

**Kalamazoo County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**February 13, 2008**

Present: Jeff Balkema, Fran Bell, Deb Cardiff, Greg Nichols, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kyle Smith, Jack Urban

Environmental Health: Diane Hindbaugh, Dan O'Donoghue, Vern Johnson, Carolyn Hobbs-Kreiger, Kim Finkbeiner, Heather Nicholas

Absent: Bryan Bowne, Kathleen Buckham, Pat Krause, Mark Miller, Carolyn Rutland, John Taylor

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Review/Approval of Minutes	Fran B. made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5 <sup>th</sup> and January 9 <sup>th</sup> meetings. Ann N. seconded motion.	Approved as written.	
3. Election of Officers	Fran B. motioned that current chair and vice-chair continue on in current capacities. Ann N. seconded motion. Verbal vote was taken, motion passed. Fran Bell mentioned that according to by laws the committee also needed to have a secretary to run the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Dawn P. nominated Fran as Secretary. Ann N. seconded motion. Verbal vote was taken, motion passed. Ann N. volunteered to be Fran's back up should the need arise.	Dawn P. and Margaret will continue as Chair and Vice Chair.  Fran B. elected as Secretary.	Nancy B to add officer's positions to Agenda and Letterhead.
4. Body Art Presentation	Deb C. presented a power point presentation similar to what she will be presenting to the BOC on Tuesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> at the Committee of the Whole. Senate Bill 593 mandates that local health departments do inspections of body art facilities so that they can become licensed at the State level. The state License is expected to be \$500.00. This will be in effect on January 1, 2009. Local legislation will give the local health department the ability to carry out the inspections. The local ordinance will be drafted by a workgroup made up of local health department employees, EHAC members, and local body art business owners. The draft regulations are being based on the 1999 NEHA Body Art Guidelines. The cost of the inspection will be approximately \$200-\$300, enabling the county to recoup the cost of the inspection. There is not expected to be a need to add staff. The program will require a minimal amount of time once it is up and running. The first step will be the formation of the workgroup to develop the draft regulations, then editing, preparations for a public hearing, and eventual adoption of the rules by the BOC. Kalamazoo County has at least 25	Dawn P. to send letter to BOC recommending support for the development of the regulations.	Jeff B. to inquire at next meeting of Commission and State of Michigan Legislatures as to how the State came up with the \$500.00 license fee.

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	<p>body art facilities, this appears to be a larger number than most counties. There are no counties in our immediate area that are actively working on developing these ordinances, however Ionia, Livingston, Macomb, and Washtenaw Counties are currently in the process of developing regulations. Ann N. inquired as to how the State came up with their \$500 license fee, and requested that Jeff B. add that question as a topic at the quarterly meeting when the BOC meets with state representatives. Deb requested that EHAC offer support for this program with the BOC. Margaret O. moved to support this effort. Kyle S. seconded motion. Verbal approval from committee as whole.</p>		
<p>5. By-Law Editing</p>	<p>Duties and Responsibilities Section: No Changes            Membership and Term of Office Section: Last paragraph regarding absences. Deb to work on rewording paragraph to include: "To ensure a quorum and productive meeting" and include verbiage stating steps Council Chair will take with a member if absences become an issue.            Composition of The Environmental Health Advisory Council: Discussion took place regarding increasing number and wording surrounding Citizens at Large category...It was decided this will be discussed at next meeting. Paragraph stating "The County Board member may hold any office, be changed to read may not hold any office... and this sentence be moved            Officers of Council Section following Section 1: The officers of the Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.            Officers of Council Section: Section 4, remove "and Laboratory Services".            Meetings, Quorum and Voting, Sub-Committees, Rules of Order Sections: No Changes            Public Record Section: Change "The Secretary of the EHAC" to "The assigned EH Bureau Staff".</p>	<p>Deb to make requested changes and present to next meeting for approval to submit to BOC.</p> <p>By Law's to be first item on March Agenda.</p>	
<p>6. Phosphate Fertilizer</p>	<p>Jack Urban, Kalamazoo County Commissioner, addressed an interest in the county looking into the use and regulation of phosphates in lawn fertilizer. The overuse of phosphates contributes to severe algae bloom problem in water, and affects the watershed going into the Kalamazoo River. Currently the City of Kalamazoo, and the County of Kalamazoo have no ordinances regarding the use or banning of phosphates in fertilizer. Allegan County and Ottawa County have recently passed ordinances banning the use of phosphates in lawn fertilizer. Jack has requested that the County Attorney look into the feasibility of creating an ordinance regarding this topic, and would like EHAC to support these efforts. This is part of a state wide effort to get enough counties involved, which would make it easier for the State of Michigan to make state-wide</p>	<p>Margaret O'Brien offered to speak with the Home Builders regarding putting brochures into the bags that are given out at the home expo. Ann Nieuwenhuis is aware of flyers that the Soil District has, she will coordinate</p>	<p>EHAC to form a subcommittee to research whether approach should be educational or drafting of ordinance for Sanitary Code.</p>

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	<p>regulations. A major focus of this would be educating the public on the effects of phosphates. EHAC members agreed to begin working on educational aspect.</p>	<p>with Margaret to get them to the Home Expo.</p>	
<p>7. Member Comments</p>	<p>Ann N. expressed concern with Soil Conservation District's reduced hours may effect Soil Conservation District's representation. Also handed out brochures Balancing Animal Agriculture and Communities Registration and Program Guide. Deb C. advised she will not be at the April meeting, Tom Dewhirst will be representing her at that meeting.</p>		