

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 5, 2008

Present: Fran Bell, Bryan Bowne, Deb Cardiff, Pat Krause, Mark Miller, Greg Nichols, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter Williams, John Taylor, Ed Moreland

Environmental Health: Kim Finkbeiner, Vern Johnson, Heather Nicholas, Dan O'Donoghue, Zak Peiffer

Absent: Jeff Balkema, Kathleen Buckham, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Approval Of Minutes	Pat K. moved to approve as written, Ann N. supported motion.	Motion passed.	
3. Membership/ Bylaws Update	Letters were sent out to 25 Village Mayors and Supervisors in the County advising of them of EHAC, and inviting them to participate. A letter was also sent to the Road Commission inviting participation, Mr. Ed Moreland, from the Road Commission is in attendance at today's meeting. The Road Commission will decide who will become the permanent Road Commission Representative in January. Bylaws will be on the January Agenda, to give the group a chance to go over the bylaws, and propose any changes members feel are necessary. If we do make edits, they will be submitted in a brief to the BOC in February. New meeting time for our next meeting is January 9 th . It is the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 instead of 8:30, in this same room.		
4. Body Art	Deb gave a power point presentation regarding Body Art. The state is proposing a regulation for Body Art/Tattooing. It does not include ear lobe piercing, or permanent cosmetics, or hair removal or implants. The regulation, SB-593 is on tract and likely to be passed into law in January or February of next year, it has had strong	Bryan Bowne has contacts within the body art studios in the area and will contact a couple of owners to attend	Questions were raised as to who inspects Doctors office, and wouldn't this be similar, and should they be

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	<p>backing from Red Cross. They want to be able to decrease the wait time that one may donate blood after getting a tattoo. The senate bill creates the requirement for a facility license effective January 1, 2009. To get the license the facility will have to have an inspection by a local health department. However, the bill does not include any mechanism to perform the inspection. It is very similar to the meth regulations. There is a state law saying this is what you have to do, but no enforcement of it at the local level. A number of counties in the state currently have existing body art regulations. The bill does not mandate that the local health department do the inspection. It says that a local department must do the inspection, so counties can perform this service for surrounding counties. Kalamazoo County at this point does not have any regulations. There is public health data, showing there are diseases associated with body art practices. We have 25 body art facilities in Kalamazoo County. It is recommended that the Environmental Health Bureau be proactive and set up a work group, similar to the meth work group, to investigate industry standards, recommend draft regulations for the public health requirements, along with cost benefit analysis associated with enforcing the regulations to see if this is something the county should be involved in. It is recommended that EHAC move forward to obtain additional information and input so the county can be proactive rather than reactive to future legislation.</p>	<p>the January EHAC meeting for their input on the proposed regulations.</p> <p>It was agreed to move forward to obtain additional information.</p> <p>Fran Bell volunteered to be a participant in the proposed work group if one is put together.</p>	<p>exempt. Deb to look into.</p> <p>Recommendation to send letter to state legislature, as to whether they looked into why or why not include doctors offices, we may be able to get clarification from Representative George.</p>
5. Plug in Partners	<p>Resolution tabled until next meeting, January 9th. A statement of general support may be needed. John Taylor to get with Mark Miller regarding broadening the resolution for a statement of general support.</p>	<p>Place on January Agenda, as first agenda item.</p>	
6. Member Comments	<p>Margaret-Thanks to staff for the continued updates on the meth situation, especially since the work has been ongoing, productive, cooperative, and without the need to ask for additional funding.</p> <p>Ann-MSU Extension and the Nature Center had partnered</p>		

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	<p>and offered a new program in conservation stewardship. Twelve people went through the program and took the testing. This was done because the county had lost the recycling program, and other needs in the environmental stewardship area. We are one of the first in the state to put this in place. The Master Gardner program will be running it's second series within the calendar year at Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery in cooperation with Van Buren County, beginning in February.</p> <p>Fran-With the loss of the County Recycling Coordinator, the new residential waste reduction draft and the issue of the waste reduction ordinance is in the works, with the township supervisors. They are having a meeting with all of their waste-haulers and hope to have this set to go Janaury 1st.</p> <p>Ed Moreland – Thanks for opportunity to attend. Meeting was very interesting.</p> <p>Deb – We just found out that MDCH has another \$100,000 To provide for the clean up of these meth sites. So we can once again begin billing the MDCH for \$800.00 per clean up. Our 2008 Fee schedule is not ready yet, we are still waiting to hear the results of the Maximus Study. We will most likely hear sometime in January. When that happens, I have asked Tammy Lahman, our Finance Manager, to come and explain how the fees are determined, and the fees that will be affected.</p> <p>Fran – One last note, Jeff Reicherts and myself attended the Kalamazoo River Clean up meeting last month. They are willing to provide a report on the meeting if the committee would like one.</p>		