



Food Service Advisory Committee (FSAC) Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016

Members Present: Jon Suttan (Vice-Chair), Aleli Hernando-Fisher, Barb Eveland & Jeff Franzoia (Chair)

Members Excused: Chris Heuchert

Staff Present: Bill Emminger, Robert Baker, Scott Kruger, Cristian Reyes & JonnaVe Stokes (recorder)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm by Chair Franzoia.

II. Introductions and Citizen Comments

III. Approval of the Agenda

The September 2016 agenda was presented for approval.

MOTION was made to approve the September 2016 agenda as written; motion seconded, all in favor, so approved.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

The May 2016 minutes were presented for approval.

MOTION was made to approve the May 2016 minutes as written; motion seconded, all in favor, so approved.

V. Benton County Code Chapter 3

Committee members reviewed the changes to the Benton County Code and the FSAC By-laws.

MOTION was made to approve changes made to the FSAC by-laws; motions seconded; all in favor, so approved.

VI. Board of Commissioners Appreciation & Recruitment Event

The appreciation event will be held at Guerber Hall at the Benton County Fairgrounds from 5:30-7:00pm. Committee members are encouraged to attend with a guest for a dinner event with the Benton County Commissioners.

VII. Discussion: Food Protection Program Manager Certification - *Scott Kruger, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), Benton County Health Services*

The next Food Protection Program Manager Certification class will be held October 4, 2016.

Kruger discussed his role in public health accreditation and how his work with environmental health helps meet national public health standards. A piece of this work involves customer satisfaction with environmental health food safety classes and another piece includes customer satisfaction with the domestic well safety program.

Kruger discussed the Food Manager Certification Course and how it may become a mandatory certification in the State of Oregon.

Kruger and co-worker Baker attended a course on policy development at Oregon State University that laid the foundation for public health policy and law. Both staff may be called upon in the future to help with policy development within the county and state.

Environmental Health (EH) staff are currently looking at data documenting that less critical violations occur when a certified manager is on duty during an inspection. In a course of one year there could be up to 30,000 less critical violations if certified managers were required to be on site when a food service facility is open.

Who is required to have the food manager certification? All managers at Sodexo and Applebee's are required to be certified. Both of these companies perform four or more self-audits per year in addition to the semi-annual county audits.

How does the committee think this would affect smaller non-chain restaurants? It would be hard on business owners to pay for the course, the staff's salary for the day, and be short a staff member that day.

What does renewing a Food Safety Card do for food workers who remain in the industry for years? EH staff are discussing offering a more challenging and useful course that could be created and offered for these workers. EH staff will continue to research other state's program policies - why they created them and how they are helping the food workforce. The Food Manager Certification requirement could set a precedence for future workers in the food industry.

Where do we go from here? Keep the FSAC informed of the future policy development around this requirement. Committee members were also asked if they would be interested in policy development of a city ordinance; no members are interested at this time.

VIII. Restaurant Licensing Fees - Bill Emminger, Environmental Health Division Manager, BCHS

Handout: 2016 Justification for Environmental Health Fees

Page one of the handout shows projected fees for the 2017-2018 biennium and references the Oregon Administrative Rule where administrative costs must be limited to 15% of direct costs.

Page two discusses how the hourly rate is calculated, full cost recovery and partial cost recovery.

Handout: Fiscal Year 2017 Indirect Cost Calculations based on OAR 333-012-0053

Using methodology the registered environmental health specialist partial cost recover fee would be increased to \$189.00 and the full cost recovery fee would be increased to \$222.00 per hour.

Handout: Attachment Environmental Health Division 2017 Fee Schedule

This handout shows the new fees environmental health will charge under the 3% rate increase.

There has been a 38% increase in restaurant licenses in the last ten years. Division Manager Emminger will be looking at workload projections from the past few years to review them with current numbers, which could lead into hiring additional full time equivalent staff. Recently entrepreneurs have been calling the city and county inquiring about licensing and operating mobile food units.

MOTION was made to approve the proposed environmental health fees for 2017; motion seconded; all in favor, so approved.

IX. Next Meeting: November 14, 2016 in the Sunset meeting room of the Sunset Building.

X. Adjournment

MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded, all in favor, so approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm, by Chair Franzoia.