



# EL PASO COUNTY BODY ART ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

**Date: 3/30/2021**

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Melissa Rogerson – EPCPH Program Manager  
 Heather Tucker – EPCPH Lead EHS  
 Jodi Zimmerman – EPCPH EHS  
 Kristen Mickens – EPCPH EHS  
 Phil Cavinta – EPCPH EHS  
 Chris Miller – EPCPH EHS  
 Jana Homeyer - Resilient Demographics  
 Shannon - Virgin Ink Tattoo  
 April Kuhns- April Lauren Ink  
 Larry – Handsome Larrys Tattoo Emporium

Lead	Topic	Discussion/Action
Melissa	Body Art Excellency List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed changes to EPCPH Body Art Excellency List:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shop must have no critical violations during the last two regular inspections                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Criticals:                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificates are not up-to-date but a body artist is still operating</li> <li>Shop/artist is cited for demonstration of knowledge</li> <li>Procedural violations were observed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Shop must be in good-standing with EPCPH regarding licensing fees</li> <li>Shop must have 50% or more artists pass the EPCPH Body Art Competency Exam on the first try</li> <li>Excellence List to be posted on EPCPH website and social media; certificates will be sent to each shop for posting as well</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Melissa	Body Art Competency Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed changes to EPCPH Body Art Competency Exam:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes expected to go live in April/May</li> <li>Exam will be divided into either two sections or two separate exams - one for tattoo artists (7 specific questions) and one for body piercers (5 specific questions)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artists who do both will take both sections/exams</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional questions will be general demonstration of knowledge, managerial/person-in-charge, and medical/first aid-related</li> <li>The new exam will be 40-50 questions                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appr. 20 fill-in the blank</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appr. 15 multiple choice</li> <li>▪ Appr. 5 true/false</li> <li>○ Artists will take the new exam once their old exam expires</li> </ul>
Kristen Jodi Phil	Violations and Complaint Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violations observed during inspections or investigations that are not corrected on-site will be issued a Violation Correction Sheet (VCS) with a due date ten days from the date of issuance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If a VCS is not correct and returned by the due-date, a follow-up inspection will take place at the shop's expense</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future complaint investigations will focus first on educating and working with an artist or shop, shifting to enforcement of regulation if needed</li> </ul>
All	Additional Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To encourage attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add note to upcoming BAAG Meeting invitations for owners to distribute the invite to their artists</li> <li>▪ Consider scheduling upcoming meetings outside of business hours</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Discuss ways to reward individual artists</li> <li>○ Development of a body art apprentice exam/cert?</li> <li>○ Gather and distribute resources for artists who suffer from mental health and/or substance abuse issues</li> </ul>
MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 12:44 NEXT MEETING: TBD		

**BAAG Purpose Statement:**

- Allow for good communication between Body Art Industry and Public Health.
- Encourage constructive feedback on customer service, policies and regulations.
- Work together to improve El Paso County's Body Art Program using current science, technology and through educational opportunities.
- Work together to prevent infectious disease in our community.