



**ASPCRO Public Health Committee
2018 Mid-Year Report to the Board
April 16, 2018**

At the March 27, 2017, ASPCRO Midyear Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed that it was appropriate to transition the Bed Bug Committee into a “*Public Health Committee*” and to focus on a broader range of public health issues and pests. While bed bugs remain of concern, the last year has brought to light other issues, for example, Zika Virus and vector control, which may require ASPCRO’s attention and action. The first official meeting of this newly refocused Committee was August 28, 2017, during ASPCRO’s 2017 Annual Meeting in Burlington, Vermont. Committee Members include:

Liza Fleeson Trossbach	Kelly Friend	Julie Spagnoli
Jenny Wren	Erin Worth	Jim Warneke
Tim Drake	Africa Dorame-Avalos	Jonathon Berger
Steve Sims	Jim Fredericks	Tom Wright
Dave Scott	Norman Goldenberg	Stan Cope
Davis Daiker	Kim Kelley-Tunis	

Additional attendees of the August 28th meeting:

Mary Begin	David Wayne	Robert Kunst
Clint Shettle	May Ferrer	Kevin Shelton
Donald Baumgartner	Susan Jennings	

The Public Health Committee met via conference call on January 30, 2018. The discussion focused on defining/refining future activities.

Mission

To assist State/Tribal/Territorial Lead Agencies, the Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders address pest related concerns which threaten the health of the population and the role of pesticides in improving and protecting communities through pest prevention and vector control; facilitating dialogue and leveraging resources among stakeholders and affiliates; serving as a source of information for a broad range of public health pests and control of those pests including mosquitoes, ticks, bed bugs, cockroaches, bird and rodents; and, actively monitoring federal and state activities related to pests of public health concern.

Future Activities

The Committee also discussed those activities that remain pending from the former Bed Bug Committee including:

Model Regulations – The Committee had previously received a request from a member state to develop model regulations for canine scent detection; heat treatment; ozone treatment; and cold treatment including efficacy data. The Board requested that SLAs be polled to determine the need for model regulations and the priority order of activities for the Committee. Based upon the results of the poll, there was a need for model regulations for the aforementioned non-pesticidal treatment option. A recommendation was made to the Board, and the Board approved, drafting model regulations for the following (priority order): heat treatment; canine scent detection; ozone treatment and cold treatment. As much time had passed, the Committee questioned whether the need still existed. The Committee decided to survey the membership, specifically asking:

1. Does the currently have any model regulations/guidance documents for any of the above; and
2. If not, does State/Tribe/Territory feel there is a need for one or more of the above (please specify).

Current Status: The Committee Chair sent an email to States/Tribes/Territories on March 16, 2018, requesting the above information. The results of this survey will be discussed at the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting.

Outreach/Education – The Committee continues to agree that education is the key and there is a need for all stakeholders to be able to recognize legitimate sources of information related to bed bugs and their management and the current resources available (SLAs & Extension) should be added/updated to the ASPRCO website. At the August 28th meeting, the Committee discussed the need to coordinate efforts with a variety of stakeholders and agencies in relation to bed bug education. Although there are many resources available, ensuring that the appropriate agencies are aware of their existence is key. Resources geared towards dealing with bed bug prevention or control in emergency rooms, funeral homes, school buses, jails, furniture rental companies, homeless shelters, home health agencies, and dialysis centers, for instance, have been developed, but the Committee will consider how best to disseminate these resources to the stakeholders who need them. Communication with state agencies such as Departments of Public Health and Community Health may provide opportunities for outreach.

Current Status: The Committee continues to add outreach materials to ASPCRO's Document Library as materials are received.

25b –The Committee had previously discussed 25b products, and the problem of efficacy in those products marketed for bed bugs, ticks, or mosquitoes, for instance. It was suggested that consistent standards for efficacy and label language might be helpful for state agencies and the industry. Suggested during the August 28th meeting were the development of guidance for state lead agencies to target inspections that will be referred to EPA; the development of standards for states to require the same data before approving these products (if they have a state registration requirement); and collaboration with AAPCO's 25(b) and Industry Relations Workgroups.

Current Status: The Committee decided to offer assistance to AAPCO's 25(b) Workgroup, which is currently developing 25(b) product label guidance for SLAs.

New Activities

Public Health Certification Categories – During the 2017 Public Health PREP meeting in Seattle, Washington, Chairs Liza Fleeson Trossbach and Jenny Wren surveyed SLA participants about areas of need related to public health, and received many requests for a compendium of states’ requirements for public health applicator certification. The Committee reviewed these responses at the 2017 Annual Meeting, and determined that the Committee would create a survey to distribute to ASPCRO membership to gather this information, which will serve as a resource for SLAs and the industry.

Current Status: The Committee discussed the survey during the January 30, 2018, conference call. Questions for the draft survey will be reviewed at the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting.

Other Related Activities

- ✓ Jenny Wren serves ASPRCO’s representative to the Pesticide Program Dialogue’s Committee (PPDC) newly formed Public Health Working Committee. The Committee has had two meetings since its formation in 2017, and a focus area has been determined: the development of an action plan to help in the response to natural or manmade disasters, with a special focus on communications related to public health pest interventions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair – Public Health Committee