

SBAR
Proposed Environmental Health Training Program

Situation:

Currently there is not a standardized training program for new environmental health staff in the department and local public health agencies.

Background:

Within the last couple months, the Bureau of Environmental Health Services (BEHS) has developed a training module for the department's new environmental public health specialists. The intent of this module was to provide new EPHS staff with consistent approaches, protocol and procedures for lodging, environmental childcare, manufactured food, retail food and onsite wastewater program inspections.

Assessment:

The BEHS staff believes it is important to work with the LPHA agencies to develop a standardized training program for the new state and local environmental public health staff. There is frequent turnover in the inspection staff and a standardized training program will provide more consistent enforcement statewide and provide the opportunity for sharing of staff among local agencies and the state during vacancy situations.

Recommendation/Request:

Establish a planning committee comprised of LPHA staff and DHSS staff for developing a training program to be used by new state and local public health agency staff.