

2019 FHEA Winter Board Meeting

Sustainability Report:

- The Board has approved a hybrid approach to the ASHE Sustainability Liaison role
- Finalizing proposal language with ecoPreserve to help facilitate/lead the Sustainability initiative across the State
- Plan on circling back with TLC, Eric Ryan Corporation and Envinity to discuss their participation and scope of services
- Working on bolstering our strategy for this year and next
 - This year will focus on energy: Energy Star, E2C
 - Next year will focus on either water or waste. Not sure yet. Would love feedback from the Board on preference
 - Would suggest with collaborate with Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection on either front
- We may not make Platinum Elite this year, and my hope is that the Board is supporting the long-term view and goals to really make an impact with healthcare in the energy and waste areas
- On the regulated waste front the EPA will be promulgating this year on changes to the regulated waste streams as follows:
 - Pharmaceuticals can no longer be dumped into the sanitary sewer including drains, sinks, toilets etc
 - Nicotine patches are no longer considered RCRA Hazardous Waste (P075)
 - Hazardous Pharmaceuticals will no longer affect a Generator's RCRA Hazardous Waste volume, which could result in a lower EPA Generator Classification. Ex; LQG to MQG or SQG
 - Places RCRA Pharm in its own waste category
 - Lessens regulations concerning "Reverse Distributor" requirements
 - Eliminates the Universal Waste exemption in Florida and Michigan, requiring RCRA Hazardous Waste to be packaged, transported and treated as Hazardous waste directly from the Generator
 - This could be VERY costly!!!
 - FDEP has advised they are evaluating the EPA changes and plan to be ready to move this into law earlier next year. Hospitals need to be prepared to be compliant in around a years' time. Strongly suggest they connect with the FDEP as soon as possible to make ready for the changes

Other:

- While the Board was not supportive of a scholarship engagement with Valencia College for the Energy Mgmt. & Control Systems program, I did want to let them know that all of their classes are full and the demand is high. AdventHealth plans to partner with Valencia on internship opportunities. If there is interest from other area Hospitals along this front I am happy to connect the parties

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