

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)
STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2008, 8:30–11:30 AM

Members Present: Michael Beach, Doug Sackett, John Linn, Charles Otto, Tracynda Davis, Steve Goode, Amanda Long – Assistant to the Director, and Lee Tate – Project Coordinator.

Members Absent: Chip Cleary, Chuck Neuman, Joe Hunsaker, and Bob Vincent.

The meeting was held in Colorado Springs at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in conjunction with the World Aquatic Health Conference. The meeting was opened with the introduction of Tracynda Davis, who has replaced David Ludwig as the NEHA representative on the Steering Committee (SC). The minutes from the September 10 conference call were approved as corrected.

1. Overview of Progress: An overview of the MAHC materials on the CDC Healthy Swimming website was provided. The SC discussed ways to make the MAHC website more user-friendly. Public comments on the posted material are due to CDC by December 9, 2008.

It was decided that all the Technical Committees (TCs) should concentrate on drafting initial MAHC code language based on best management practices. At the same time, the TCs should begin to outline research needs to be addressed after the initial model code language is developed. Templates for TCs to follow to help with standardization of reporting will be developed.

2. Future Directions: The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the additional TCs to be developed and determining a priority order. The remaining TCs in priority order are: Lifeguarding/Bather Supervision; Risk Management/Safety; Hygiene Facilities; Facility Design & Construction; Facility Maintenance & Operation; and Regulatory Program Administration. Scopes of work will be drafted for these TCs and SC members should consider liaisons and chairpersons for these TCs prior to the next conference call.

3. Action Items:

- a. Consider liaisons and chairpersons for the new TCs.
- b. Develop a media strategy for getting the word out about the MAHC.
- c. Develop scopes of work for the new TCs.
- d. Develop standardized TC reporting templates.
- e. Develop a strategy for response to public comments.
- f. SC members should review CDC's Cryptosporidiosis Outbreak Response & Evaluation (CORE) document.

The next meeting will be our regular monthly conference call on November 12, 2008 at 2:30 PM EST. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.