

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

May 12, 2010

Present: Kathleen Buckham, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Sue Founé, Jeannie Himmelein, Patrick Krause, Daniel Moyle, Margaret O'Brien, Tom Pederson and Aud Wierenga

Absent: Jeff Balkema, Francis Bell, Greg Nichols, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Carolyn Rutland, Mike Wetzel

Environmental Health: Deborah Cardiff, Vern Johnson, Kim Finkbeiner, Heather Nicholas

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	NA		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes approved as amended	Amend per comments	
3. EH Update	<p>Deb passed out a memo with the results from the second medications collection which was the second highest Saturday Collection they have ever had. The next collection will be in June. Deb said they are pulling 5-6 extra staff to work these collections and they cannot continue to do this permanently. Deb said the Task Group will have to look at a finding another solution other than using our staff and she is not sure what that solution will be.</p> <p>Deb passed out information regarding CAFOs that Dave Maturen forwarded to Pat Crowley for EHAC.</p> <p>There will not be a July EHAC meeting.</p> <p>The non-potable permitting initiative – there is a meeting scheduled on June 29th with some of the industry that will be regulated and there will be a decision made after that as to whether we will pursue this or not.</p>		
4. Smoking Law Update – Vern Johnson	Vern said that all public buildings are now smoke free in the State of Michigan. It is in place to protect the workers. The Act is divided into two parts – Part 126 would include		

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	<p>places like small businesses. Part 129 includes all public restaurants. All casinos operating under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act are exempt and the casinos in the gaming area constructed before May 1st are also exempt. The restaurants are smoke free in the casinos. Vern said that we have only had a couple complaints and most of the restaurant owners are happy with the ordinance. Vern went on to explain other items that the law entails.</p>		
<p>5. Member Comments</p>	<p>Aud - This is bike to work month and on Monday, May 17th there will be a bike to work event at the Arcadia Festival Site.</p> <p>On May 25th there will be green drinks and Tom D will be speaking about the pharmaceutical collection coming up.</p> <p>Pat Crowley – They are just finishing up their site development rules. They are also working on trying to help the county to lower operational costs by better engineering in terms of energy and water management. Right now they are in the process of working on the jail extension and they are trying to participate in this process to see if they can be a leader in stormwater management and energy.</p> <p>The river water festival is August 14th. If you would like to put a table up it would be a good time to get your order in now.</p> <p>During the week of earth day they had a demonstration at the Nature Center. She picked up some kids toys that were water friendly and all of a sudden their area was the only populated area all day long. She said it was a good lesson for her to bring educational content down in terms of making things a lot more fun. The trail is also going to have a mascot day and she would like to have a water quality mascot –an otter.</p>		

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	<p>Ben Yost did come to the commissioners meeting and made a presentation. She doesn't think the commissioners went home with a unified message about phosphorus and the commissioners asked her to summarize it.</p> <p>Jeannie – MSU Extension announced that their District Coordinator will start June 1st and his name is Brad Newman. He is based in St. Joe county and will be covering the seven counties within their district. She will try to have him attend the August EHAC meeting.</p> <p>The jail is doing a garden again this year. This year the chef has decided that things will only be planted that can actually be used to help offset costs.</p>		