

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING 1-16  
December 12, 2016**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland  
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Jeanne Clark, Alcosan  
Jane Clougherty, Pitt  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
Coleen Davis, USS, Alternate  
Steven Hvozdoch, Clean Water Action  
Joe Osborne, GASP  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group

**Others Present**

Steve Hepler, DEP  
Jennifer Layman, SCA  
Carol Wivell, P2E / Citizen

**Committee Members/(Alts) Not Present**

Jeannine Hammer, EQT  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

**ACHD Members Present**

Jayne Graham  
Alana Conner  
Tom Lattner  
Karen M. Sagel  
JoAnn Truchan

**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**

Dan Bricmont had no remarks.

**3. Approval of Minutes October 17, 2016**

**Action:** Dan Bricmont asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016. Karen M. Sagel made note to correct Rachel Filippini should not be listed as a committee member but as a "others present", and the P2E report section it says, " The subcommittee does not feel the campaign does not do enough to educate about the dangers of open burning, even glorifies it." This should say, "The subcommittee does not feel the campaign does enough to educate about the dangers of open burning, even glorifies it." Dave Mazzocco, PPG is not longer to be listed as a member and Michael Corcoran is now a confirmed member. Jeanne Clark moved to approve and Robert Orchowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jayne Graham asked permission to add an item to the agenda under the Clean Air Fund.

Jayne Graham introduced Sarah Marie Baldi and Dr. Jane Clougherty as new members to the board, and also that, unfortunately, after only one meeting, Dr. Jane Clougherty would be leaving the board, due to a change in residence.

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis reported that the Subcommittee met on November 10, 2016, the county was audited in July by the EPA regarding the monitoring network, the auditors were looking at things not previously scrutinized. There were several significant findings. Jayme Graham noted that several of the items brought up in the audit were never brought up before and that there were new procedures that changed during the year and the county is making adjustment to follow the new procedures. First, improper handling PM2.5 filtering which could change the results, handling procedures were changed August 8, 2016. Second finding, not calculating the residence time in sample probes correctly so several sites were unacceptable. The ACHD is working on validating data from 2014 through 2016, most of them had been corrected by the time of the meeting except for Liberty SO2. The EPA also said the inlet lines on the samples was unacceptable and the county needed to purchase new sample lines. The ozone monitoring season ended October 3, meeting the standard, but with unofficial data. Thus, the state recommended a designation of non-attainment because it was due October 1<sup>st</sup> but may change that recommendation in 2017 once data is final. At the time of the subcommittee meeting there were no SO2 exceedances in 2016. PM2.5 SIP was due October 1, 2016, the county is currently performing base case and future case runs. Local source impact is nearly complete but still need some items from the EPA in order to do the full model run. SO2 SIP work continues with good performance on the model. The final item was the CMU study that was previously brought before this committee, the county wants to form a technical working group with various representatives. The next meeting is January 12, 2016, at 1:30 pm.
- B. **Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Alaina Conner reported that the group met November 17. The group discussed membership in the committee. Shannon Sandberg presented the outreach being done in the ACHD Asbestos Abatement program. Shannon explained that there is a high amount of asbestos in Allegheny County buildings, and so proper removal and disposal is critical. There was a discussion of a Student Conservation Association request, and a Fireplace Change-out update. The committee had a minor setback in the anticipated exchange program. Air Quality is willing to work with as many retailers as wished to work with our program and accepted the rebates, however, because of the purchasing rules, the contracts must respond to a bid, and agreements must be written before going forward. Hoping to start this program January 1, 2017. There was a discussion of the Wood Burning campaign, verbiage used and ideas for the website. The next will be January 19, 2017, at 1:30 PM.
- C. **Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee met for the first time in over a year. They discussed the Commercial Fuel Oil Sulfur Regulation and the adoption of the Federal and State standard for those fuels. Various Article XXI revisions will be coming up for review. Discussed the regulations for the State NOx and VOCs regulation and implementation of state

requirements and if there is needs to be a separate county regulation. Jayme Graham said the County is working on researching if they are required to use the presumptive State rule. Because County cannot inforce State rules, the County needs to see if they can follow the State RACT or if the county has to create their own RACT rule. There is no date for the next meeting.

