Group Name: Tulsa Food Advisory Council

Council Chairman: ______________________

(Initial to evidence approval)

Date: October 1, 2014

Members Present: David Chambers, Bill J. Schneider, Andrew Arvay, Thomas Hunter, Randy Norman, Eric Bartlett, Marilyn Been, Ruth Young, Dr. Scott Nicholson, Timothy Tregoning, Joe M. Blasdel, Linda Gottschalk, and Evan Kelamis

Members Absent: Harry Lentz and Marcella Taylor

Others Present: Debbie Watts, Elizabeth Nutt, Jordan Cox, James Bradley, William Ollar, Jim Hopper, and Sara I. Rodriguez

MINUTES

• Mr. Chambers called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. It was determined that elections for Vice Chair, vacancy, and minutes needed to be re-affirmed due to improper posting of agenda on June 4th meeting.

• The minutes from February 5, 2014 and June 4, 2014 were distributed and read. A motion to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes was made by Thomas Hunter and seconded by Linda Gottschalk. The motion passed. Then a motion to approve the June 4, 2014 minutes was made by Andrew Arvay and seconded by Marilyn Been. The motion passed.

• Mr. Chambers opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chairman opening. Thomas Hunter made the motion that Randy Norman be nominated as Vice Chairman. Andrew Arvay seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

• Mr. Chambers presented the nominations for the vacancy to the Council. The nominees for the food industry group were Thomas “Evan” Kelamis and Jay D. Gulick. Thomas Hunter made the motion that Mr. Kelamis be elected as the new Council member. Andrew Arvay seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

• Mr. Chambers opened the floor for nominations of 2015 Offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Food Advisory Council. Marilyn Been made the motion that Mr. Chambers be re-elected as Chairman. Linda Gottschalk seconded the motion and the motion
passed by acclamation. Mr. Chambers asked for nomination for the position of Vice Chairman. Joe M. Blasdel made the motion that Randy Norman be re-elected for Vice Chairman. Andrew Arvay seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

- Mr. Chambers set the 2015 meeting dates for February 4, 2015, June 3, 2015, and October 7, 2015. Bill J. Schneider made the motion to approve the dates. Randy Norman seconded the motion and the motion passed by acclamation.

- Ms. Watts introduced new field inspectors: James Bradley, Jordan Cox, and William Ollar.

- Ms. Nutt gave an update on the status of OSDH 257 / FDA 2013 Model Food Code. During the State Food Advisory Council (SFAC) meeting, FDA 2013 Model Food Code was reviewed with the goal to get a new State Code passed in a legislative session. In the meeting, the Attorney from the OSDH commented that the State Statute and the Food Code have been in conflict for many years; in particular with the definition of exempted food establishments. He further commented that it would be ill-advised to move forward if the updated Code was in conflict with the State Statute. Clarification language will be written for the State Statute; then that will be proposed to the Oklahoma State Health Department Board. Then in February 2016 it will be presented to legislative session.

- Andrew Arvay commented that ServSafe and the 2013 FDA Model Food Code states to advise the consumer about raw products by a signage on the wall and/or printed on menu. Mr. Arvay asked if it has to be printed in the menu. Ms. Watts replied that it has to be done at the point of sell, and that it has to be a discloser in writing.

- Ms. Watts gave the Council a Food Protection Services update from June 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014.
  - New staff and position changes
    - One staff transferred to another division
    - Three new staff members
    - Ashley Davis will be the Food Protection Services Special Event Coordinator
  - Comparison of Plan Reviews from June 2013 to September 30, 2013 to the same time frame for 2014 showed an increase of 2%.
  - Notable new establishments and closures were discussed: A total of 167 new food establishments, 7 lodging, and 3 pools; A total 186 closed food establishment, 7 lodging, and 18 pools.
  - Eleven compliance conferences were held, 68 compliance inspections for food and lodging were conducted. In addition there were voluntary closures, a hearing, ongoing state enforcement, and new OSDH follow-up procedure.
  - 358 total complaints were received: 39 Foodborne illness and 319 General complaints.
  - Special Events Program: 56 events conducted and out of those events, 14 were new. State Fair had a total of 200 vendors.
  - Food Safety Training Program: The online volunteer class training has been developed and is almost completed.
  - Training Program: Standardization of Staff continues: 15 staff have completed the standardization and there are 7 staff remaining to complete the training.
FDA provided our Division with the following equipment: pH test strips, 5 pH meters, 2 data loggers, 30 black lights, and a video camera.

Staff Training/Conferences: National Environmental Association Conference - 2 staff attended, Temporary Event Training - 12 staff attended, ORA Food Show - 14 staff attended, and FDA Southwest Region Conference - 3 staff attended.

Industry update Oklahoma Restaurant Association: Mr. Hopper thanked the Council for allowing the opportunity to be part of the meetings. Oklahoma Restaurant Association is strategically planning for the upcoming legislative session to defend against the bills that might be harmful to the industry. Mr. Hopper also shared about an upcoming event, the Hirst Hospitality Award, where the employees of restaurant industry are honored. The event also raises money for the Oklahoma Hospitality Foundation, which provides scholarships to students who want to further their education in the hospitality industry.

Enteroviruses & Ebola handouts were provided out to FAC member.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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