

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

August 12, 2014

Present: Francis Bell, Daniel Moyle, Richard Ford, Kevin Wordelman, Stephanie Moore, Mike Wetzal, Jim Pearson, David Harn, Meredith Place, Andrew Nieboer

Absent: Patricia Crowley, Jeff Sorensen, Vern Johnson,

Environmental Health: Lynn Norman, Gillian Stoltman, Jeff Reicherts, Hope Stanley, Chelsea Frederick, Jennifer Kosak

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes for January were approved. Motion was made by Daniel Moyle and second by Meredith Place		
4. EH Updates	<p>Jennifer Kosak: HHW had a successful summer. They are open the second Saturday of the month except for August and September due to fairground events.</p> <p>LWW: Two specialist and one groundwater specialist are trained.</p> <p>Food Safety and Facilities: It has been very busy with outdoor events and pools that have to be sampled.</p> <p>Lab: The lab has started to do nitrate samples. They will also start to do the QPCR surface water testing for faster beach results.</p> <p>FileBound: There are 5 townships scanned. HHW also started scanning and most of the groundwater files have been scanned.</p> <p>GRUZ: KL GRUZ is in the works.</p>		
5. HCS QI Journey – Dr. Gillian Stoltman	Gillian: There are many programs in the HCS department and professionals implementing those programs. Quality in programs has been very important. How quality is access and review has been driving by were funding comes. All of		

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	<p>our programs are funded by tax dollars or grants. Whenever funding is received, it's the grant source that tells us the quality standards. These are usually minimum standards. The leadership in this department felt that much more is done than just the minimum. In the past few months it was decided to approach quality in a much more proactive way not just simply to meet accreditation standards but do better than this. Quality improvements is already implemented in various programs but not in any systematic or data driven way. Based on this HCS applied for and did get funding to assist in a department wide quality improvement plan. Funding was received to help get ready for developing a performance management plan which will include quality improvement. Back in March the funding was received to put together a quality improvement team to look at all the components of developing a quality improvement plan. HCS wants to make sure that there is a systematic approach throughout the departments on how to improve performance standards and goals to achieve the quality of programs. A consultant was hired to assist in this. The grant ends at the end of August and a performance management plan has to be provided the state of Michigan our. There will also be a quality improvement council within the department of all levels. The council will become experts in the field of quality improvement. All departments will be setting their own standards on what they want to achieve. These will be track on a regular basis. If the program is not meeting its goals, then the expectation is to put in place a quality improvement plan. The plan will then be review by the council who will offer advice, help and monitor closely to get it back on track. Another part of the performance management is a systematic approach towards work force development and training employees correctly. HCS decisions are based on data, and want a more systematic way on how data is being used. The grant finishes at the end of August but the real work start in September. This</p>		

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	<p>will be rolled out to the staff and there will be a lot of training for staff on quality improvement. The overall intent of this is to improve the services that are providing the citizens of this county. This will be part of another project that is being looked at to subject this department to a National Public Health Accreditation.</p> <p>Discussion and questions by several EHAC members were made on Quality improvement topic. Questions were asked about Summer Food Activities. It was suggested to wait for Vern to answer questions or do a summary on Temporary Food Licenses as well as Special Transitory Food Units.</p>		
<p>6. KL Landfill GRUZ Discussion and Vote</p>	<p>Jim: Vern has recommended that EHAC supports the establishment of KL Landfill GRUZ and send a letter to BOC.</p> <p>Fran: Asked if 338 properties were already connected to public water.</p> <p>Jeff: Yes. Some of the properties kept their well for irrigation purposes.</p> <p>Fran: Asked about the deed restrictions on the properties</p> <p>Jennifer: Either there is a deed restriction on the property or the GRUZ is in place</p> <p>Jeff: He attended the Public Hearing on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are some homeowners reluctant to the GRUZ</p> <p>Meredith: Also attended the Public Hearing. Some citizens were opposed to the GRUZ because of the taste of their well water. Other citizens in support of the GRUZ.</p> <p>Motion was made to support the KL Landfill GRUZ by Meredith and second by Rich.</p> <p>Vote was made and passed 4-1 Voted for it: Meredith, Richard, Andrew, Jim Voted against it: Francis</p>		
<p>7. Member</p>	<p>Kevin: In search of County Administrator.</p>		

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Comments	Jim: Central County Authority- Millage was passed and meeting once a month. Kalamazoo County Central Dispatch- 18 applicants. Soon the semifinalist names will come out. Richard: Portage latex paint drive on 8/22/15. Portage is moving to a single stream recycling in September. Mike: Kalamazoo also looking into single stream recycling.		