

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

November 11, 2015

Present: Vern Johnson, Patricia Crowley, Jeff Sorensen, Kevin Wordelman, Stephanie Moore, Mike Wetzel, David Harn, Meredith Place, Andrew Nieboer

Absent: Francis Bell, Daniel Moyle, Richard Ford, Jim Pearson

Environmental Health: Jamie McCarthy, Lucus Pols, Shannon, Rachel Stiening

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions	Vern Welcomed Mike Leeuw from EMA Enterprises to EHAC. He has applied to EHAC membership and it will go to the BOARD for approval.		
2. Citizen Comments	Jamie McCarthy: Public Outreach campaign on Fish Consumption Advisory. Name was changed from Fish Consumption Advisory to Eat Sage Fish Guide. There will be brochures and material specific to Kalamazoo.		
3. Approval of Minutes	August Minutes were approved		
4. Member Term Update	Mike Leeuw's term is pending BOARD approval; Jeff Sorensen and Jim Pearson's terms will end in December but will be serving another term. Mike Wetzel will be retiring and Sue Founé will be replacing him. Vern is waiting to hear from Richard Ford to see if he is going to serve another term.		
5. EH Updates	Surface water monitoring program that take place from April to September is looking at a quicker response. Currently a water sample takes 24-30 hours to be analyzed by lab for e-coli. EH is working with the state for a more predictive model to take a look at environmental factors and give beach operators a report for changes if needed. Lab has been a part of a grant with DEQ to use a rapid test utilizing DNA in a 4 hour test. EH wants to issue permits and inspect non potable water		

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	<p>supply or any well drilled in Kalamazoo County. Kalamazoo County is relying on groundwater for potable water needs. EH is seeing dewatering, groundwater heat pump and irrigation wells being put in without permits and inspections. EH will be putting together a stake holding group to start looking at permitting and inspecting. Hopefully this will be done by April to be brought to EHAC and then the BOC. EH staff has been working prepping and scanning all the paper files. Currently EH has scanned in over 172,000 paper files into FileBound. These records will be available to the public once all files have been scanned in. Meredith asked if the GRUZ has come up in BOARD? Kevin's answer was no Vern said there will be a conference call with the KL group. There has been feedback from homeowner that have several irrigation wells that need to go through approval process. There are 7 homeowner that have potable water within the GRUZ and KL group is looking at putting a water softener and water treatment as an incentive to hook up.</p>		
<p>6. Kalamazoo's Food Safety Program-Vern Johnson</p>	<p>Rachel is a restaurant inspector and is also in charge of all the temporary events Rachel did a PowerPoint presentation on the food program. Some of the highlights: History of Food Safety Food borne Illness Risk Factors -Temperature control -Hygienic Practice -Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Program: -The Michigan Modified Food Code (MDARD uses the same) is what is used to do evaluation. -There are 1005 Licensed Food Operations in the county -Over 2000 inspection performed in 2014 -29 YTD food borne outbreak investigation Regulated Licensed Facilities: -Restaurants</p>		

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	<p>-Temporary Food events -Valid for 14 consecutive days in one location -Special Transitory Food Units Rachel talked about the process that is done for an evaluation at a restaurant. Everything is looked at from the back door the customer's plate. All food facility reports are available online</p>		
7. Member Comments	<p>Kevin: The plan is to move HCS to a new build building in Alcott No central depository for needles. It will be great for the county to sponsor a central depository for needles. Pat suggested changing EHAC meeting to every other month Pat asked if EHAC is advertising for EHAC positions. Vern said it is on the website.</p>	Vern will put in next meeting agenda the suggesting of meeting every other month.	