2018 MEHA Presentation Descriptions

Tuesday, September 18

8:15 – 9:00

Welcome Keynote sponsored by MPHA

10:30-11:30

Complaint Systems: A Local Approach
Shannon Therriault, MS, RS
Director, Missoula City-County Health
Shane Lewis, PhD, RS
Gallatin Environmental Health
Van Puckett, RS
Madison Environmental Health
Description of Presentation: An open panel discussion where locals will discuss/show how their county tracks and responds to complaints. Audience members will have opportunities to ask questions and get perspectives from three different counties.

Overview of FSMA and the Produce Safety Rule
Andrea Sarchet
Produce Safety Coordinator, Montana Department of Agriculture
Description of Presentation: An overview of the Food Safety Modernization Act and how the Produce Safety Rule is likely to affect Montana Producers. The presentation will also cover how the Montana Department of Agriculture plans to implement the rule and how county sanitarians and other key partners can play a role in keeping producers informed as the rule is implemented.
11:45-12:45

**Local Compliance**  
Shannon Therriault, MS, RS  
Director, Missoula City-County Health  
Shane Lewis, PhD, RS  
Gallatin Environmental Health  
Van Puckett, RS  
Madison Environmental Health  

**Description of Presentation:** An open panel discussion where locals will discuss how their county handles compliance for complaints, licensed establishments, land issues, and others. Audience members will have opportunities to ask questions and get perspectives from three different counties.

**Multi-Tasking with Qualitative Projects**  
Millie Olsen, MS, RS  
Cascade Environmental Health  

**Description of Presentation:** Description of Environmental Health projects that use already-collected data to meet the requirements of multiple Environmental Health/Health Department programs, including accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board, Health Department Quality Improvement initiatives, Health Department Strategic Plan initiatives, and program participation in the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Program Standards.

2:15-3:15

**House Mice**  
Stephen Vantassel, CWCP  
Vertebrate Pest Specialist, MT Department of Agriculture  

**Description of Presentation:** A detailed presentation on house mice, their threat to public health, and proper ways to control them.

**DOL Meat Inspection and Compliance Programs**  
Gary Hamel  
Chief, Montana Meat and Poultry Inspection  
Ray Figgins  
Montana Meat and Poultry Inspection  
James Peterson  
Compliance Investigator, Food Safety Inspection Service  

**Description of Presentation:** The Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau will present two topics that will split the allotted time. First, they will give an overview of the meat inspection bureau, which will include
DOL’s federal authority adopted by reference, their agency’s structure, jurisdiction and their responsibilities as inspectors.

In addition, Ray Figgins and James Peterson will cover their responsibilities as compliance investigators, their scope, and their jurisdiction. The goal is to inform sanitarians of who they are, how they approach their responsibilities, and where their jurisdiction begins and ends.

**Offsite Field Trip: Tour of the East Helena Site**
Betsy Burns
RCRA/CERCLA RPM, EPA Region 8
Kathy Moore, MPA, RS
Lewis and Clark Environmental Health

3:30-4:30

**Denver Marijuana and Hemp Regulations**
Richard Pruckler, BA, CP-FS
Marijuana Specialist and Cannabis Compliance, Denver Health

Description of Presentation: Overview of how Denver tackled the booming industry of Marijuana and Hemp products.

**A World of Products at the Corner Store: FDA’s Import Program**
Devin Koontz
Lead Health Communication Specialist, FDA

Description of Presentation: Ethnic markets, restaurants, the internet—the entire world of regulated products is literally at your fingertips. This presentation will focus on FDA’s import program, efforts to bolster oversight at international mail facilities, and how local public health officials can identify potentially violative products that may not have entered the US market through approved channels, as well as how to work with FDA in these instances.
Wednesday, September 19

8:00 – 9:00

Morning Keynote:
Title
Bill Marler, BA, JD
Marler Clark, The Food Safety Law Firm

9:15-10:15

Montana Air Quality
Liz Ulrich
Analysis and Planning Supervisor, MT DEQ Air Quality
**Description of Presentation:** Discussion of air quality issues in Montana—wildfire smoke, open burning, woodstoves

Tattoos: An Artist’s Perspective
Jami Daehn
Owner/Artist, Tattoo Syndicate
**Description of Presentation:** Using a set-up studio for tattooing, piercing, and cosmetic services, the speaker will show the ins and outs of body art from a public health perspective and discuss what is important for health inspectors to look for in studios.

11:15 – 12:15

Circular DEQ-8 Changes
Ashley Kroon, PE
Montana DEQ
**Description of Presentation:** Overview and discussion of DEQ-8 changes.

Raising Eyebrows: Lessons Learned in Microblade Regulation
Hannah Groves, RS
Riverstone Health
**Description of Presentation:** This one-hour presentation will discuss how Yellowstone County has been dealing with the increasing numbers of permanent cosmetic artists. The overview will include the history
of the program, discussion of the unique Yellowstone County rule, commonly found problems, working with the Board of Cosmetology and what next steps are.

1:45-2:45

Non-Degradation Analysis with a Special Emphasis on Adjacent-to-Surface Water
Ashley Kroon, PE
Montana DEQ

Description of Presentation: Overview with discussion.

Food Ingredients: What’s In and Out
Jeff Havens, RS, REHS
Wholesale Food Lead, Food and Consumer Safety

Description of Presentation: A brief course about what is, and is not, allowed in conventional food.

3:15-4:15

General Concepts for Proposed Rule Changes and Q&A
Ashley Kroon, PE
Montana DEQ

Description of Presentation: Brief overview of rule changes with a chance for Q&A

Public Health Concerns Related to Environmental Exposure to Toxic Substances
Heather Zimmerman, MPH
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Matt Ferguson, PhD
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
Laura Williamson, MPH
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Description of Presentation: The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services was newly awarded funding in April of 2017 to build capacity to evaluate and respond to human health hazards from environmental exposure to toxic substances. As a result, the Montana Environmental Health Assessment and Education Program (MEHEAP) was formed. We will introduce MEHEAP and the resources they and the MT tumor registry can offer local health departments when faced with community concerns about environmental exposures.