

Environmental Health Continuous Improvement Board (EH CIB) Meeting Summary

Date: June 15, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Attendance

Tommy Armstrong

David Boberg

Amanda Buell

Lisa Brodsky

Kim Carlton

Heidi Culbertson

Katrina DeVore

Diana Ditsch

Alisha Fussy

Matt Finkenbiner

Sarah Grosshuesch

Jesse Harmon

Tom Higgins

Linda Kopecky

Kristin Klopp

Ryan Krick

Maria McGlynn

Cody Miller

Jason Newby

James Noyola

Jessica Peterson

Dawn Plumer

Teresa Purrington

Kent Severson

Wendy Spanier

Rick Toms

Meeting Purpose

Clarifying EH CIB role in vacation home rentals and public health nuisances.

Review and approve March meeting notes.

Board Approved [March 16, 2026 Meeting notes](#).

Workgroup Update

Mobile Food Unit Workgroup

- Sunsetting the group. Last meeting discussed upcoming possible legislation concerning mobile food units. Ideas for different ways to engage industry partners.

Delegation Agreement Workgroup

- Workgroup wrapped up going through the delegation documents, the boiler plate, some of the checklists, and the provisional. MDH will make revisions and once complete, discuss with legal counsel. Then, workgroup will resume the meetings and go back through and discuss the changes.

Recap: Vacation Home Rental Discussion

- Where do we go from here? The full discussion of vacation home rental is in the [March 16, 2026, EH CIB summary](#).
- Discussion included what was negotiable and related to or not related to public health. Discussion included a need to frame up and have agreement of definitions. Is there a need for one standard definition that everybody can agree on? Or is it okay to be working with multiple definitions?

Discussion: Public Health Nuisances as it relates to the foundational public health responsibilities.

- [Minnesota Public Health Nuisance Handbook](#)
- [Environmental Public Health - Definitions of Foundational Public Health Responsibilities - MDH](#)

What is working well?

- Collaboration with other departments and organizations
- "Multi-disciplinary response
- Utilization of the public health nuisance statute and local ordinances.

Where are things falling apart?

- Lack of remedies for some PH Nuisances.
- No formal training or preparation
- Cost of cleanup is extreme.
- Time consuming
- No place for consulting with others doing the same work.
- Lack of staff to address, so it falls on the Public Health Director often.
- Not preventing or solving the real issue in this work.
- No data
- No process when a nuisance goes to assessment.
- Lack of resources for long-term remedies.
- Not having all counties at the table to give perspective.
- No process for staff to process secondary trauma during a case.

What are your hopes?

- Dedicated staff
- In-depth training or certification(?) process
- Funding
- A multi-disciplinary approach to offer real help to residents going through cleanouts.
- Every city/county has an embedded social worker, mental health staff or alternative response team.
- Metro-wide and/or state-wide workgroup to create and update informational resources, training, standardization, etc.

What do we need to be cautious about?

- legal issues - everyone seems to be hiring a lawyer
- Scope creep - the difference between PH nuisances and public nuisances is not clearly laid out in all jurisdictions.
- We are walking into hazardous situations with limited training and PPE.
- Overstepping
- Our own mental health to process

Legislative Update

EH related initiatives that passed:

Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill (MN SF4612 | [MN Laws Chapter 127](#))

- **Article 1 (Dept of Health)**
 - **Sect 14 MN Statutes 2024, section 144.1222 was amended by adding a subdivision to read**
 - Subd 2e (Private residential pool used for certified swimming classes)
 - Notwithstanding MN Rules part 4717.0250 subpart 7,
"a private residential pool may be used as part of a business if the private residential pool is used by a paying guest of the homeowner and the guest is participating in a certified swimming class conducted by the homeowner" - permitted under conditions in statute. *Source: Chapter 127 - MN Laws. Mn.gov, 2025, www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2026/0/127/. Accessed 15 June 2026.*
 - **Sect 15 MN Statutes 2024, section 144.1222 subd 4 amended to read**
 - Subd 4 - **part (f) added - defines "certified swimming class" as:**
"means an infant swimming resource (ISR) class; an American Red Cross swimming class, swimming lesson, or learn-to-swim class; or any other swimming class certified by a nationally accredited organization that operates in all 50 states." *Source: Chapter 127 - MN Laws. Mn.gov, 2025, www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2026/0/127/. Accessed 15 June 2026.*
 - Subd 4 part (g) added - defines "certified swimming instructor" as:
"means a certified ISR instructor; a certified American Red Cross swimming instructor or swim coach; or any other swimming instructor certified by a nationally accredited organization that operates in all 50 states." *Source: Chapter 127 - MN Laws. Mn.gov, 2025, www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2026/0/127/. Accessed 15 June 2026.*
- **Article 2 Gas Resource Development**
 - MN Statute 2024, section 93.514 amended to create framework for gas and oil rulemaking authority across enterprise
 - **Sect 13, 103I.706 amended to create gas well rulemaking authority for MDH - rulemaking must include:**

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- Exploratory borings for gas, drilling, construction, sealing, use, reporting, rig registration, and licensing / certifying.
- Rules must include prohibition against hydrofracking and a prohibition against injection or disposal of surface water, groundwater, or other liquid, gas or chemical except approved drilling fluids.
- Establishes a fee structure for gas wells & gas well contractors.
- Establishes a moratorium on gas well conversion and construction until MDH rulemaking is complete and legislature enacts issuance of gas resource development permits (DNR).
- **HF719 | Bonding Bill**
 - 409M to public facilities authority for water/water infrastructure projects including two rural water systems.
 - Lincoln Pipestone
 - 69 project specific earmarks approved (water / water infrastructure).
 - \$15M lead service lines (less than anticipated) may see a standalone bill next year.
 - MDH Drinking Water Regionalization Planning Grants (new grant program).
 - \$1.8M

Topics that didn't pass and are likely to resurface next session.

- **Food Truck Licensing**
 - Initial bill introduction language: [H. F. 4268](#).
 - Proposed counter language from MDA/MDH.
 - Anticipate coming back next session – 2027.
 - Will need an action-based proposal to modernize mobile food licensing to move forward
 - Option: create a framework based off "friendly" state program [like Iowa] that lays out program and development needs
 - Industry may have developed program elements for 2026 session - not introduced and not shared.
 - May be more focused on local zoning components which are outside MDH.
 - Best chance of success is with industry/LPH involvement.
- **Delegation Agreement**
 - Initial bill introduction language link [HF5010](#).
 - Anticipate coming back next session – 2027.
 - Will need a counter proposal.
 - Options:
 - As-Is;
 - Delegate to city only if within an operating delegated CHB jurisdiction
 - +transfer of delegation oversight to local county board?
 - MDA level of engagement

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Next Steps

- Vacation home rental discussion
- Mobile Food Unit Group
- Public health nuisances

Next Meeting: September 21, 2026

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