

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

November 9, 2011

Present: Pat Krause, Deb Cardiff, Fran Bell, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Pat Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Jack Urban, John O'Keefe, Jim Pearson

Absent: Kirsten Rimes, Jeannie Himmelein, Dawn Potter-Williams, Tom Pederson, and Kathy Buckham

Environmental Health: Heather Nicholas, Carolyn Hobbs Kreiger, Kim Finkbeiner, Linda Wright

Citizens: Heidi Bryant

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	Heidi Bryant commented on the discussion about the Allied site - she has concerns as a geologist removing sediments that have been buried for many years and what the potential of bringing the contaminants into groundwater could be.		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. EH Update	<p>Deb wanted to mention the huge success of all of the hard work that Tom Dewhirst has put in over the last two years with the medication work group, with substance abuse and working with area pharmacists and hospital personnel. The red med boxes are at four locations and we have been contacted by the City of Schoolcraft saying that they are interested in having one also. Tom will be sending out a letter to all of the small law enforcement agencies to see if there is an interest. Substance Abuse has taken over the education component of this and Deb said that this is a huge success due to all of Tom's hard work.</p> <p>Deb received correspondence from the Oshtemo Township supervisor supporting a Time of Sale Program if we decide to move in that direction.</p> <p>Budget reductions – effective January 1, 2011 there will be reductions in the regional laboratory here in Kalamazoo. Lansing has decided that they want to have all the regional clinical lab specimens sent to them and the regional labs</p>		

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	<p>took a huge cut in revenue. There has been a reduction in services and personnel. Our lab will remain in operation with 2.5 FTE's and will be conducting some simple in house clinical STD testing's that are not labor intensive and will continue to do bacteriological water testing for the county programs only. They will not be doing partial chemical testing at all but they will continue to provide surface water testing. They will continue to provide services for our swimming pool operators. Deb has requested quotes from a couple labs for nitrate testing and she will make the decision on which one we will be using. All of this information will be on our web site sometime in December and also an updated fee schedule.</p>		
<p>4. Allied Site PCB Resolution – Deb, Jack Urban</p>	<p>Mike gave a presentation of the summary and costs of clean up of the Allied Paper site.</p> <p>Jack handed out a revised draft of the resolution. Updates were made to it and Jack said that he will carry this to the Board in the next few weeks. Pat said that we are addressing this issue as a Public Health Issue exclusive of the cost factor. Leroy supported the revised resolution as amended and Aud supported the motion.</p>		
<p>5. Member Comments</p>	<p>Aud – green drinks will be at Old Dog Tavern on November 22, 2011. The gathering is titled “You Are the Presentation” so anyone attending can talk about an event or program they may have going on. There will not be a green drinks in December.</p> <p>Pat C – The sustainability business work group that the Chamber of Commerce had at the expo was really nice.</p> <p>The drain office got a new grant from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to do some more storm water demonstrations in the City of Kalamazoo.</p>		