ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BUILDING #7 – CONFERENCE ROOM
MEETING – 4- 19
June 10, 2019 - 5:30 PM

Committee Members/(Alts) Present
Dan Bricmont, (Chair), Bricmont Law
Sara Marie Baldi, Salvation Army
Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN
Coleen M Davis, US STEEL (Alt US Steel)
Steven Hvozdovich, Clean Water Action
Rachel Filippini, GASP
Robert Orchowski, Hillcrest Group
John Palmiere, Allegheny County Council
Richard Swartz
Michael Winek – (ALT Chip Babst)

Others Present
Lee Ann Briggs, EMAP/SBDC
Stephen D. Hepler, PA DEP Air Quality
Brian Joos, Citizen
Ned Mulcahy, GASP
Carol Wivell, Citizen

Committee Members/ Not Present
Chip Babst, Babst, Calland (Vice Chair)
Michael Corcoran, PPG
Mark Jeffrey, US Steel

ACHD Staff Present
Sandra Etzel
Jayme Graham
Tom Lattner
Jason Maranche
Karen M Sagel
Brandon Turley
Jason Willis

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 –** Several members have contacted him with the desire to create a Committee procedure/conflict of interest statement for the members of the Air Advisory Committee. Dan assigned the task to the Regulation subcommittee.

3. **Approval of Minutes February meeting**
   Michael Winek requested a change in section 5 subpart B to reflect that he abstained from that vote, Dan Bricmont also requested the minutes reflect that Mark Jeffery abstained as well.

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

4. Subcommittee Reports:

A. **Criteria Pollutant/Air Monitoring Subcommittee –** Coleen Davis - met March 30, 2019. The new SO2 temporary monitors were installed in Clairton and West Mifflin, the county also added benzene to the West Mifflin location. It will be a 1 in 3 sampler. The Liberty monitor is also a 1 in 3 sampler. The Liberty TEOM is shut off and replaced by the Thermo BAM which reports the AQI. The Thermo BAM has had a full year correlation with the FRM and it has been working well. The Opal Court TSP Study was discontinued on March 1, 2019

The PM2.5 SIP is on the agenda. The EPA review is ongoing, with potential comments on contingency and model demonstration. Through an email vote the subcommittee had no objections to moving forward and going to public comment. The New Source Review has been enacted, that is also required for the SIP. There was also a discussion on possible contingency measures that could be added as a result of the public comments such as wood burning bounty or exchange while ACHD preformed a culpability evaluation for further action, The SODAR in Clairton is preforming well.

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

B. Pollution Prevention/Education Subcommittee – Rachel Filippini reported the subcommittee met March 14, 2019. The poster contest was judged, and Rachel did not have a list of the winners at this time. They also talked about the Clean Air Fund Request requirements that will be discussed later. The rest of the time was spent discussing the half day workshop and what will be on the agenda. The committee is confident this will be finalized within the next couple meetings. There is currently not a date but possibly early fall.

The next will be, May 16, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

C. Regulation Subcommittee – Robert Orchowski reported the committee did meet on March 25nd. Bob reviewed the Regulations in Progress table. One section under the completed section contained a typo that could lead to misinterpretation of offset ratios; it had to be republished and then sent to the DEP for EPA submittal.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed May 29th at 9:30 AM

5. Clean Air Fund – $150,000 for Pollution Prevention (emissions reduction) – Allason Holt and Brandon Turley gave a presentation on the proposal requesting funds for the Clean Air Funding Requests. As requested before, the department is requesting an amount of $150,000 for a number of Pollution Prevention (emission reduction) projects. Brandon explained the process of reviewing the requests and how they are approved. At the previous P2E meeting the grading rubric was adapted to make it easier on the applicants to not only fill out but qualify for as well. Several members of the Air Advisory Committee objected

