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## Technical Advisory Group (TAC) - Food Safety Meeting Agenda

**Date:** July 18, 2025  
**Time:** 9:30-11:00am  
**Location:** Phone Conference via Microsoft Teams  
**Attendees:** Brigitte, Dave, Craig, Danette, Gerry, Danette, Gerry, Jeff, Danette, Laura Spirlin, Eric Atlas, Kevin Sanderson, Angie Jenkins, Skylar Schmitt, Jordan Bolt, Eric Atlas

Discussion Topic	Additional Content & Notes
<b>Welcome and Roll Call; Introductions (All)</b> (10 minutes) 9:30 - 9:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brief background introductions (As a reminder, kindly submit a photo and a brief biography to help ensure the meetings run efficiently.)</li></ul>
<b>Program and Staffing Updates</b> (10 minutes) 9:40 – 9:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recruitment and Intern<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Recent trainees close to release for conducting independent inspection.</li><li>o Redistricting to accommodate an additional inspection district is complete.</li><li>o Interviews soon occurring to backfill a position becoming vacant on Aug 1.</li><li>o One intern onboarded for the data assessment project. Unable to secure a second for the Food Establishment Outreach Survey; alternative completion options under consideration.</li></ul></li><li>- HACCP Integration Program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o To date, ~1,300 food establishments have been assessed for HACCP-required special processes. Inspectors continue to identify such processes, advise on plan reviews, and ensure annual permits are obtained.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Proposed 2026 Fee Schedule</b> (15 minutes) 9:50-10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review the 2 proposals planned for submission<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <i>Options 1 and 2</i> are the same, representing a 100% cost recovery model. <i>Option 3</i> proposes use of department fund balance to limit fee increases to no more than 5%.</li><li>o <i>Option 3</i> will be brought to the Board of Health for a work session on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. On August 27, the fee ordinance will be deliberated and voted at the Board of Health meeting.</li><li>o Both meetings are open to the public and are accessible at: <a href="https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings">https://clark.wa.gov/councilors/clark-county-council-meetings</a></li></ul></li></ul>



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<b>Unpermitted Vendors</b> (15 minutes) 10:05-10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Situational Awareness: Red Carts, El Pastor vendors, and Fruit Carts</li><li>○ The presence of unpermitted food vending operations is increasing throughout the county. The activities appears increasingly organized and continue to spread throughout both Washington and Oregon.</li><li>○ Public Health remains concerned about recurring unsafe food practices from unpermitted vendors, whose operations typically lack basic food safety equipment.</li><li>○ Unpredictable site locations, extended operating hours, and crowd support for these unpermitted vendors creates safety risks for inspectors in the field.</li><li>○ Vendors often ignore closure notices and frequently refuse to provide any business details or contact information.</li><li>○ The department is exploring enforcement and closure options, reflecting the need for decisive action due to ongoing non-cooperation, staff safety concerns, and the importance of maintaining fairness for permitted food operators who are striving to comply with food safety regulations.</li></ul>
<b>Timely Annual Permit Renewal</b> (15 minutes) 10:20-10:35	<p>Plans to reduce/eliminate # of Fes operating without a valid permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In response to an audit by the State Auditor's Office, the department must respond more quickly to expired permits when the annual renewal fee is not paid on time.</li><li>○ On the first business day of expiration, CCPH will be issuing a closure notice and a fee for Operating without a Valid Permit</li><li>○ The closure notice and fee assessment will begin soon. Communication to permit holders will be done through a special mailing, email, and through the newsletter. A note will also be included with or on the annual permit renewal invoice.</li></ul>
<b>Industry Updates</b> (15 minutes) 10:35 – 10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Open Floor</b></li><li>● <b>Successes</b></li><li>● <b>Challenges or concerns</b></li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Change to fruit processing approach within a grocery</li><li>○ June UNFI cyberattack impacted a grocery</li><li>○ Qualitative review on occurrence of unpermitted vendors at actual public events.</li><li>○ Conversation around how CFPM is verified by inspectors</li></ul>
<b>Suggested upcoming agenda items</b> (5 minutes) 10:50-10:55	None offered.



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<b>10:55-11:00 Adjourn</b>	
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***Guiding Principles***

- 1. A commitment to food safety that ensures minimum risk of foodborne illness;*
- 2. Promoting public access to safe and healthy food;*
- 3. Flexibility to anticipate future changes and needs;*
- 4. Commitment to support food agriculture and markets;*
- 5. Increased local control of food sources;*
- 6. Integrity of food safety surveillance activities;*
- 7. Cooperation and coordinated efforts among government agencies, food industry, coalitions, and citizens for assuring safe food production, storage, and handling.*