

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
November 11, 2009**

Present: Jeff Balkema, Fran Bell, Kathy Buckham, Deb Cardiff, Leroy Crabtree, Pat Crowley, Jeanne Himmelein, Pat Krause, Dan Moyle, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, Tom Pederson, Kirsten Rimes, Tom Schwartz

Environmental Health: Kim Finkbeiner, Vern Johnson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Minutes	D. Moyle moved to approve. P. Krause supported. An oral vote taken.	Minutes approved as submitted.	
3. EH Updates	<p>Drug Collection Results: The collection held on September 20<sup>th</sup> serviced over 1800 households, and collected over 4,560 pounds of over the counter and prescription medications, 162 pounds of controlled substances and over 2 million pills. A task group will be formed to see how we can incorporate the collection of prescription drugs into our household hazardous waste program.</p> <p>Meth: Kalamazoo continues to be the most popular county, so far there have been 135 busts in 2009, and this exceeds the previous four years. There are 63 open residences in various states of compliance. On a positive side more than 50% have been cleaned up. The department is still condemning and following up on the cleaning of these residences. There will no longer be quarterly reports sent however, the website is updated monthly.</p> <p>H2K Grant: Environmental Health did not receive the grant from the CDC. It was very competitive, awarding 12 grants nationwide. On the up side, we were not relying on the grant funds to get this program going. The first meeting of the H2K partners was held in September. The next meeting will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. They have established a mission and goals, and are looking at putting together a web page to get the word out. Dawn and Carolyn are on the H2K coalition. Jennifer is continuing to market the program at conferences, and is applying for training for healthy homes in Washington DC, which is paid for through MEHA.</p>		
4. 2010 Agenda Topics	<p>Suggested Topics are:</p> <p>a) Update regarding the DEQ and what that agency is going to look like once combined with the DNR.</p> <p>b) Update on the MSU extension agency since there have been changes and streamlining the agency talked about. It is expected that more will be known about the transition in January. Deb C. suggested this be a topic in January.</p> <p>c) Point of Sale on Real Estate Transactions in the county. 10 counties do this, should Kalamazoo? Should the Health Department certify 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspectors? Should this be mandated?</p> <p>d) Alternative Revenue Sources</p> <p>e) Alternative Government Programs, especially regarding the great</p>		

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	<p>lakes, wetland and grassland restoration, stream bank restoration. Kalamazoo appears to be lacking behind other counties in participating in these endeavors.</p> <p>f) Kalamazoo Foundation/Kalamazoo River Coalition is having a program August 14<sup>th</sup>. EHAC should check into participating.</p> <p>g) Conservation District funding has been eliminated; we may need to have an update on the status of this agency and what it will be doing.</p> <p>h) Program updates to be changed to twice a year, instead of every quarter.</p> <p>i) Joint meeting with Portage and Kalamazoo Environmental Boards twice a year. It would be nice to get updates from Kalamazoo Environmental Council and the Portage Environmental Council. Would be nice to meet with them twice a year, to see what they are doing and focusing on for possible joint efforts.</p> <p>j) An update as to the progress of the county's sustainability effort. This topic will also be discussed in December to give everyone a chance to brainstorm other ideas.</p>		
5. Citizen Comments	<p>Carolyn: There are two venues this week regarding sustainability, and the progress being made. There will be a workshop at the Fetzer Center from 8-12 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at WMU, Snyder Hall, Room 2000 Maureen Hart will be giving a speech on sustainability indicators project.</p> <p>Pat Crowley: Continuing to work on permits and permitting</p> <p>Dan Moyle: Several counties have applied and installed outdoor wood-burners for their garage facilities.</p> <p>Deb Cardiff: Will not be at next meeting, will be at Emergency Response training in Alabama. Tom Dewhirst will be assisting Margaret. Look forward to seeing everyone in January.</p> <p>Jeanne Himmelein: will also not be able to attend the next meeting, she will be in Grand Rapids for meetings.</p>		