capacity
 - CCPH estimates being able to complete about 50 assessments per year



Environmental Health Assessments - 2021 plan

- Keeping track
 - Schools that have already participated in the volunteer year will be listed as in compliance until 12/31/2023
 - New construction occupancy inspection for a complete school project counts as first assessment
- To schedule your Environmental Health Assessment, request application by contacting CCPH at DLCntyHealthSchools@clark.wa.gov
 - Assessments can be applied for online starting in 2021



Environmental Health Assessments - 2021 plan

- Have questions or hope to collaborate with us outside of the Environmental Health Assessment? Feel free to contact us!
 - Changing cleaning products or cleaning methods
 - Integrated pest management
 - Indoor air quality and ventilation
 - Internal complaint response (3rd party assistance)
 - Assistance in finding reputable training opportunities



Thank you!

Comments and questions

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