NRC/Agreement States Working Group on
Agreement State Participation in Working Groups
MEETING SUMMARY
Texas Department of State Health Services
May 16-18, 2005

The working group (WG) met in Austin, Texas on May 16-18. The meeting was hosted by the Texas Department of State Health Services. All members of the WG were present and included:

Alice Rogers, Co-Char, Texas/OAS, 512-834-6629
Terry Brock, Co-Chair, NRC/STP, 301-415-2323
Pearce O'Kelley, South Carolina/CRCPD, 803-545-4403
Charlotte Abrahms, NRC/NMSS, 301-415-7293

Monday, May 16th, 2005 (2:00 to 5:00 PM)

- Terry Brock started the meeting with introductions and discussed why the working group was formed per the 2003 OAS resolution on working groups and the February, 2005 NRC/OAS teleconference on working group.

- The WG reviewed and approved the agenda for the initial meeting. The WG started to review and edit the draft charter.

Tuesday, May 17th, 2005 (8:00 to 5:00 PM)

- The WG continued to edit and then approved the charter. The Co-chairs will submit the charter for approval to the OAS Chair and STP Director.
  - The WG decided to remove from the charter the objective to develop travel guidance for state working group members. The WG determined state travel issues transcended the objectives of this effort and should be addressed in a separate initiative by STP.

- Charlotte Abrams delivered a primer on the NRC rulemaking process and the role of AS co regulators, stakeholders, and administrative law requirements unique to the process.
  - Pearce O'Kelley recommended the rulemaking primer be delivered at a training session at the next OAS annual meeting.

- The WG discussed the Christopher Meyer article, "How the Right Measures Help Teams Excel". The WG decided the charter was the important measurement tool to ensure working groups stay on task and provide work products in an efficient and effective manner.

- The WG began editing and revising the Dec. 7, 2004 draft revision of MD 5.3.

Wednesday, May 17th, 2005 (8:00-5:00)

- The WG finished the revisions of the Dec. 7, 2004 draft revision of MD 5.3.

- The WG discussed the action items below that were generated during the meeting. Terry Brock will schedule a conference call in ~ 1 month to discuss the status of the action items.

Action Items

1. Determine the rationale and background behind the charter for steering committees in the current version of MD 5.3. - Terry Brock
2. Develop Exhibit #3 for the MD 5.3 revision. - Terry Brock
3. Determine why AS WG members can not be co-chairs of NRC rulemaking efforts applicable to AS and why rulemaking working groups are outside the NRC/Agreement State working group framework (i.e., part 2 of the draft revised MD 5.3 Handbook.) - Charlotte Abrams
4. AS input on the compatibility recommendation in the rulemaking process - Charlotte Abrams
5. Verify accuracy of rulemaking references in MD 5.3 - Charlotte Abrams