



KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

HHW Roundtable July 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 Wayne County Department of Public Services
 Attendees:

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| Cindy Foster Kalamazoo HHW Center Specialist | Jon Tulman Washtenaw SWC | Kate Neese Clinton WMC |
| John Demerjian Wayne RRC | Rosemary Graham Allegan SWC | Jerry Maxson Saginaw EHS |
| Partow Guity Macomb HD Toxicologist | Steve Noble DEQ | Whitney Calio Oakland EPC |
| Katharine Tessin MMWA | Mike Allen Ingham EHRS | Rene Franco Ingham EHRS |
| Jeff Krcmarik Eaton RRC | Megan Kretz Kent County DPW (via phone) | Will Garcia Washtenaw Intern – unable to attend |
| Christine Grossman DEQ – unable to attend | Tracy Purrenhage IRIS - unable to attend | |

1. Welcome to Katharine Tessin - Mid-Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) Saginaw County attended for first time.
2. Thank you to John Demerjian for hosting the meeting and providing tasty snacks.
3. Program Updates/Medication Collection Efforts
 - a. Kalamazoo County – Cindy Foster
 - i. Big increase in used oil – other programs also – less oil change facilities accepting oil from homeowners
 - ii. Pesticide disposal up 5,000+ lbs. in 2017 from 2016; Ingham County also huge increase in pesticides collected
 - iii. Still seeing large quantities of CRT TVs; not tapering off yet; only place in County that takes them and for free
 - iv. 6 law enforcement agencies in Kalamazoo that accept all medications; 1-2 Walgreens locations also
 - b. Clinton County – Kate Neese
 - i. 3 law enforcement agencies that accept controlled medications only; plans to add 4th
 - ii. Also hold medication collections with police presence
 - iii. Hold special collection for used sharps at Granger Landfill; disposed in designated cell
 - c. Kent County – Megan Kretz (phoned in)
 - i. Reminder Kent County Waste to Energy (WTE) accepts any yellow jugs left from YJOD program for free
 - ii. May start a medication mail-in program in 2019 that pharmacies could utilize
 - iii. Police stations can use WTE for free incineration of medications
 - d. Macomb County – Partow Guity
 - i. Non-controlled meds collected at Health Department and police departments collecting controlled and non-
 - ii. Working with senior communities and pharmacies
 - e. Oakland County – NOHAZ – Whitney Calio – 16 municipalities participate in the program
 - f. Washtenaw County – Jon Tulman
 - i. School recycling programs – 24 participating – results – schools reduced trash by 33%, 56% and one even 67%
 - ii. Now using Battery Solutions and no longer have to sort batteries by chemistry and tape Lithium
 - g. Wayne County – John Demerjian
 - i. Huge increase in customers and pounds of waste so far this year

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- ii. Average 2,000 customers at each event
- h. Some CVS pharmacy locations accepting medications for safe disposal
- i. DEQ – Steve Noble
 - i. Asking DEQ for money/grant program for counties to develop **permanent** electronics collection sites – more cost-effective/convenient for electronics vendors
 - ii. Solar panels – a “new” hazardous waste – Cleanlites Recycling accepts them
 - iii. Let Steve know if approached by Green For Life (GFL) – where are they sending materials?
 - iv. **Good news! Tire grants now online – out in September and approved/ready to go by October so programs know by winter if grant for following spring**
 - v. **Let Steve know if there are other guidance documents we would like developed by DEQ**
- 4. CESQG and HHW programs at same facilities
 - a. Kalamazoo County - shared information regarding their CESQG program
 - i. forms and policy
 - ii. only accepted by appointment and during non-residential hours
 - iii. payment required
 - b. HHW Programs suspect small businesses using program as homeowners – hard to catch during busy collections
 - c. others prohibited from accepting payment through their program – suggested schedule CESQGs at events where HHW vendor is present – have them accept payment directly
- 5. Capturing customer info
 - a. some programs capture information before collection date while making appointments
 - b. others capture by pen/paper when customer comes in: zip code only **or** name and address **or** if first time user
 - c. no one using tablets or smartphones (yet)
- 6. Future meeting(s):
Monday, Oct 22nd – Kent County Recycling and Education Center
Topics may include:
 - DEQ Recycled Material Market Directory/Recycling Directory
 - DEQ Drug Disposal Map demo (if not before)
 - Any counties, besides Kalamazoo, accept materials from out-of-county/non-participating residents for a fee?