to the lack of credit for diversity. Jayme explained that the diversity points were removed due to the amount of time it takes to verify diversity though the county minority process. The present form is extremely complicated and prevented many organizations from applying. By removing this restriction, it opens the opportunity to more organizations to receive the funds. At the $30,000 the majority of applicants are organizations that will not be subcontracting so the need for the diversity application is not required under County procurement policies. Jeanne Clark objected, and said that smaller owned businesses that want to apply for these lesser grants should still be given additional points for being minority owned business as they are more at jeopardy for not having the finances to do projects on their own. Rachel explained that when GASP did their application it was very lengthy and confusing, and the whole process needs to be redesigned. Jayme explained we will still use the County bidding process. Jeanne said these are not the same as the contracting requests and do not need to be so complicated. John Palmiere agreed that this process needs to be slimmed down, the response from the community about how this is done is not worth what it would take to just adjust the application process. At this point 6:30 PM Mr. Palmiere left the meeting, but gave his consent to vote for the proposal with the caveat that we start working on revising this to be more inclusive. After a long discussion this request was this committee bring the request to the BOH for the approval of a Clean Air Fund Request for $150.000 for request of grants $30,000 or less conditioned upon placing a minority business form of some type into the application and in the scoring guide.

Action: Moved by John Palmary 2nd by Steven Hvozdovich – Aye - Steven Hvozdovich, John Palmary, Sara Marie Baldi, Rachel Filippini, John Palmiere, Richard Swartz, Michael Winek. Nay - Jeanne Clark, abstained - Coleen M Davis

6. **Regulation – Commercial Fuel Oil – Request Recommendation to go to Public Comment –** Tom Lattner gave a brief explanation of the Commercial Fuel Oil regulation,

Action: Moved by Steven Hvozdovich 2nd by Coleen Davis - unanimous

7. **PM-2.5 State Implementation Plan for Allegheny County** – Jason Maranche gave a Powerpoint presentation updating the committee on the state of the PM 2.5 SIP. The request for this to go to the BOH for public comment. Jayme clarified that the EPA did have a few areas they wish to discuss; they will likely address then during the comment period. The details and comments will be added but no substantive changes will be made to the current SIP.

Action: Moved by Coleen David 2nd by Jeanne Clark – unanimous

Bob Orchowski gave credit to Jason Maranche and all the people who worked on this because it has been a very long time in the works.

8. **Report of the Air Quality Program – Jayme Graham** the 3-year schedule for the operating permits is on track and should be completed on time. There are specific issues that are being handled with Eastman Chemical and Allegheny Ludlum that may cause a delay in meeting the deadline, but all others are moving along. Update on Clairton Works Fire of December 2018, the Control Room # 2 went back online April 4th. USS Steel is bringing everything back online.

9. Other Business/Citizen Comments

Carol Wivell thanked the committee for the wood stove buyout program as a step in the right direction of fighting the wood smoke pollution in Allegheny County. She also wanted to express her desire of inviting the DEP and the EPA to the proposed half day workshop to help explain their positions in the role of air quality and why Allegheny County has its own Air Quality department. Carol also brought a situation in South Park to the attention of the committee. Over the past few years a residential facility is being smoked out by a neighbor who is burning various materials within their private residence. Although pictures and videos of the owner carrying these materials into the residence there is no way of proving the materials are being burned within the residence. Although the department has investigated this situation extensively, it is the departments stance that it is a private situation that is to be dealt with in a magistrate's court. Stephen Hepler also said that it is the position of the DEP to consider this a private matter as well. After reviewing the information provided by Carol, Coleen Davis, Jeanne Clark, and Bob Orchowski requested a review of what the department has done for this situation and for a review of the open burning regulations. Brian Joos expressed his views of the issues of open burning within Allegheny County and how the problems affect the victims of wood smoke.

*** Amendment to the minutes 06-10-2019

Please consider the following correction to the minutes of 4-8-19 which would much more accurately describe my public comment and intent:

*"Carol Wivell thanked the committee for the **wood stove to gas stove conversion** program as a step in the right direction of fighting the wood smoke pollution in Allegheny County."*

I don't believe the current description in the draft minutes ("wood stove buyout") makes the meaning of my comment clear.

Switching from wood burning to gas burning appliances definitely makes a huge difference in terms of neighborhood street-level concentrated air pollution. The current wood-to-gas fuel conversion incentive is markedly different from previous ACHD wood stove buyout programs. This new approach, where no new wood stoves are being subsidized, deserves applause and was the specific point of my compliment to the department on 4-8-19

10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 07:10 pm. Coleen Davis moved to adjourn and Jeanne Clark seconded the motion. The next meeting is June 10, 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.