**5. Purposed Regulation – Sulfur and Fuel Oil**

Tom Lattner – Tom summarized the proposed Sulfur and Fuel Oil Regulation. The State put their purposed ruling out for public comment and Tom shared a few of the public comments. The State decided not to be as stringent with No. 2 fuel oil because of public comment. Allegheny County is taking the final state regulation and only changed wording where necessary for the County, but leaving the authority to temporarily suspend the rule with the state. Jayme explained that the regulations are already in place because of state regulations, Allegheny County just won't be able to enforce them until this becomes effective. Steve Hepler said the EPA will support actions taken by Allegheny County if needed. Biggest difference between State and County is a term "direct momentum transfer" which is a broader term than what the state uses of "combustion unit". Jeanne Clark moved approval to give recommendation to the Board of Health for this to go to public comment, Steven Hvozdoch seconded. Approved for recommendation

**6. Clean Air Fund Request**

- a. Proposal – Student Conservation Association internships (SCA) – Alana Conner requested funding for the SCA program for five internships, a program the Advisory Committee has recommended for the past two years. The program puts students into various environmental organizations around Allegheny County. The requested funding pays half the internships for the students who are working on an air quality project. The group is requesting \$65,000.00. Jeanne Clark asked about ROCIS and Jennifer Layman explained it is a Heinz Endowment Project to help monitor citizens with indoor air quality problems. It is not an incorporated organization; it is an initiative of the Heinz Endowment that no longer receives as much funding. Jayme added that the Health Department is a member of ROCIS and has been since it started. It's more of a collaboration of environmental groups together like GASP and Clean Water. ROCIS does its own fund raising from the five organizations. Orchowski suggested the Health Department does research the programs it funds more closely. Jennifer said these fellows qualify for AmeriCorp Awards so they have to abide by the AmeriCorp laws. Another question was whether there is a conflict with funding an internship with a group like GASP that has taken adversarial positions taken against the Department. Chip recommended this going forward to the Board of Health but put a "block" around GASP and ROCIS. To be recommended to the Health Department for funding, the organizations need to detail and prove that the fellows will not be involved in advocacy against the Health Department. \$39,000 – The motion is to extend funding to partners #1,2,3, but not #4 & 5. Motioned by Robert Orchowski seconded by Jeanne Clark, approved. Joe Osborne abstained.

- b. Change in Clean Air Fund procedures – Jayme introduced the idea that the process of the application to the Clean Air Fund. Alana explained they are trying to make the whole process more formalized. Having a set time of year that applications must be turned in and a set process how they are reviewed and approved.
- c. Clean Air Fund proposal: Carnegie Science Fair – The Health Department has always funded this program. \$7,500 from the Clean Air Fund, to be matched with \$7,500 from the Environmental Health Fund, to award \$5,000 each year for three years. Move to accept application Chip Babst, seconded Steven Hvozdovich, approved.

**7. Title V Operating Permits – Status**

JoAnn Truchan – There is now a spreadsheet on the website shows the status of all Title V permits. Permits in blue are issued, Green coming close to their due date, Orange application are received, Red are permits that have never been received. Permitting is going to focus on keeping up with getting these permits completed. Getting companies to complete requirements can be a problem. Allegheny Ludlum and Eastman Company are under special circumstances; the county is working with the EPA to get these completed. A copy of the press release how to view this list on the website was shared with the committee. Joe Osborne asked if there have been any changed in the department to keep from getting a back-log in the future. JoAnn explained that having the spreadsheet the department is better to keep track of which ones are coming due and due to a lack of staff, the department is redistributing permit loads so that permits can be completed in a more efficient manner.

- 8. Set dates for 2017 Air Advisory Committee meetings -** Jayme Graham provided a list of suggested dates for the Air Advisory Committee to meet in 2017. The proposal is for the second Monday of every even numbered month, with the exception of the month of October because of Columbus Day in which it would be the third week. The dates would be February 13, April 10, June 12, August 14, October 16, and December 11. Subject to checking the interfaith calendar to make sure there are no conflicts, this will be approved on February 13.

- 9. Report of the Air Program –** Jayme Graham - not much to report, moving an engineer over to permitting. Allegheny County is measuring attainment of the 2015 ozone attainment.

- 10. Citizen Comments –** None.

**11. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment.**

The next meeting is February 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm. The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm. Robert Orchowski moved to adjourn and Jeanne Clark seconded the motion.

Draft Minutes transcribed by: Karen M Sagel

Draft Minutes approved by: Jayme Graham