

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

September 12, 2012

Present: Fran Bell, Deb Cardiff, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Jeannie Himmelein, Dan Moyle, Dawn Potter-Williams, Patricia Randall, Kirsten Rimes, Mike Wetzel, Jim Pearson, David Harn, Erich Zinser, Luke

Absent: Kathleen Buckham, Jack Urban, John O’Keefe

Environmental Health: Vern Johnson, Gracie Arevalo

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes for the August meeting were approved		
3. Citizen Comments	Luke-Dawn invited him. He is interesting in observing different committees.		
4. EH Updates – Deb Cardiff	We will be interviewing for 2 vacant positions for the LWW staff. The LWW is extremely busy because we are down to 2 staff right now. Deb does not expect the Maximus Study to be done until early next year. This will be brought to EHAC for feedback before moving forward to the BOC		
5. Sanitary Code Revisions	Deb did a PowerPoint presentation on the Sanitary Code Revisions and talked about some of the changes made. All the regulations are housed in the Sanitary Code. This is an intense process every time there are changes made to this document because it has to go through public hearing and the county’s attorney is also involved. Over the past 4-5 years we have been keeping a list of items that need to be modified and edited. The Sanitary Code changes and editing have been done. The documents are being reviewed by the County Attorney Thom Canny. Deb does not have his comments back yet but she does not expect many changes from him. Deb will have his comments by Tuesday September 18 <sup>th</sup> . Changes have been made to 6 articles and wrote a new article for the enforcement and		Deb will forward any major significant comments/changes made to the Sanitary Code by Attorney Thom Canny,

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	<p>involvement to the Body Art program. Deb would like your approval on changes that were made. The articles that were edited are the following: Sewage Treatment Regulation, Article IIIA Public Swimming Pool Water, Article IV Housing Regulation, Enforcement for Non Community Water Supply, Food Protection Program Inspection and Enforcement, and Methamphetamine. Deb will do a brief presentation on October 16<sup>th</sup> to the BOC and then a Public Hearing will follow. She went over some of the changes that were made. A stakeholder group was convened for the sewage regulations. Some of the changes made to the Sewage Regulations were housekeeping and making thing more clearly for a person to understand. After corporate counsel review Deb will sent a red line document to all the Licensed Installers registered in the county. They will have a chance to review the changes and if they have any questions they can contact Deb or go to the Public Hearing.</p> <p>A stakeholder group was also convened for the Housing Regulations. This document has not been updated since 1962. It now focuses on house issues and not building authority matters. One of the big changes that were made is the responsibility for pest, garbage, water and sewage maintenance to the homeowner. The condemnation procedure has been clarified. The Housing Regulation now specifies that it is the homeowner's responsibility to make homes safe. If the owner is a bank we have means to get that information to have a legal authority to let the bank know if there is problem with a property.</p> <p>In the Public Swimming Pool Water Quality Testing the State of Michigan requires public pools to submit samples quarterly. As a local health department we have required more frequent sampling. We have clarified the language that if a pool operator wants to sample only once every 3 months they have to meet specific requirements.</p> <p>The food law will go into law October so we were able to incorporate language changes in this article.</p>		

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	<p>Language was clarified for Non Community Water Supply. Methamphetamine- We changed the title. We got rid of information that was not accurate. Body Art- We had to incorporate the authority to work in the body art program including enforcement of the State law. This is a one page article that authorizes us to legally participate. Deb said that there will be an excel document that list all the changes. Pat asked if EHAC will get a copy of whatever is sent to the BOC-Deb said yes she will send an electronic copy Motion and support was made to support the changes to the Sanitary Code Revision.</p>		
6. Member Comments	<p>David Harn-Next month he will be doing a presentation to EHAC Pat- Kalamazoo River Watershed Council is selecting a new coordinator person</p>		