

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM  
MEETING 4-18  
December 10, 2018**

**Committee Members/(Alts) Present**

Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law  
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)  
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN  
Michael Corcoran, PPG  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
Coleen Davis, USS, (ALT US Steel)  
Rachel Filippini, GASP  
Steven Hvozdoovich, Clean Water Action  
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group

**Committee Members/ Not Present**

Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army  
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel  
Richard Swartz  
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council

**Others Present**

Lee Ann Briggs, EMAP/SBDC  
Mark Donatella, US Steel retired  
Stephen Hepler, DEP  
Matt Mehalik, Breath Project  
Ned Mulcahy, GASP  
Annie Regan, Penn Future  
Carol Wivell, Citizen

**ACHD Members Present**

Jeff Bailey  
Sandra Etzel  
Jayme Graham  
Allason Holt  
Tom Lattner  
Karen M Sagel  
Ron Sugar

**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. Approval of Minutes August 13, 2018**

**Action:** Moved by Jeanne Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Orchowski with corrections to typos

**3. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee** – Coleen Davis met November 14, 2017 The camera that was pointed at Shenango is now at the County's office and may be deployed in the Mon Valley in the future. The SO2 SIP is still at EPA. The ACHD has not received any feedback from the EPA regarding the SIP. There will be a Federal Register notice and a public comment period. [Ed. Note: Since the meeting the SIP has been published in the Federal Register on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Comments will be received until December 19, 2018.]

PM-2.5 SIP update: the ACHD is still working on it and expects a draft in January. The PM-2.5 data 2018 through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is only one exceedance. . ACHD is reviewing supporting documents with the EPA in December. It will be in subcommittee review through January, with tentative review by the Air Advisory Committee and Board of Health in March. The New Source Review revisions are

out for public comment until December 18, 2018. The 10 meter weather tower was delivered to ACHD and will be deployed at Clairton with the SODAR. The 2017 Annual Air Quality report is now on the web page.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday January 9, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

- B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee** – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met November 15th. The discussion continued for a proposed half day workshop for municipalities.

The next will be, January 17, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

- C. Regulation Subcommittee** – Robert Orchowski reported the committee has not met. The regulations status table has been updated. Jayme gave a quick update of the 112R (Risk Management Plan) and RACT changes.

The next meeting is to be scheduled.

**4. Election of 2019 Chair and Vice-Chair –**

Chip Babst was nominated by Bob Orchowski seconded by Dan Bricmont and accepted unanimously.

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- 5. Proposed Regulation** – The Health Department is asking for conditional approval of the final new source regulation changes for PM-2.5 precursor chemicals. The comment period still has 8 days left but so far there are no adverse comments. If there continues to be no adverse comments the Department would like to recommend the regulation to the Board of Health for final approval. If there are adverse comments it will be need to be voted on again by the Air Advisory Committee. The regulations in question are §2102.06, Major Sources Locating In or Impacting a Nonattainment Area and §2101.20 Definitions. Tom Lattner gave a brief explanation as to the minor changes that were being made and the significance of having this done by the completion of the SIP. Bob Orchowski did comment that the Regulations Sub-committee did spend significant time cleaning up the wording and clarifying the regulations in question. Coleen Davis asked how an adverse comment would be determined. Jayme explained that it would be left to the Department to judge, however if someone said you should not make this regulation or you should make a change to the regulation, that would be considered an adverse comment.

Motion by Jeanne Clark Seconded by Bob Orchowski

**6. Clean Air Fund – Jayme Graham –**

a. Request to support Clean Air Fund management project. – Ron Sugar. The Department would like to have a resource to interface between the Health Department, Financing Department, Purchasing Department, and the Procurement Department. These grants are a very big task and a request is being made to hire a temporary position that is 75% of a part-time position for one year to get the program moving. Duties will include: write the policies, write the procedures, create RFPs, interface with the various departments and develop the format to follow in the future. The remaining 25% of time will be used to develop a similar program for the Environmental Health Fund, to be paid for out of Environmental health Funds. The request is for \$25,000.00 of Clean Air Fund money to contract this support position. Once this position is ended, the process will then be given to the administration department and factored into the upcoming budget. This will be a contracted position, if less time is needed the contract can be ended.

Motioned by Coleen Davis seconded by Rachel Filippini - Unanimous

b. Update on \$3000, 000 Public Education & Pollution Prevention CAF grants – Jayme discussed the CAF requests and explained how the reviews were done, how the scoring was tallied and who was given the grants. There was a discussion of various improvements that can be made for the next request announcement. A question was raised whether assurances are made that educational activities are not taking extreme positions. Jayme assured that the applicants of this round are not at issue. A suggestion was made to add a statement regarding a balanced, scientific basis to future applications. There were questions about groups that applied for both Education and Pollution Prevention grants. Jayme responded that they were not restricted from applying for both. A suggestion was made that this might be limited in further notices, to allow for a funds to reach a larger audience. There will possibly be another grant period in February with the intention to do grant requests twice a year.

**7. Quality Improvement at ACHD - Allason Holt** - gave a presentation on what the Quality Improvement program is, how it works, and the improvements it has made in the Health Department. She gave examples of previous projects and discussed upcoming projects.

**8. Report of the Air Quality Program – Jayme Graham** the program is still working on the improvements to the Title V program and giving reports to the EPA as to how the backlog is moving forward, there has been a setback losing an engineer who left to go to the State. The program is looking at new software to help with not just permitting but enforcement as well. A workload evaluation showed one permanent engineer and one contracted engineer would be needed to stay on schedule for the three year plan. US Steel had a hearing appealing the \$1,019,000 order and the consequences of the order; it is still in a process and will be going on for some time to come. The Building 1 lawsuit from G.A.S.P. had a hearing early in November, and we are waiting on the final decision from the Court of Common Pleas. Tom Lattner added that the Fireplace Conversion program is moving along. It was in the Pittsburgh Magazine and they are receiving several calls from interested parties.

**9. Other Business/Citizen Comments**

Stephen Hepler – The Low RVP program will be approved and placed on the Federal Registry within the next few weeks.

There were no other statements.

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

The meeting concluded at 07:10 pm. Jeanne moved to adjourn and Bob seconded the motion. The next meeting is February 11, 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.