

## **TAC Meeting 12**

### **Mar 26, 2024**

#### **Attendees:**

Dustan Bunt  
MacFarlane, Tanya  
Pam McCain  
Baker, Jarone  
Brezina, Lara  
Cardwell, Daniel  
Hunsdorfer, Todd  
Jackson, Meagan  
Lee, Eunbi  
Marote, Corrina  
Schneider, Lynn  
Ken Miller  
David Winfrey  
Jay Regenstreif  
Kelsey Taylor  
Harry Muchineripi  
Kelly Hayden  
Neculae, Cleo  
Adam Cushman  
Parker, Roger J  
Greg Wingard

#### **Notes:**

#### **[Introductions and timeline overview](#)**

The team presented the engagement timeline, broken into phases of research and planning, outreach and relationship building, meetings and data collection, and final reporting. Key activities included identifying priority audiences, establishing communication channels, and hosting seven community meetings from May to August. Public Health would directly engage professionals and jurisdictions.

#### **[Outreach plan and engagement timeline](#)**

The outreach plan was presented, including launching the website and survey in April, implementing specific audience outreach, and fostering ongoing partnerships to engage the general public. Feedback was welcomed to refine the plan.

### **Code revision 1 discussion – Add protections against unpermitted OSS installations**

Discussion focused on increasing penalties for unpermitted OSS installations. Concerns were raised that current fines were too low to deter unlicensed work. Education and financial support were suggested for homeowners who could not afford permitted repairs.

Kelsey Payne - Snoqualmie Tribe suggested either a fine or an educational route for people who don't know and don't have the funds to pay for a higher fine. Also suggested a fine structure which penalizes repeat offenders.

Dustan suggested raising the fine but offered thoughts about the feasibility of catching people who are breaking the rules. Will the higher fine really deter people if they aren't getting caught in the first place?

### **Clarify expectations for level of service provided by OSS industry**

Holding certified professionals accountable for adequate service levels was discussed. Lack of enforcement allowed poor service inequities. Stricter accountability and consequences for inadequate performance were proposed.

Dustan wonders if this change will have a lot of effect, it might just be chasing around.

Adam suggested industry referrals for people renewing licenses.

### **New certification for liquid waste haulers and allow pumpers to inspect gravity OSS for routine inspections**

Allowing pumpers to inspect gravity OSS through a new certification was presented to increase accessibility. Questions were raised around training and quality control of homeowners inspecting their own systems.

Adam wants to encourage people in the industry to take on bigger roles but doesn't want to dilute the quality of service.

### **Reevaluate inspection timeline requirements for proprietary OSS**

Pam isn't sure if the paid for inspections actually happen during the maintenance plan. There is a disconnect from who is initially collecting the money and who actually schedules maintenance.

Dustan thinks it is the builder who signs the maintenance contract but then doesn't relay that message to actual maintainers who have no way to contact the homeowners.

Cleo says the public are surprised when they hear about how often they have to maintain their systems, and many of them do not have the education needed.

### **Draft engagement plan overview**

The engagement plan and timeline were overviewed, including targeted virtual and in-person community meetings from May to August. Public Health would directly engage professionals and jurisdictions. Feedback was requested to refine the outreach approach.

### **Feedback on engagement plan**

Suggestions were made to directly contact city councils, leverage existing events, emphasize water quality, and provide homeowners examples for proposed code changes. Enforcement of existing requirements and motivations for compliance were also discussed.