

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

February 14, 2018

Members Present: Vern Johnson, Kevin Wordelman, Jim Pearson, Meredith Place, Francis Bell, Jeff Sorensen, Shannan Deater, David Harn, David Pawloski, Claudette Reid, Scott McGraw, Louis Parker III

Members Absent: Andrew Nieboer, Patricia Crowley, Julie Pioch, Mike Leeuw

Environmental Health: Lucas Pols, Aaron Hoogenboom, Jennifer Kosak

Also attending: Jim Rutherford

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. 2018 Office Elections	Chair- Jim Pearson Vice Chair- Meredith Place Secretary- Patricia Crowley		
4. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for December 13, 2017		
5. EH Program Updates	<p>Vern Johnson- Accreditation took place last week. We fully met all indicators for required services that we provide. EH LWW also received 6 areas of special recognition. EH FSF had 4 areas of special recognition. Jim Rutherford- they had positive things to say about all of our programs but EH especially. Out of 127+ indicators, HCS met them all. Our mandated services are doing some really good things. Very proud of this accomplishment.</p> <p>Lucas- Zika Virus: We will not have a grant this year for Zika monitoring. We will continue surveillance on a lesser scale. We will collect mosquitos at 2 locations rather than 5, in June and July, perhaps August as well. We are</p>		

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	<p>looking for mosquitos that carry Zika. We will also continue Zika Community outreach.</p> <p>Vern- Staff led program goals: Every year we make program goals that are above and beyond our normal work:</p> <p>Lucus: Goals for LWW: Assure a safe onsite water supply, providing tools for management of onsite wastewater treatment systems; and provide resources for residents to maintain healthy and safe homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide resources and education to Public/Customers • Staff Education • Grow and Improve Excellence <p>Jennifer: Goals for HHW: The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center will safely collect, pack and ship hazardous waste materials for the protection of groundwater, promotion of healthier homes and reduction of landfill waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate safety issues for staff and customers • Increase participation and pounds recovered • Participate in special community collections <p>Vern: Goals for FSF: Our Food Safety Program focus is to provide food protection, illness surveillance, and timely response to all food safety issues by assuring our facilities practice active managerial control. We achieve this by providing facility evaluations, trainings, and compliance hearings.</p> <p>Food Service Operators Knowledge and Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service Operators Knowledge and Awareness • FSF Team will Improve Communication with our Food Establishment Owner/Operators • FSF Team will Incorporate new Technology to 		

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	<p style="text-align: center;">enhance our program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSF will Maintain and Build Upon Existing Partnerships • Staff Education <p>EH overall emergent priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PFAS/PFOA –Polyfluoroalkyl Substances • Vapor Intrusion • KL Avenue GRZ Extension – 1.4 DD Level Reduced from 85 ppb to 7.2 ppb • Sharps Program (HCSD and City of Portage) • Non-Potable Water Well Program <p>Aaron- Lab updates: Lab was inspected in December and is fully recertified for the next 3 years. They have clinical inspection this year. They have a continued partnership with DEQ beach sampling. The gonorrhea surveillance project in conjunction with CDC and MDHHS is funded through October this year. Also working on getting lab ready to move. Sharps disposal and paperless project are both in progress.</p> <p>Claudette Reid raised concerns with medical marijuana production and associated large water usage, fertilizer utilization, and drainage. Vern indicated we will discuss where LPH fits into this topic at a future EHAC meeting.</p>		
6. Member Comments	<p>David Harn- All schools will be tested for PFAS now. David stressed the importance of relying on factual data in regards to local PFAS testing.</p> <p>Fran Bell- No Comment</p> <p>Jeff Sorenson- Working on master plan for sewer, in areas of Riverview and Keyes, then McKinley and Riverview, adding another plat on the Westside. They are working with MDARD for low interest long term loans.</p>		

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	<p>Louis Parker III- Investigating on his own and doing research.</p> <p>Vern Johnson – Alcott move looks to be in July. We will likely have our June EHAC meeting at Gull Road building. If members have a topic they would like to discuss let Vern know and he will put it on agenda.</p> <p>Claudette Reid- Appreciated the overview of EH goals.</p> <p>Scott McGraw- Many new buildings are in the works for the county, they are putting a lot of needed resources into these new facilities.</p> <p>Kevin Wordelman- Thank you for your patience with Alcott Street. The State DHHS office will likely locate next to HCS on Alcott Street.</p> <p>Meredith Place- Portage Planning Commission is reviewing land use policies regarding medical marijuana. They made a recommendation that will be reviewed February 27th. She asked if potential County Parks drilling would be on an EHAC agenda.</p> <p>Shannan Deater- Field services are very busy with water main breaks this time of year. Congratulations EH on audit success.</p> <p>David Pawloski- Has used HHW many times over the years and appreciates that program. Pothole season is coming with the thaw and freeze cycles. Pothole locations can be posted on their website by citizens.</p> <p>Jim Pearson- Next meeting April 11th. Adjourned.</p>		

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