

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 13, 2008

Present: Jeff Balkema, Fran Bell, Kathy Buckham, Deb Cardiff, Mark Miller, Daniel Moyle, Greg Nichols, Margaret O'Brien, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith

Absent: Pat Krause, Dawn Potter-Williams, Bryan Bowne

Environmental Health:

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Approval of Minutes	June 11 th minutes were approved as submitted. July 9 th minutes were approved as submitted.		
3. Membership	MSU Extension has advised the committee that they have a new director, Steve Yanni. He will be at the September meeting. Bryan Bowne, Citizen at Large Representative, will be contacted to inquire if he is planning to continue to be an EHAC member. There may have been a miscommunication as to whether he will continue to be a member.	Deb to send letter inquiring as to interest/intent.	
4. Proposed 2009 EH Fee Increases	An email was sent prior to the meeting inquiring if anyone needed clarifications or had any questions. There was no response to email. Carolyn R. made a motion that EHAC support the fee increases. Kyle S. seconded. Oral vote was taken it passed 8-2.	Fees to be submitted to BOC.	
5. Future Meeting Agenda Items	Deb C. mentioned that next month we will be doing a quarterly update of the EH programs, Meth, HHW, Surface Water and Lead. Deb also inquired as to whether there are any topics the group is interested in pursuing and feels the committee should take under consideration. Wood Burner issue will be put on back burner until more municipalities are interested in passing ordinances or there is action at the state level. In meantime, Deb C. has numerous resources on file to share with the townships if they are interested. Margaret mentioned that the Phosphorus issue would also be put on hold pending further developments with the state. Deb C. mentioned that there would be a presentation regarding the Body Art Regulations, possibly at the September meeting.		
6. Member Comments	Deb C. - The next Prescription Collection will be September 20 th at Loy Norrix High School parking lot. The EPA has given us an extension so we can host two more collections in 2009 prior to September 30 th . The last collection collected approximately 350,000 pills. The Meth Position in the EH department was originally scheduled to end at the end of September. We are continuing to receive funds from MDCH, so the position has been extended to December 31 st .	Deb to send press release to Margaret and, Carolyn to put in Drug Collection in city newsletters.	

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	<p>Numbers are going up due to the one-pot method makes it very easy to cook and use. When Christine returns, she will be focusing on the development of educational materials that we can use to advise homeowners who are trying to do cleanup. Margaret suggested that the department send a letter outlining the trends we're seeing, what we anticipate we will be able to continue to do, if the state decides to not continue funding, or reduces funding. It sets the stage for putting plans out there on how we will proceed, should we have no other funding, and they may come up with ideas to assist with the funding if needed. Jim Rutherford is taking a new position with Calhoun County; he will be the new Health Officer with that county. He will begin the first week in September. He will be missed.</p> <p>Kyle S. - inquired as to what was happening with Emerald Ash Borer Situation. Kathy Buckham mentioned that the funding has been used up and the staff has been cut. She will bring in materials for an update or contact the MDA for an update.</p> <p>Mark M. – He is still working on his teaching schedule.</p> <p>Margaret O. - Just a mention about the publicity on the Heroin issue in Portage. Portage is working with parents and the public schools on dealing with the issue, however, the main issue is teenage drinking, and alcohol is the gateway drug. The media does not address this because they become tired of dealing with it. She is serving on a task force that is focusing on alcohol and teens.</p> <p>Kathy B – Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program – (MAEAP) this is clean water money. The MDEQ pulled funding, however the EPA at the federal level has told the state they must come up with the funds for the program. She may be requesting a letter of support in the near future from the committee for this.</p>	<p>Kathy Buckham to contact Ryan from MDA to update Emerald Ash Borer at the October or November Meeting.</p>	