

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
STEERING COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
JULY 9, 2008, 2:30–4:00 PM

Members Present: Michael Beach, Chuck Neuman, Joe Hunsaker, David Ludwig, Charles Otto, Chip Cleary, Douglas Sackett – Director, Lee Tate – Project Coordinator.

1. General Business: The minutes from the June 19 Phoenix meeting were approved.

2. Steering Committee (SC): The SC discussed member tenure. There was consensus that SC members should remain in place until the initial documents are posted. We need to get the MAHC moving forward. We should distribute draft documents for comment, give a very short review time, and then post the revised document. Document archiving will be important. The remodeled CDC's remodeled Healthy Water Site will be the new home of the MAHC website. A new e-mailbox for public comments will be established: MAHC@cdc.gov, and a form for comments will be created.

3. Technical Committees (TCs): The Disinfection & Water Quality TC member list has been approved, but still needs academic representation. The TC is chaired by Jim Dingman, and Mr. Linn is the SC Liaison. The Operator Training TC will be chaired by Dennis Berkshire, who is now developing a membership list. Mr. Sackett will be the SC Liaison.

The Contamination Burden TC will be chaired by Geoff Brown, and Mr. Hunsaker will be the SC Liaison. The Ventilation & Air Quality TC will be chaired by Franceen Gonzales, and Mr. Sackett will be the SC Liaison. The Monitoring & Testing TC chairperson has not been decided; however, a potential candidate has been identified. Mr. Vincent was recommended as the SC Liaison. There was consensus that the Filtration and Recirculation TCs should be combined. Mr. Neuman will serve as SC Liaison. Each TC Chair needs to flesh out the scope of work for their committee. We need to review the existing draft scopes of work and forward them to the TCs.

4. Fecal/Blood/Vomit Contamination (FBVC) Module: The FBVC module is almost ready to go to the technical editor and will then be posted on the Healthy Swimming Web Site for public comment. There was consensus that a 60-day comment period would be sufficient.

5. Annex: The Annex content for the FBVC module should be reviewed and posted as soon as possible. The annex will be expanded as the TCs develop more material. In addition, the Strawman should be posted as soon as possible. It will be sent out to the SC for review and comment, and after a one week review time, the document will be posted.

6. Guidance for Response to Enteric Outbreaks Annex: CDC is working on finalizing this document; it should be completed within the next month. It will be posted in the MAHC Annex as reference material, and will not be code language.

7. Next Steps: The SC discussed the next TCs that need to be created. There was consensus that the SC concentrate on the existing committees rather than spread itself too thin.

8. Webinar Training: There is a training session scheduled for July 10 to demonstrate the Collaboration Site. The session will be recorded and can be viewed by others at a later date.

The next conference call will be on August 13 at 2:30 PM EST.