

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee (SHADAC)
Regulatory Reform Subcommittee
May 11, 2016 – Meeting Summary

Primary Meeting Location:

5th Floor, Room 541
Madison Building
109 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

List of Attendees:

Subcommittee Members at Primary Location

Alan Brewer Morgan Kash Valerie Rourke Curtis Moore

Mr. Kash sat in for Bill Sledjeski as the Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientist representative.

VDH Staff and Members of the Public at Primary Location

Lance Gregory Todd Grubbs Kristin Marie Clay

Welcome

Mr. Brewer welcomed members to the meeting.

Review Summary

Mr. Brewer asked members to send edits to Mr. Gregory on the previous meeting summary. The subcommittee will review the edits summary before next subcommittee meeting.

Draft Mission Statement

Mr. Moore commented that everything the subcommittee does needs to relate back to the statement; criteria for how the subcommittee judges success at the end of the day.

Mrs. Rourke commented that it may not be a mission statement since this is not a long term project, just goals of the subcommittee.

Mr. Brewer stated that the subcommittee is providing options not solutions to the full committee. The solution part is long term.

Mr. Moore commented that one criteria could be being more consumer friendly.

Mr. Brewer commented another criteria is being broad and big picture oriented.

Mr. Moore suggested protecting the environment and public health.

Mr. Brewer comment on not being limited by what we would predict would happen with implementation; not confined to the status quo.

Mrs. Rourke suggested that technology continues to evolve; need to be flexible to account for new more efficient technologies and techniques. Additionally, need to acknowledge overlap with other regulations and programs. Need strong coordination and cooperative effort with other programs and agencies where there is overlap.

What is working in the program.

Mr. Moore commented that the program is protecting public health in regards to onsite sewage systems. Think one corner stone of this state program is we have a receiving environment based program.

Mr. Kash commented that Virginia seems to be more open to technologies.

Mr. Brewer commented that the program is good at balancing regulatory and customer service aspect.

Mr. Moore commented that there is a pretty good working relationship with the private sector, in general.

Mr. Kash commented that the program provides useful information, and is responsive.

Mr. Moore commented that the program is working to be more transparent and works well with local government, in general.

Discuss areas for necessary reform.

Mr. Moore commented that local ordinances lead to problems with interaction with local health departments.

Policies cause confusion and conflict with regulations.

Mrs. Rourke commented that wastewater treatment is under a much broader spectrum with water management.

Mr. Brewer commented on the need for funding source to assist with low income repairs. Low income homeowners do not have access to resources to fix failing systems. No financial tools available.

Members also noted program administration, paradigm shift, and resource issue as reform areas.

Mr. Kash commented on allowing systems into areas that may not be suited, and long term follow up may not be keeping up with the systems.

Mr. Moore commented that regional sanitarians kept more consistency with program in the past.

Review list of challenges.

Brainstorm list of options for regulatory reform.

The group discuss spend time at next meeting on the challenges and options for change.

Adjourn

Second Meeting of the Regulatory Reform Subcommittee

May 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

109 Governor Street, Richmond, 5th Floor, Room 541

Objectives for the Third Meeting:

- Draft mission statement for the subcommittee.
- Identify areas in the onsite program that are working.
- Begin to identify options for regulatory reform to address challenges.

AGENDA

10:00 a.m. **1. Welcome and review of previous meeting summary.** (Alan Brewer)

10:05 a.m. **2. Draft mission statement.**

(Subcommittee)

10:35 a.m. **3. Thought on what is working in the program.**

(Subcommittee)

10:55 a.m. **4. Discuss areas for necessary reform.**

(Subcommittee)

11:25 a.m. **5. Review list of challenges.**

(Subcommittee)

11:30 a.m. **6. Brainstorm list of options for regulatory reform.**

(Subcommittee)

Adjourn