

## FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FSAC)

### APPROVED MINUTES

*Monday, June 12, 2023*

*2 pm to 3:30 pm*

**Staff present:** Scott Kruger (Interim Environmental Health Program Manager), April Holland (Interim Health Department Director), Paula Felipe (Public Health Program Assistant, Recorder)

**Members present:** Chelsea Baldwin; Jacob Oliver (Common Fields); Morgan Orr (The Brass Monkey); John McEvoy (Retired Environmental Health Specialist from Linn County) with experience working on drinking water and solid waste programs.

**Excused:** Carol Lee Woodstock (Woodstock's Pizza); Eric Howitt (Cascade BBQ)

#### I. **Introductions and Welcome**

II. **Update on Environmental Health Manager position.** Round 3 of recruitment is taking place. Benton County EH staff will be meeting and interviewing a candidate later this month. Scott has been filling in as interim EH Manager. Hope to have the position filled by September.

- A new position was created that intersects health and climate, and John Pegg was hired to fill this position. Along with serving as Climate Coordinator, John is facilitating retail tobacco program, including issuing licenses and doing inspections. Funds for the position come from fees from licenses and public health modernization funds.
- As the Chief Administrative Officer for the County left earlier this year, Suzanne Hoffman is now the Interim CAO while April Holland is now the Interim Health Department Director. Sara Hartstein is the interim Deputy Director and Rocio Munoz is interim Healthy Communities Division director.
- Re-structuring the health department is taking place which includes creating a single health and human services department that encompasses the clinical side.

III. **Review of Bylaws** FSAC members encouraged to review the Bylaws. At next meeting, discuss Chair and Vice-Chair. Scott Kruger already in discussion with County on budget issues. The Fee justification takes place every year in the Fall. EH is a small department, and not enough fees to fund it so need to ask for General fund dollars as well. Hope to be

caught up with food inspections this summer. Everyone impacted by inflation and rising food costs.

IV. **Corvallis Area Restaurants and Bars (CARB)** Michele Colomb has founded the CARB Alliance. Morgan and Jacob attended the CARB meeting in April 2023. Good opportunity to network, advocate, and educate about food establishments. FSAC has an open position, and Morgan will reach out to Steven of the Greater Corvallis Restaurant Association to see if he is interested. Please inform interested persons the application in on the Benton County website. (Links listed below).

V. **New Business:** The following are some possible future topics/Agenda items:

- Updates on laws, legislation, County news. For example, there is a Senate Bill expanding domestic kitchen license. The standard now is less than \$20,000 and if consumer direct, could label as exempt. Senate Bill increased it to \$30,000.
- Updates on Environmental Health news: Scotts sits on committees (such as the Committee of local Health Officers) and can bring items back for discussion.
- Hope to get back to CERT classes again; OSU got their own inspector.
- The National Restaurant Association will be coming out with some new criteria.
- Public health is undergoing reaccreditation now. Standards and Measures include tracking complaints and responding, looking at trends, and so forth.
- FSAC members would like to hear more about new rules and legislation impacting food establishments.
- April: Environmental and Public Health would also like to seek recommendations from FSAC and can elevate topics you are passionate about and could spark the Health Department and BOC interest too. Could include attending BOC meetings. Also, could collaborate on programs, such as Quality Improvement projects, Accreditation standards, community health promotions.
- Send Paula and Scott Agenda Items for future meetings.

VI. **Next Meeting:** This is a public meeting and is published in 3 newspapers at least one week prior to meeting.

- Members would like to meet monthly for a while to get caught up on Bylaws; elect new Chair and Vice Chair positions.
- Paula will send a Doodle Poll to find date/time in July.
- Members want a Hybrid meeting (in person with virtual attendance option).
- Location will be the Environmental Health Conference Room, Kalapuya Building, 4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis.
- Food Service Advisory page: [Environmental Health – Food Service Advisory Committee | Benton County Oregon](#)
- Link for online application for serve on Benton County’s Advisory Committees: [Committee Vacancies | Benton County Oregon](#)

**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.**