

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
July 9th, 2008

Present: Fran Bell, Deb Cardiff, Pat Krause, Dan Moyle, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith

Absent: Jeff Balkema, Kathy Buckham, Mark Miller, Greg Nichols, Maury Kearcher, Margaret O'Brien

Environmental Health: Linda Buzas, Vern Johnson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Review / Approval of Minutes	Postponed until next meeting, no quorum	Approval of Minutes to be added to 8/08 meeting	
3. Proposed 2009 EH Program Fee Increases	<p>Pat Krause suggested that handouts be provided to members before the meeting, so they can review ahead of time. Deb Cardiff mentioned that Deb and Tammy met with Bill Dundon the County Finance Director. He was very appreciative of the cost recovery goals. Deb C. went over the handouts emphasizing that there was little to no change. After meeting with Bill, it was decided that the cost recovery goals for Private Well Permits, Public Well Permits-Type III, and Subdivision/Plats would be raised to 100%. The cost recovery goals will most likely never change. There was discussion amongst the group that charges (such as new restaurant food plan reviews, which are a one time only fee), should have a 100% cost recovery goal, and therefore the cost should be set at that 100% cost. An oral approval vote was taken to support this position. The results were 5 in favor of, 1 questionable. Linda B. explained that she would be making a presentation to the Committee as a Whole with a memo that details items, and a presentation explaining the rationale and requirements. The only fee's that will be going to the board are those fees's that will be increasing. Pat K suggested that in the future, the department might want to take into consideration the option of billing some services on an hourly basis, as opposed to flat rates. Linda B. mentioned that as they continue along this annual review process, the department might begin to move in that direction. She also stressed the public health impact versus private impact for justification on fee increases. Pat K. recommended that wording on both pages be consistent (i.e., Campground License page 1 and Campground Inspection page 2) for clarity reasons. Deb asked the committee if they were comfortable in supporting the fee changes. Pat, Carolyn, Fran, Kyle, and Dan stated they were ok with changes. Dawn expressed that she does not like to see fees with dramatic increases. Pat K mentioned that in 1985 85% of the fees were covered by the general fund, however, when he left in 2003 the general fund was covering only 20% of the fees.</p>		Deb to send synopsis to all EHAC members prior to next meeting for review. Would also like confirmation of member's support or non-support.

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4. Member Comments	<p>Pat K. mentioned that the department might want to consider stipend payments to members of the board of appeals. He is aware that the practice of paying appointees for meetings attended for board of appeals meeting is becoming more common.</p> <p>Deb C. stated that the prescription collection was very successful. The next collection is going to be September 20th. They may be able to ask the EPA if they can have another collection next year, if they do not spend all of the grant money.</p> <p>Fran B suggested that more publicity be generated for the next collection.</p>		