

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING - 19
February 11, 2019 - 5:30 PM**

Committee Members/(Alts) Present

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Michael Winek – (ALT Chip Babst)

Committee Members/ Not Present

Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Richard Swartz

Others Present

Zelda Curtis, GASP
Mike Dzurinko, USS
Mark Dixon, Blue Lens
Stephen D. Hepler, PA DEP Air Quality
Nancy Bernstein, Clean Air Council
Dan Anselrio, Resident
Annie Regan, Penn Future
Amanda Malkowski, USS
Ruth Fauman Fischman, Clean Air Council
Mark Fischman, Citizen
Emily Cleath, Lawrenceville Clean Air Now
Lee Ann Briggs, EMAP/SSDC
Matt Mehalik

ACHD Members Present

Jeff Bailey
Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Tom Lattner
Karen M Sagel
Shannon Sandberg
JoAnn Truchan
Shaun Vozar

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Dan Bricmont called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Action: A quorum was present. All in attendance made their introduction.

2. Chair's Remarks: Civility – Dan Bricmont –

Dan gave mention to the passing of Dr. Walter Goldberg and the many contributions he made to the air quality of Allegheny County. Dan also spoke of the rules of civility with relation to the committee and working together to develop a greater air quality for Allegheny County. Dan invited the members of this committee to serve on an ad hoc committee to maybe create a disclosure form so that all the members have an understanding of the other member's interests and point of views.

3. Approval of Minutes December 11, 2018 and January 2, 2019 meetings

Action: Moved by John Palmiere 2nd by Jeanne Clark unanimous approval.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis - met January 16, 2019 The Liberty BAM has a full year of data and the correlation with the FRM is good. There have been 5 exceedance hours at the Liberty monitor and 1 at the North Braddock monitor this year. The County's firewall has been causing some delays in updating the data to the webpage. It is being worked on. US Steel has agreed to pay for the installation of additional temporary SO2 monitors in the Clairton area. There were comments filed on the EPA website on the SO2 SIP. The EPA has not sent any comments on the draft of the PM 2.5 SIP as it was affected by the government shutdown. At the April Advisory we will ask for approval to go to public comment. The 2018 values will be below the standards of 12 and 35 and controls have been in place, modeling for future and or additional time as the ACHD is still working on the SIP.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday March 3, 2019 at 1:30.

- B. **Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met January 17, 2019. Karen M Sagel gave an explanation of the department's complaint system and how it is used by the enforcement staff. The discussion continued for a proposed half day workshop for municipalities and it will be discussed further during the Clean Air Fund Request. We also chose the poster contest topic for 2019 "Bottles, Bags, and Straws – Breaking the Plastics Habit". The deadline will be March 8th and the winners will be chosen around Earth Day.

The next will be, March 14, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee has not met. The regulations status table has been updated. Bob reminded the committee about why the January 2nd meeting was needed. He then reviewed the Regulatory update.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

5. Clean Air Fund –

A. Request to support a municipal officials training workshop – Sandra Etzel – The Pollution Prevention and Education Subcommittee requests \$15,000 for a half day workshop presented through the Local Government Academy of Pittsburgh. The workshop is to educate the municipalities of Allegheny County on Air Quality topics and give them the resources to handle issues in their communities.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Steven Hvozdoch - unanimous

B. Request to support contracts for technical expertise – Jayme Graham – The request is for \$120,000 to hire professional and technical support on an as-needed basis for such expertise as case analysis, data and technical support, legal support, and medical and toxicology consulting. The request is for 2 years of funding or until the money runs out. The purpose is to have funds available if contracted experts are required for situations that the department needs their help. If the full amount is spent earlier than that, the department may come next year to request additional funds. The current figure is an estimated figure based on the previous need and estimated costs of specific experts. Up until now the department has leaned heavily on what the past experience and knowledge has been and the help of connections of experts loaning help briefly. The anticipation of need in the coming year would strain the generous “loaning of help” that has been depended upon in the past. Jayme also explained why the need for individual technical expertise is important, specifically in when the department needs to go to court. Bob would like more information as to where the money is going. Jeff Bailey explained that not only has the number of court cases increased, they have become more complicated and more cases are going forward to the appellate court too. Jayme Graham agreed that the department can give a semi-annual account of the monies spent.

Action: Moved by Jeanne Clark 2nd by Steven Hvozdoich – unanimous Mark Jeffery and Michael Winek abstained.

6. **Title V Operating Permit Issuance Progress – JoAnn Truchan** – JoAnn Truchan provided a power point presentation showing the progress of the backlog of the Title V permits. JoAnn also gave a detailed explanation of why some permits have not been completed.

7. **Air Quality Review since the US Steel Clairton Works fire – Shaun Vozar** – Shaun discussed how the catastrophic fire at USS Clairton Control Room # 2 affected the air quality of Allegheny County and how the Health Department was responding to this event.

Matt Mehalik – Are the spikes of SO₂ and the PM 2.5 analyzed for when SO₂ peaks vs when PM 2.5 peaks? Shaun said yes, there are some general colorations that are studied per hour. Steve Hepler and Jim Kelly helped to explain that the computational factors that went into these figures were extremely complicated but did take many factors of the environment and the various industries in the area into consideration.

Rachel asked about the new monitors that were being installed. Jayme explained the process of having monitors installed and what the priorities of the Health Department were for monitors. Mark Dixon would like to see a monitor placed in Munhall.

8. **Report of the Air Quality Program – Jayme Graham** the department is hiring engineers to work in the permitting department, an environment epidemiologist, a new senior secretary, and an analyst 1.

9. Other Business/Citizen Comments

Emily Cleath, Lawrenceville Clean Air Now – Would like the county to keep the industries in compliance and straighten the current regulations. They request that the current and additional monitoring is sufficient to provide adequate information on what pollution Clairton is now producing, the Health Department should error on the side of caution and not idle the Clairton Coke works until repairs are completed, and the mandate industries should be forced to slow production on Air Quality days.

Mark Dixon – He really appreciates the efforts the Health Department has been trying to do. He also stated that where monitors are placed pollution is found. He is also very alarmed that there is a cat urine/ammonia odor around his house and would like to know what causes this odor.

10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 07:10 pm. John Palmiere moved to adjourn and Jeanne Clark seconded the motion. The next meeting is April 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham

*All power points and handouts available upon request.