

# Environmental Health Professional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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October 5, 2022

## 1. Roll

Attendance: Shawn Sombutmai, Keith Burney, Andrea Ables, Robin Eychaner

Absent: None

## 2. Board Review

- a. **Board Responsibilities** – A Complaint was received from a Mrs. Angela Chase, Jackson County resident, in reference to CEHP Joshua “Luke” Wilson. A part of the Board’s Responsibilities is to assist the department with “seeking enforcement actions against certified professionals”. Section 381.0101(3), Florida Statutes.
- b. **New Board Member Search Update** – Application received from Dawn Maslar-Biggie. Michael provided the Board with her credentials and experience. Board members were impressed with her resume and agreed that she would be a great addition to the board.

## 3. Discussion

a. **Current Events** – Private Site Evaluators: what has the experience been like at the county level since the new rule came into effect for private site evaluators?

**Keith:** *The process is bit more expensive, and some paperwork has been lost in the shuffle, however, it’s been good for the septic tank companies. Inspections are getting done more frequently and on schedule since the CHD’s CEHPs have been overextended.*

**Andrea:** *Are you guys still doing times inspections?*

**Keith:** *No, I pretty much don’t try to use the health department because it’s so hard, if we call an inspection in, you can only call 2 days before, if you call in 3 days ahead of time, they won’t take it.*

**Andrea:** *OK so you guys don’t have to follow because I know they have that like caveat that if you have the timed inspections, you have to let them know within two days if you’re using a private inspector.*

**Keith:** *No I don’t, that’s kind of how we thought it was before...there is a form that the homeowner signs which advised that a private inspector is being used...as long as the form is submitted to the CHD, it will be fine. When there is an inspection lined up, the homeowner has 2 days to remove the private inspector from the application.*

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**Andrea:** *Well, and you don't even use the health department anymore, right? You're predominantly only using the the private inspectors.*

**Keith:** *Yeah, it was just there's so much easier.*

**Robin:** *You know, I would think it would reduce their workload.*

**Keith:** *Yeah, I mean it had to.*

**Robin:** *What is the like a private fee in your area? What would be the cost?*

**Keith:** *One was \$400 bucks...but its worth it to me. Tells story about inspector in Duval who was able to do work for him rather than him having to travel with equipment and workers to do it. I mean, I used to have six or seven or try to do six or seven inspections a week and now maybe I do one or two the most.*

**Robin:** *Yeah, we, we've had some counties that have some serious staffing issues and I mean, they just, there's just no way for them to keep up. It's just no way. So I'm, I'm. I mean, there's part of me that is, like, concerned. And then there's part of me that is happy that it's working well for the contractors.*

The conversation began to conclude with statements about private site evaluators being ethical in their work, updates about Hurricane Ian, and our staff being deployed to assist in Lee, Sarasota and Charlotte Counties.

**b. 2023-2025 Renewal Information** – CEHPs may now apply for certification renewal for the 2023-2025 cycle.

**c. Training Opportunities** – Approved trainings are posted to the public CEHP Renewal website as well via email monthly from the CEHP Program Manager.

#### 4. Comments

**Andrea:** I can tell you that we will be reaching out to you guys as we move forward with this complaint and if it it's deemed that it was a legitimate complaint and we move forward with it, we'll be reaching out to you guys as we move forward with enforcement, cause it'll be a process through the board and you guys will be voting on it and.

**Michael:** Ch 64E -18, FAC list has the particulars about what we should do. Any violation of that rule for CEHPs, we have standards of practice and a disciplinary guideline that tells us what the what the so-called punishment should be for the particular infraction. We will definitely get with you guys about that I again. we I just received it.

#### 5. Adjourn

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