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Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

**BOARD OF HEALTH
Joint Study Session
September 25, 2012**

On September 25, 2012, the Board of Health of the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) and the Board of Health of Champaign County held a Joint Study Session at 201 W. Kenyon, Champaign, IL. Ms. Carol Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Upon roll call, the following CUPHD board members were found to be present: Carol Elliott, Chair, Pius Weibel, Secretary, and Pam Borowski; the following County board members were found to be present: Bobbi Scholze, President, Betty Segal, Secretary, Dr. John Peterson, Treasurer, Stan James, and Dr. Michael Ruffatto. David Thies and Krista Jones were absent. Also in attendance was Dr. Banks from the University of Illinois.

Pius Weibel made a motion for Carol Elliot to chair the meeting. Bobbi Scholze seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Jim Roberts, Director of Environmental Health at CUPHD, gave a presentation regarding publicizing food establishment inspections. He presented six options on how to proceed.

Option #1 follows the traditional model based upon CUPHD's practice since its establishment in 1937. If a food establishment is open then they are in compliance. Publicizing inspection reports is not a program standard required by IDPH or by public acts.

Option #2 would require a regulatory authority to place a sign or placard in a conspicuous location stating that the most recent inspection report is available upon request.

Option #3 would be to post the most recent report on the door at the main entrance. Stan James' concern is the door being blocked when someone stops to read the report. The full report would be available on-line.

Option #4 would be to post a rating score or grade but Mr. Roberts doesn't feel that would be meaningful due to the fact that the score could be the same for several minor issues or a couple of major issues.

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Suggestions for the County permit include adding the phone number to the top of the permit, including the address, using larger print and stating what the permit is for (i.e. retail food establishment). The inspection report and permit are to be kept separate.

Option #5 would be a placard (version #4) highlighting the status and performance indicators. Three color-coded placards would be used with this option: green for "in compliance"; yellow for "re-inspection required"; and red for "closed". A change to the organization of the forms was suggested. The forms will also be marked if an issue was corrected-on-site (COS). A new ordinance will need to be established. Fines for repeat inspections were also discussed. Mr. Roberts has gathered input from two establishments for feedback regarding the forms and has suggested that Environmental Health staff also gather input from additional operators throughout the month of October.

Option #6 would be to post a summary of the inspection reports. A "snapshot" would be posted on-line which could be accessed by a QR code.

Mr. Roberts also presented several additional discussion points: there would be a disclosure for all non-temporary food establishments; the display placard could be (self) laminated; the location of the placards needs to be determined; there will need to be legal assistance regarding enforcement; and the ordinance will require language barring the removal of the placard.

C. Pius Weibel will abstain from voting on the issue.

Jim Roberts would like to move forward with this process in 2013. The CUPHD Board of Health and the Champaign County Board of Health agreed to move forward with Option #5 and to draft the appropriate ordinance. Mr. Roberts will present the final version to the Champaign County Board.

The Intergovernmental Agreement will expire November 30, 2013. Jim Roberts has several changes to make to Appendix A.

With no further business to be discussed, Ms. Carol Elliott adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Chair

Secretary