

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

February 17, 2010

Present: Francis Bell, Deb Cardiff, Leroy Crabtree, Patrick Krause, Margaret O'Brien, Tom Pederson, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Carolyn Rutland, Mike Wetzel, Bill Hughs

Environmental Health: Carolyn Hobbs-Kreiger, Kim Finkbeiner and Linda Wright

Absent: Jeff Balkema, Kathleen Buckham, Patricia Crowley, Jeannie Himmelein, Daniel Moyle, Greg Nichols, and Aud Wierenga

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizens Comments	No Comments		
2. Approval of Minutes	Pat moved to accept as submitted, all supported		
3. EH Updates	<p>Deb hopes to have a copy of the first ever 2009 EH Division Annual Report to give you next month. All staff participated in putting this together giving a synopsis of all programs and activities.</p> <p>We have a work group that has been putt together through the MALEHA Forum that is working through a guidance document for all county health departments for enforcement of the no smoking law that goes into effect May 1, 2010 in all restaurant facilities.</p> <p>Medicine Collection – we have met a couple of times with our coalition. We are on a holding pattern waiting on a response from the DEA. We are planning on a six month pilot project which we hope to begin in June. We have a commitment from the sheriff's dept and the City of Kalamazoo to have law enforcement if needed at the site. It will no longer be a special collection; instead, it will be the second Saturday at HHW when they are normally open.</p>	<p>Plan will be presented Thursday at MALEHA</p>	

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	<p>We continue to have a vacant Environmental Health Position that has been vacant since June of 2009. It will continue to remain so, but our Groundwater position has been increased from a .75 FTE to a full time status and the vacant position has been decreased to a .75 FTE.</p>		
<p>4. Non Potable Water Well Permitting - Deb</p>	<p>We have been talking internally about permitting non potable water wells. We are one of very few counties in the state of Michigan that does not permit non potable wells. We have an obligation under Act 368 to review the well records when they come in and it is under our authority to review well records for large quantity withdrawal. We recognize that there are wells being drilled that we have no knowledge of, and wells being drilled that we get records from that we review and have problems with. In order for us to work in this program effectively and in an attempt to recoup some of the costs that we provide anyways, we want to move forward with this program. We would utilize the same fee as we use for our residential well permit which is \$108.00 and there will be no water sampling. Deb will be presenting this to the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole and she would like to get EHACS support before doing so.</p>	<p>All members were in favor</p>	
<p>5. Election of Officers for 2010</p>	<p>Current Chair is Margaret, Vice Chair is Pat Krause and Secretary is Fran. Fran moved that the committee approved the same leadership team.</p>	<p>Motion was approved</p>	
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Fran said they have been involved in a situation where there is raw sewage on the ground and Dan came out the same day he called. The homeowner has had three different companies to pump the system and Fran asked if they were required to report that to us. Deb said there is</p>		

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	no requirement but they do have to take it to a treatment plant if it is within 15 road miles.		