

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

June 8, 2011

Present: Francis Bell, Deb Cardiff, Kathy Buckham, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Daniel Moyle, Dawn Potter-Williams, Patricia Randall, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Jim Pearson, John O'Keefe and Heidi Bryant

Absent: Jack Urban, Jeannie Himmelein, Pat Krause and Tom Pederson,

Environmental Health Staff: Kim Finkbeiner, Vern Johnson, Heather Nicholas, Max Bjorkman and Gracie Arévalo

Others: Heidi Bryant

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| 1. Citizen Comments | No Comments | | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | Minutes Approved | | |
| 3. Time of Sale Presentation | <p>Deb welcomed new members Jim Pearson and John O'Keefe. Deb did a PowerPoint presentation of the history Time of Sale program and talked about Berry Eaton's mandated Time of Sale. She also stated that two local units of government that are looking in pursuing their own mandated Time of Sale program. Over the past 6 years there has been a decrease in the service due to private businesses providing the same service.</p> <p>Kim talked about the public health impact and concerns, and explained the affects of a failed system on the homeowner and the community. Kim explained what the Health Department considers a risk does not guarantee that a private business will also consider it a risk. Kim explained that single program will give consistent information and education to homeowners.</p> <p>Max talked about Barry Eaton's Time of Sale program. They have a list of registered evaluators to do the evaluations and give a report to the Health Department who then review the data. If there's a problem the Health Department confirms it. Health Department is the only one that can do the transfer of the property. The evaluation has to be done every time a property changes</p> | <p>Fran to contact MTA president regarding presentation for t Township Supervisors regarding TOS</p> | <p>Contact made presentation tentatively planned for July 27</p> |

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| | <p>owners. If there is problem it has to be fixed before the transfer of the property can be done. Deb commented that Barry Eaton's staff does not perform the evaluations. Deb asked EHAC for their opinion on the service that we currently provide on the Time of Sale program. She also stated that this is only an informative meeting, and it is the first step that is being taken towards a mandated Time of Sale program.</p> <p>Aud asked if private sectors asked for a Time of Sale. Deb said no.</p> <p>Fran said he would like to see this go through as a first step towards a state level mandated inspection on regular basis.</p> <p>It was concluded that as a second step toward Time of Sale Program the Environmental Health Department will be to do a presentation at the Kalamazoo County Michigan Township Association. Information will then be brought back to EHAC for further discussion.</p> | | |
| 6. Member Comments | <p>Deb- Kalamazoo County has the first container program for Meth in the state of Michigan. Law enforcement is being trained on this. They are responsible for picking up after a bust and taking it to a container for temporary storage. Pick up will be once a quarter. Mike said there will training in the fall.</p> <p>Kathy- Michigan Farmer Magazine is out and Governor Snyder is supporting the Michigan Ag Environmental Assurance Program. The magazine mentioned the Clean Sweep Program.</p> <p>Aud- Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forums quarterly meeting is on June 16th at Bronson's campus auditorium. The topic will be about business recycling. Green Drinks will be June 28th at the Strutt. There will be a representative from MichiganGreen.org.</p> <p>John- Looking forward to being an EHAC member</p> | | |

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| | Pat- Visited Emergency Management last week. There were 2 portable units that would identify over three thousand compounds on site. | | |