

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

September 14, 2011

Present.: Deb Cardiff, Pat Krause, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Daniel Moyle, Dawn Potter-Williams, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Aud Wierenga, Jim Pearson, John O’Keefe, Tom Pederson and Kathy Buckham

Absent: Francis Bell, Patricia Randall, Jack Urban Jeannie Himmelein

Environmental Health Staff: Kim Finkbeiner, Vern Johnson, Heather Nicholas, Linda Wright

Other: Jim Whitehead

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	No Comments		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. EH Updates - Deb	<p>Vern and his staff worked on a “Concession Stand Food Safety” poster that targets the key components of food safety. The State of Michigan liked it so much that they are going to use it for the whole state. These posters are hand delivered by food staff when they go out to do their initial inspection of the concession stands.</p> <p>There will be a medicine collection on October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Expo – they are expecting a very large turnout.</p> <p>We are continuing with the permanent drop collection boxes that are being purchased with clean sweep dollars. They should be delivered by the end of September and hopefully in place by October 1. We will be painting and labeling them and they will be distributed to the City of Portage Police Dept, Sheriff Dept and the City of Kalamazoo.</p>		
4. Time of Sale Discussion	Two months ago Kim, Deb and Max gave a presentation about how the time of sale program got started in Kalamazoo County and how it has changed. They also gave an example of a County Mandated time of Sale		

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	<p>program and they asked if you thought that the service we provide is sufficient or do you think we should lobby and move toward a time of sale program. It was decided that we get feedback from the Townships. Deb and Kim presented it to the Township Supervisors at their monthly meeting. We received feedback from Rich Pierson who is with the Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority and received an email from Tim Hudson who is the President of the Township Supervisors. The presentation went well and it was pretty overwhelming from them as to why wouldn't the county do this – so they were pretty well in support of it. Kim and Deb also met with Margaret O'Brien, and Robin Pompey of the greater Association of realtors, Dale Shugars and the Home Builders Association – this group is not in support of the time of sale program.</p> <p>Deb asked that as an advisory board to the county commissioners do you feel that it is something that we need to move forward with? If it is something that you believe we should move on with, she will start preparing to make a presentation to the board of Commissioners at a Committee of the Whole meeting to get their blessing or not. Deb then asked for discussion from everyone.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why don't we keep the reports on file from the other inspectors</li> <li>- Leroy said that he thought we should move ahead with this – he believes that it is important to have a standardized process in the county and have a data base to prove public safety issues.</li> <li>- Kirsten asked if the inspections were required now and who requires them; lending agency's normally require the inspection except for certain instances.</li> <li>- Difference in cost between third party and our</li> </ul>		

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	<p>inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The county will be certifying the evaluator at our office so we would have to put together a training plan for them and there would probably be an exam they would have to take</li> <li>- Turnaround time?</li> <li>- Aud said that we are an Environmental Advisory Committee and she believes that this is an issue that falls under these criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Deb said she would like a letter of support from the group and Pat asked if it would help to have someone from Barry Eaton come and speak to the group. Leroy said that he did not think the realtors needed to be brought in on the discussion and Kirsten agreed. Deb said that they will be able to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting with the Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>John made a motion to move forward to the Board of Commissioners with this time of sale proposal and let Environmental Health come up with a program and we would solicit EHAC involvement. Motion passes.</p> <p>Deb said she will be sharing the proposal with the group before it is taken to the Board of Commissioners.</p>		
5. Member Comments	<p>Aud- Green Drinks will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 at the Strutt. David Pietryla will be talking about the Residential Assistance Program.</p> <p>Pat C – The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Green Business Forum at the Fetzer Center on September 22, 2011 and is focused on sustainability.</p>		