

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 12, 2008**

Present: Fran Bell, Kathy Buckham, Deb Cardiff, Pat Krause, Mark Miller, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Margaret O'Brien
Dawn Potter-Williams, Caroyln Rutland, Kyle Smith

Absent: Jeff Balkema, Bryan Bowne, Greg Nichols, John Taylor

Environmental Health: Kim Finkbeiner

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Review /Approval Agenda and Minutes	Agenda is missing date of meeting. Item 2 should read February 13, 2008, not January 13,2008. Minutes from February 13 th meeting were approved as written.	Nancy to correct for official record	
3. By Law Editing	Deb C. mentioned before beginning the editing of the By laws, that we have a new member, Mr. Daniel Moyle, who will be a representative for the Road Commission. Membership and Term of Office section and the Composition of the Environmental Health Advisory Council sections: Changes in how the Chairperson will deal with member non-attendance and the composition of the membership were felt to be necessary due to attendance issues stemming from the lack of quorum at meetings, and increasing representation from groups or individuals who have a vested interest environmental issues. In the past it has been difficult obtaining representation from Villages in the county, increasing the Citizen at large number from three to seven allows this change. The changes will increase the maximum members allowed from 15 to 16. Carolyn inquired if the minimum members were 12, would we need 7 for a quorum. It was clarified, that the by-laws state a quorum necessary is one more than one-half of the currently appointed members. So a quorum will fluctuate between 7 and 9 depending on the number of appointed members (12-16). Officers of the Council; Section 1, the statement "A	Motion was made to accept changes with understanding that there may be some typo's or grammatical errors which may need to be fixed in the future by Chairperson. Motion passed unanimously.	Deb to send clean copy to members and submit to BOC for approval

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	<p>County Board member may not hold any office within this Council” was moved to this section from Composition of the Environmental Health Advisory Council section.</p> <p>Section 4, change was made to name of the Department, from Environmental Health & Laboratory Services Bureau to Environmental Health Bureau.</p> <p>Quorum and Voting: Section 1, “With full membership” was omitted. Section to read “Theof the currently appointed...”</p> <p>Sub Committees: Section 2, word “consist of” was changed to “include” now readsmembership may include individuals</p> <p>Amendments: Section 1, changed to readtwo-thirds vote of currently appointed members</p> <p>Public Record Section: words Secretary of the EHAC changed to read “assigned EH Bureau staff”, date will be updated when approved, and signature line will be updated.</p>		
<p>4. Body Art Update</p>	<p>This went before the Board of Commissioners and they are in favor. A preliminary draft is being written up, and it will go to Thom Canny. Then the Sub-Committee will meet to fine tune out the details for official approval. Dave Buskirk has requested to be a member on that committee. Carolyn and Fran are also on the committee, along with Dan from EH, and other interested individuals (i.e. tattoo business owners, etc). The Commissioners also expressed an interest in the unfunded mandate, in that the state is not proposing to send any of the licensing fees back to the counties, and have requested that this be looked into. This is to be a point of discussion with our state legislatures.</p>		<p>Deb to contact sub committee members to advise them when the meetings are to begin.</p>
<p>5. Phosphate Sub-Committee</p>	<p>As a follow up to last month’s discussion on phosphates, we are looking for a sub-committee to look at the viability of a proposal. The sub-committee will look at various avenues of regulation. Mark Miller, Pat Krause, Margaret O’Brien, and Dawn Potter-Williams have volunteered to be</p>		<p>Deb to send interested parties an email with their respective contact information so they</p>

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	<p>on this committee. Ann mentioned contacting Jeanne Hemmelein as a potential member. Kathy Buckham and Pat Krause mentioned that Chris Barnes with the City of Portage may be interested in being a member of the committee as well. The main issue that needs to be looked at is if regulation is indeed necessary or should the focus be on education.</p>		<p>can organize their meetings.</p>
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Deb C mentioned that she will not be here next month, so Tom Dewhirst will be representing her. Also, we have applied for an EPA grant of \$14,000 for two pharmaceutical waste collection events with Allegan and Barry-Eaton Counties. We should find out if we get the grant in approximately 60 days. We will have 2-one day collection events.</p> <p>Dawn P. also mentioned that she will not be at the next month's meeting.</p> <p>Ann N. mentioned that she is retiring from her position at MSU Extension, to become part of Emergency Management Business Continuity Planning. She will be sending in a letter of resignation as the MSU Extension representative. She will ask Maury Kearcher to be an interim member. Maury or Jeanne will most likely become her permanent replacement. Ann also mentioned the possibility of Tom discussing with EHAC the dangers of the mercury in the fluorescent light bulbs, and whether the recent article in the Gazette is accurate. She also had a hand out regarding the bulbs. There is going to be an open house for Ann's retirement on March 31st from 4-7 in the Georgia Room.</p> <p>Fran B. passed out handouts regarding renewable energy, clean burning coal, and American s for Balanced Energy Choices. Fran also inquired as to whether the bottles that the City of Kalamazoo are using in their bottled water "Splash" is recyclable</p> <p>Kathy B. Mentioned the booth at the Home Expo, and invited people to attend.</p>	<p>Dawn made a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>	

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