

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
October 3, 2007

Present: Fran Bell, Kathy Buckham, Deb Cardiff, Mark Miller, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith, David Anderson, Renee Anderson, Chelsea Keck, Matt van Ness, Ricky Ostrowski

Environmental Health: Kim Finkbeiner

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	David Anderson, Kalamazoo City Commissioner, mentioned his interest in promoting a regional sustainability policy. He'd like it to be in conjunction with interested partners in the area, such as municipalities, Kalamazoo College, Western, KVCC. He's interested it being a regional policy, an umbrella policy with regional cooperation. Each group would creating their own indices with what they believe is important to them, and what will work for them, and share best practices with the group. This information can be shared via an annual report to the community, to let them know what we are doing to be environmentally conscious. He would like EHAC to consider supporting this initiative.		
2. Review of Minutes	No quorum. August, September minutes will be added to voted on, along with October at the November meeting	Added to November Agenda	
3. Review of Agenda	No changes		
4. Plug in Partners Resolution	No quorum, unable to vote on resolution.	Forward to November Agenda	
5. Future Topics/updates/Additions	Deb suggested that a few topics, such as Lead, Meth, and the Sanitary Code be put on the agenda as quarterly topics. It was also requested that Food Borne Outbreaks be discussed on a quarterly basis. West Nile Virus, CAFO's, Eco Village, Smoke-free Restaurant Initiative, Anti-Freeze Recycling topics have been covered. Any new suggestions to be added for 2008 would be appreciated. Topics should be prioritized as to which topics, the Committee can have an influence on. The state is currently looking at regulating the Body Art industry. This has the potential to be an issue similar to the Meth situation, where regulations were put in place, but with no means for enforcement.	Deb to provide copy of By Laws to members for discussion at next meeting, for discussion as to what Committee's focus is, and the structure of the committee. Also will have new list of prioritized topics for next meeting.	Deb to put information together an information sheet regarding Body Art regulations for the December meeting
6. EHAC Members Terms	Kathy Buckham, and Kyle Smith will remain on the EHAC Committee. Margaret O'Brien is the representative for the City of Portage. She is up for re-election, and will remain on the Committee if reelected and at the will of Mayor of City of Portage.		

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7. EHAC Meeting Time Change	<p>There has not been a quorum at the last two meetings. Discussion ensued as to whether the meeting day and time were prohibitive to members.</p>	<p>Deb to send e-mail asking for input as to time and day of meetings, also to inquire as to the interest level of remaining on committee for members who have not shown up.</p>	<p>Decision needs to be made, so that room reservations can be made for next year's meetings.</p>
8. Member Comments	<p>Carolyn advised the group of an upcoming meeting with the Environmental Council on October 17th to discuss Grand Rapids Sustainability Program. The meeting is at 4:30, at City Hall. Deb mentioned that HHW has received funding from the capital improvement plan to put up a new pole barn. Construction is to begin within the next two weeks. Meth funding is in place for the next year, this has been possible due to funds received from Community Mental Health of approximately \$80,000. The 3rd quarter report will be sent out on October 15th. Kathy Buckham advised that the conservation district is partially funded by the MDA. Federal funds also come into the office. They are budgeted at \$19,200 per year, and they are housed a federal office so there is no rent, however, their funding from the state is in question. There are 84 offices through the state and 300 million dollars in federal funds come into the state thru the district offices, so please contact your representative to keep us in the state budget.</p>	<p>Carolyn to forward details to Nancy to be emailed to members.</p>	