

# Alexandria Food Safety Advisory Council

Minutes for Meeting held 01/20/2010 at 2:15 pm

## 1) Gathering on January 20

## 2) Introduction of Participants

- Bob Custard, EH Division Manager
- Kristin Garcia, EH Division Supervisor
- Stephen Hughes, Future EH Technical Specialist
- Vicki Griffith, Clydes
- Jennifer Lehman, RAMW
- Declan Conroy, Food Talk Editor
- Lisa Guli-AHD District Epidemiologist

## 3) EH Status Update-Bob Custard

Bob Custard announced an update to the recent personnel changes of the Division of Environmental Health (EH). The EH Technical Specialist vacancy will be filled by Stephen Hughes, a current EH Specialist Sr. with the Alexandria Health Department. When he takes this position on January 25, a second EH Specialist Sr. vacancy will be created within the EH Division. The EH Division will request permission to source for a replacement to this new vacancy and the vacancy left by former EH Specialist Sr. Lawrence Appleton.

## 4) Baseline Survey-Kristin Garcia

The baseline survey was a study of compliance with foodborne illness risk factors and public health interventions within different types of food establishments in 2003. The EH Division conducted a follow-up study in 2009. Kristin Garcia gave the full presentation. Please see the presentation slides at [www.alexandriava.gov/EnvironmentalHealth](http://www.alexandriava.gov/EnvironmentalHealth).

## 5) ECO Friendly Restaurant Initiative

Two reports were made on the success of obtaining partners for this initiative. NCAEHA requested more information about the event (to evaluate how it would best benefit its members) before considering to offer funding or resources. RAMW is willing to provide publicity and promotion of the initiative to its members, but it does not have the ability to provide financial support at this time. It was discussed how a committee / chair would be developed to spearhead this initiative, and a general consensus was reached to 1) source for more partners and 2) define the event more thoroughly. To grow partners, a general invitation would be distributed in *Bon Appétit* and to contacts of the members attending. The next AFSAC meeting will be completely dedicated to establishing the committee and organizing the next steps. A tentative date of September 28 was set for the event.

## 6) Next Meeting

The next ASFAC meeting will take place from 2:15-3:45 pm on March 17 at Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King St. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. An additional request for recommendation for new members was made.

## 7) Upcoming Tasks

Seek out partners and contacts to provide resources for the Eco-Friendly Restaurant Initiative for next meeting.

## 8) Adjournment