NCPHA EH Section Executive Team Meeting

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4:00pm-5:00pm

1. Call to Order: 4:06 pm
2. Roll Call: Angela Sowers, Amanda Nester, Laura Lerch, Kathryn Hobby, Jordan Mazzara, Sushama Pradhan, Tonya Zimmerman, Johnathan Watts
3. Approval of Minutes: Kathryn Hobby made the first motion, second by Amanda Nester
4. Treasurer’s Report: No new treasurer’s report
5. State Update (Angela): SB412 and SB616 are currently under bill review. There are a few concerns with the language that will be discussed by REHS board next week. SB412 will modify food code where a reinspection will be required to occur within 5 business days. SB616 will introduce environmental health associates as a recognized position. There is a concern about the diminishing of the field and the licensure status. Tonya Zimmerman discussed retirements from the state regionals. Rules review commission meeting set for May 18th for the updated childcare rules. Last meeting was on March 16th and there were a few changes made. Hopefully the new childcare rules will go into effect July 1st.
6. Old Business (Angela): NCRLA grant is available for NC residents to provide training for hospitality, food, and lodging at no cost. This is a $1.1 million grant that provides great opportunities to those in need. Courses can be found at www.ncrla.training/courses/
7. New Business (Angela): new business will include committee reports
8. Committee Reports
   1. Program (Kathryn): NCPHA Fall Education Conference at Embassy Suites in Concord the last week of September 27th-29th. 5 slots to fill for environmental health. There are 3 commitments out of the 5 filled so far. Willing to take
   2. Newsletter (Amanda): tentative release date is April 14th
   3. Scholarship (Angela): no applications received
   4. Awards (Angela): no award nominations received
   5. Membership (Kathryn): Flyer push to the section heads and in the newsletter
   6. Advocacy (Angela): SB412 and SB616 will be discussed in the advocacy meeting. They passed Medicaid expansion and they have worked on LGBTQ language that is ambiguous. They are working on raising the age for tobacco purchase and firearm safety as a public health concern.
   7. Public Awareness (Amanda): no updates
   8. Legislative (Tonya): Governor released his budget back in March. The House will release their budget soon. Once the House budget is approved it will go to the Senate. Hopefully we will have an approved budget by June. HB190 will have provisions in it that will modify the education requirements for REHS. 41C rules were approved that govern lead testing, lead and asbestos remediation in schools. Will go live at the end of April. Health Hazard Control Unit will be overseeing that program
   9. Finance/Fundraising (Ashley): Trivia and cash bar after the walk in a conference room at the Embassy Suites.
   10. Public Relations (Angela): no updates
   11. Constitution & Bylaws (Ashley, Amanda): no updates
   12. Nominating (Angela): no changes
   13. Resolutions (Angela): no updates, Tonya volunteered to handle resolutions at fall conference
   14. Interstate EH Seminar (Angela): no updates
9. District/Section Reports
   1. Eastern District NCPHA (Thomas Privott and Laura Lerch): Nothing new to report. Eastern District Conference in Kitty Hawk April 26th-28th has requested 10.75 continuing education hours. They are looking for silent auction donations.
   2. Mountain (Jonathan Quinn): no updates
   3. West Piedmont (Jennifer Hatley): Looking to start up Rookie/REHS of the year awards for next year and would like to connect with another section that is currently awarding these. Please reach out to Jennifer Hatley. Also requesting information from other sections on which bank they use for the section funds.
   4. North Central (Jordan Mazzara): Next meeting location and time TBD will be face-to-face. First quarter meeting was virtual had a great turnout.
   5. Northeast (Britney Riddick): no updates
   6. Southeast (Bryce Potter): no updates
10. Adjournment: 4:57 pm
11. Next meeting: July 14th at 4pm