

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

April 13, 2016

Present: Francis Bell, Vern Johnson, Patricia Crowley, Daniel Moyle, Richard Ford, Kevin Wordelman, Jim Pearson, Mike Leeuw, David Harn, Meredith Place, Andrew Nieboer, Shannan Deater

Absent: Jeff Sorensen, Stephanie Moore, John Paquin

Environmental Health: Jeff Reicherts, Chelsea Frederick, Lucus Pols, Hope Stanley, Aaron Hoogenboom

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for January 13, 2016		
4. EHAC Bylaws Changes	Vern handed out the bylaws with changes. EHAC meeting will be held every other month with the right to cancel a meeting if needed. In 2017 meeting will go to the even months starting in February. This will go to BOA for approval. Name change was made for the chair to John Taylor.		
5. EH Program Changes: -Surface Water -Non-Potable Water Well Permitting Program	Chelsea did a presentation on the Surface Water Program. Some of the highlights she talked about where the history of the program, current procedures, changes for 2016 and new signs. EH will be working in conjunction with beach monitors. Some of the changes and goals are to make it easier for the public to understand what is happening when an advisory occurs. Kalamazoo County only issues an advisory and does not close the beach. The current verbiage that is being used gives that impression. Chelsea will be more involved by doing opening season surveys and meeting with whoever is in charge of the beach. At that time beach monitors will get an informal letter with recommendations on things that can be immediately done		

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	<p>to prevent issues before season begins. There will also be an end of the season survey. Media release will still be issues if 1000 colonies are exceeded, if the 30 day geometric mean is exceeded and if the daily geometric is met 3 or more times in a row in one week. The advisories will also be posted on the Kalamazoo website but no media release will be posted if the daily geometric mean is met. The reason for this is because typically the advisory is lifted the next day. In the past there was a problem with the media no putting the lift advisory up. Educational material for the public will be on the website. Chelsea has designed new and updated signs for the parks.</p> <p>Discussion was made: Pat asked what happen to the testing technology to a faster turnaround. Aaron said it has not been finalized and working with DEQ to get it approved. Jim asked how many beaches are monitored. Chelsea said 9 are monitored every Monday. Kevin asked if signs will be geared towards children and if the signs are being done if other languages. Chelsea said not yet but she is open to suggestions to make it easier for the public to interpret.</p> <p>Jeff did a presentation on Non-Potable Water Well Permitting Program. Some of the highlights: Current permitting process and purpose of permitting non-potable water wells. Vern said there is a stakeholder group to go over the draft sanitary code and changes that will need to be made. Changes will come to EHAC for approval and then to BOC. Pat asked if dewatering well will be covered. Vern said dewatering well will not be permitted.</p>		
6. Member Comments	<p>Pat moving forward to in s construction projects.</p> <p>Kevin said John Faul will be the administrator for the county. Negotiating for a new home for HCS in Alcott Meredith- Milwood neighborhood will be doing a clean up</p> <p>Mike Leeuw- New church going up on Gull Road</p> <p>Jim- Voter approved 0.75 mills for county wide transit.</p> <p>Richard- 2<sup>nd</sup> water treatment open house will be April 23</p> <p>Shannon- New video to address common questions about</p>		

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	lead and copper		