

Model Aquatic Health Code
STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2007 CONFERENCE CALL
2:30 – 4:00 PM (EDT)

Members Present: Bart Bibler, Michael Beach, Chip Cleary, Steven Goode, Joe Hunsaker, John Linn, Amanda Long – Assistant to the Director, David Ludwig, Charles Otto, Doug Sackett – Director

Members Absent: Chuck Neuman

Steering Committee member introductions:

- Brief introduction by each member.
- Members will send in bios which will be compiled and sent to the committee.

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC) Project Outline:

- Steering committee members should send in comments by July 6th.

MAHC Code process:

- Should be transparent and quick, with “low hanging fruit” released first.
- Release the MAHC piece by piece and revise as new information becomes available.
- Code should be based on the most recent science and technological research/data.
- Code should be performance based where possible, not prescriptive.
- Draft sections should be released for comment, rather than waiting until the products are perfect.
- Determine how technical committees will be set up.

MAHC background:

- Steering committee members will be emailed a copy of the draft MMWR: Recreational Water Illness Prevention at Disinfected Swimming Venues: Report of a Workshop for background information.

Code format, audience, other codes:

- Code should be easy to read and understand. Consider use of annexes.
- Consider using FDA’s model food code format.
- Existing state/county codes have been grouped together by topic area.

Priorities:

- Target “low hanging fruit”
- Priorities will vary based on the part of the aquatic sector one represents:
 - Public health official – prevention of Recreational Water Illness.
 - Engineering and design sector – uniform code for design standards and equipment.
- Members should submit their ideas on priorities by July 6th.

CDC Team web forum:

- The web forum will provide an online discussion space and library for steering and technical committee members.

Upcoming meetings:

- An email will be sent with potential dates for the next conference call and in-person meeting in Atlanta. Committee members should respond with their availability.