

**Kalamazoo County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**April 5, 2006**

Present: Francis Bell, Mark Miller, Greg Nichols, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kyle Smith and Dale Hein (Director of Kalamazoo County Health & Community Service Department).

Environmental Health: Jim Draze, Carolyn Hobbs-Kreiger

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	No Citizens Present		
2. Review of Minutes	Number of members present did not constitute a quorum.	Postponed until May Meeting	
3. Review of Agenda	Accepted as presented		
4. PBS Frontline Meth Video	Viewed. Followed by discussion of Kalamazoo County Program. Dale Hein presented Kalamazoo County strategies: Countywide program or regional program. Little or no funding available for program.	Jim D. to check on availability of PBS Frontline Video, and communicate results to Dawn and Dale Hein.	
5. Kalamazoo County Meth Update	Dale Hein indicated that the county has focused on meth in regard to cleaning up sites. The draft regulations have been completed and submitted, but there does not appear to be funding available to run program. Current pending legislation does not provide funding. Dale has spoken with area counties regarding possibility of regional approach. Area counties do not have financial resources available to assist with support. Without funding available the recommendation of the county administration is to not		Fran Bell to contact Kalamazoo Foundation and Afgo Foundation. Dale Hein will follow-up with Kalamazoo Foundation

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	<p>bring the issue forward until such time as the money is available. Discussion indicated, that members feel they should continue to pursue involvement of EHAC in getting issue before the Board, and getting additional support from public. Discussed broadening focus from clean-up to include impact on children and economical impact on community.</p>		
<p>6. HCS Food Program</p>	<p>EH completed accreditation process during first week of March. The on-site sewage program was fully met. The food program missed one out of 20 indicators. This was a significant improvement over the previous accreditation. Staff came up with and implemented an internal program of real-time monitoring of the accreditation indicators, so they now, know as they go how they are performing, and this leads to major improvements in the field components of the accreditation process. Other significant improvements were in the Plan review process, with the department fully meeting all criteria.</p> <p>Jim Draze passed out the Draft Report that the Dept of Agriculture will be submitting to the State Legislature. Highlights in the report show that Kalamazoo County has 2% of the licensed facilities in the state. The ratio of FSE and population puts the county is within the median range. The majority of the illnesses tend to be caused by ill workers or poor hygiene. The County attempts to operate the program economically, and the report indicates that we are the 6<sup>th</sup> least in cost per person. We spend \$1.98 per person to cover the cost of the program.</p>		

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7. Members Comments	<p>Avian Influenza - Ann N passed out a flier regarding an upcoming meeting in Dowagic regarding avian influenza in small bird flocks, for the committees information. The University is beginning to get calls from the public with questions regarding the safety of feeding the birds.</p> <p>Environmental Health Website- Carolyn Hobbs-Kreiger advised that the website update is moving ahead. The new site should be available for viewing by the beginning of May.</p> <p>Dale Hein asked for input on EHAC wishes for the community with BOC on meth. Members discussed providing comments during the Citizen Time at April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p>		