

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 6, 2006

Present: Fran Bell, Kathleen Buckham, Pat Krause, Jeff Maddox, Mark Miller, Greg Nichols, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith, John Taylor

Environmental Health: Dana Debruyn, Tom Dewhirst, Jennifer Kosak, Carolyn Hobbs Kreiger, Jeff Reicherts

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Minutes	Accepted as presented		
3. Review of Agenda	Jarrold Sanders, MDEQ, could not make it. Meth update added to Agenda as item 4.		
4. Meth Update	Funding direction for next year was discussed. State has passed legislation, however, it appears to be unfunded. Since the last meeting the county passed the amendment to change the wording on the county's equal opportunity statement, opening the door for funding monies from local foundations. The time frame for obtaining a grant for the meth program from the Arcus foundation has passed, however other foundations have different time frames for applications and approval. If interested in obtaining funds from Arcus next funding opportunity will be letter of inquiry April 1 st , 2007, with formal submittal being May 1 st , 2007. The possibility of changing the focus of the Meth Program from just Meth Labs to Drug Endangered Children may open the program up to additional federal dollars. It was also mentioned that continued pressure needs to be put on local state representatives for funding, and may want to look at a funding situation similar to the way HHW is funded (i.e., pay to play)	J. Rutherford to update committee on future funding at next meeting	
5. CAFO Presentation	Melanie Stoughton passed out a hand-out regarding the Michigan Right to Farm Act, along with a list of websites for further research. It was suggested that the committee	K. Buckham to reschedule Jarrold Sanders, with MDEQ	

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	<p>put together a sheet identifying what we are looking at, the reason why, and what we plan to do with the information collected. Discussed possibility of panel discussion with MDA/DEQ re complaints, ie, origin points, follow-up procedures, time-frame for inspections, etc. Obtaining statistical information as to how many are in the county, how many have had violations, etc. Recommendation was made to look at possibility of visiting a local facility.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Margaret O. suggested a topic for consideration for next year be what options are available for use of closed landfills.</p> <p>Ann N. mentioned that in a consolidation move, Melanie will be moving over to the soil conservation office on October 1st.</p> <p>Tom D. will be returning to EHAC to discuss the current situation at HHW in October.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>		