

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

April 13, 2011

Present: Pat Krause, Francis Bell, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Patricia Crowley, Tom Pederson, Daniel Moyle and Patricia Randall

Absent: Jack Urban, Leroy Crabtree, Jeannie Himmelein and Kathy Buckham

Environmental Health and HCS Staff: Deb Cardiff, Kim Finkbeiner, Todd Jaranowski, Heather Nicholas, Max Bjorkman and Linda Wright,

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. EH Program Updates	<p>National Drug Take Back Day is sponsored by the DEA and will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. There will be three locations for collection – 1) Kalamazo Police Dept, 2) Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, 3) HHW and hopefully one at the City of Portage. This is a special event and they will be taking pills only.</p> <p>We have been participating in meetings with the Public Health Group on steps that need to be in place to lift the ban on the Kalamazoo River and change that out with an advisory depending on the conditions of the River and the testing that has been done. Deb is hopeful that there will be portions of the Kalamazoo River that will have the ban lifted by late spring/early summer. She is attending a meeting tomorrow in Marshall and they will be putting together a press release that will go out simultaneously in Calhoun and Kalamazoo County that will let the community know what steps will be in place to lift the ban.</p>		
4. Phosphorous Ban	Pat said that he was not aware until he was read an article recently that a law was passed in January banning		

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	<p>the use of phosphorous in the state of Michigan. Deb said they are expecting someone from the Dept of Agriculture at their next MALEHA meeting to provide information on what their intent is as far as enforcement so we are all aware.</p>		
<p>5. Matrix for EH Programs/Funding</p>	<p>Deb put together a Matrix for Environmental Health Programs/Funding and said that this is an opportunity to share and educate you on the programs that we provide. She went through it and talked about each program and explained that our three core programs have always been Food, Water and Septic and are mandated programs from the Public Health Code that every local health dept will participate in.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Fran asked where we are at with Time of Sale inspections – Pat suggested to Deb that we list it as an education item on the Agenda (probably June).</p> <p>Aud- On April 21 the Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum spring event is going to be on Sustainability 101 and will be at Pierce Cedar Creek.</p> <p>The Portage Green-a-thon will be celebrated on April 23rd at the Celery Flats. There is no charge for a display table and is open to any green business association.</p> <p>Green Drinks will be April 26th at the Strutt and members of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail will be there to discuss upcoming events.</p> <p>Pat C – The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a green expo in September .</p> <p>Patricia – Last evening the Portage Council approved six chickens to each household.</p>		