

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2019  
9:00 AM-10:00 AM  
Health and Community Services  
311 East Alcott St- Room 361- Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Members Present: Jeff Sorensen, Meredith Place, Michael Boersma, Patricia Crowley, Shannan Deater, David Harn, Vern Johnson, Kristi Lloyd, Andrew Nieboer, Julie Pioch

Members Absent: Louis Parker III, Mike Leeuw, Claudette Reid

Environmental Health: Leah Erlanson, Lucus Pols, Jeff Reicherts, Aaron Hoogenboom, Andy Wert, Chelsea Hayden, Sam VanDuinen, Doug Potter, Jessie Lyke, Rachel Meyer, Alayna Surdock, Celia Banuelos

Also attending: Dan Wood, Jim Rutherford, Debra Lenz, Elizabeth Rochow, Gail Walter, Joseph La Margo, Dr. Ned Walker

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for October 15, 2019		
4. EEE and Vector Illness Presentation: Dr. Ned Walker, MSU Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics	Dr. Ned Walker presented Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Vector Illness information as well as other vector borne illness facts. Dr. Walker explained how EEE virus is transferred through birds and mosquito's that live in hardwood swamps and bogs. EEE has been around since the late 1930's, and was first associated with horses. It had not been reported in humans until the early 1980's. An interesting fact is the number of animal and human cases effected by West Nile Virus are higher than the number of cases of EEE. West Nile Virus is an Urban virus, where		

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	<p>EEE is a rural virus. The reason the state aerial sprayed this fall was to kill the adult mosquitos carrying the virus.</p>		
<p>5. EH Program Updates</p>	<p>On 12/16/19 the County Board will be interviewing for new positions that are open on EHAC. During the next meeting in February 2020 the new members will be introduced. Burroughs Corporation is working with the Environmental Health staff writing the sanitary code section of the Gruz. When they are finished it will be looked at by the Attorney and then presented to the board in March/April 2020.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Vern Johnson-Thanked everyone for their service to EHAC.</p> <p>Jeff Sorensen-Thanked Andrew Nieboer for his service to EHAC, and said Andrew will not be reapplying to serve on the EHAC committee next year.</p> <p>Andrew Nieboer-Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the EHAC committee and for everyone to keep up the good work.</p> <p>Meredith Place-Just approved a contract for a \$90 Million Dollar project with the parks.</p> <p>Pat Crowley-Asked how to transmit concerns about EEE questions being presented to her office. Vern responded they will learn more on Friday. There was a station set up with information for everyone present. There are signs that will be set out at parks and trail heads to make public aware of EEE. Jim Rutherford said they are hosting a debriefing on Friday with other Counties and the State about EEE. Vern said in February we will be holding a stakeholder meeting for the Vector program.</p> <p>Shannon Deater-They are continuing to remove lead and</p>		

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	<p>monitor copper and PFAS in Parchment.</p> <p>Jim Rutherford-HCS is applying for a Medical Marijuana monitoring grant application.</p> <p>Kristi Lloyd-Asked if public meeting could be scheduled for EEE. Vern responded she take a look at the kits that we will be handing out to public and Leah is scheduled to be going out to public events and townships spreading awareness. Kristi stated related to PFAS, it is not just a water issue, PFAS is also a crop and animal issue now.</p> <p>Michael Boersma-The road commission's summer construction has ended. The roads that were of concern have been opened. Riverview Drive is open now. They are into the winter maintenance season now.</p> <p>David Harn-The presentation today was awesome. The MCL's have been through stakeholder review and are now out for public comment. Barring any major changes they are likely to become effective in April.</p> <p>Fran Bell-We have to continue to work hard. It was an excellent presentation. He will be here going into next year.</p> <p>Jeff Sorensen-The next meeting will be February 12, 2020 @ 9:00am</p>		