

Plan Implementation Advisory Committee Minutes

6/28/21 | 9:00AM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Ohren, Stone, Simmons, Seegert, Bukowski, Naud, Weinert, Williams

Members Absent: Naples

BPW Liaison: Smith

Public Present:

Staff Present: Eggermont, Garramone

Stone called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Roll Call

Weinert is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Simmons is present attending remotely from City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI.

Bukowski is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI

Stone is present and attending remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Williams is present and attending from the City of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, MI.

Smith is present and attending remotely from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Naples is not present.

Naud is present attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Ohren is present and attending remotely from City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI.

Seegert is present and attending remotely from Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of agenda without amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Williams. All in favor.

Approval of 6/14/21 Minutes

Approval of minutes without amendment moved by Ohren, seconded by Naud. All in favor.

Reports and Updates

Eggermont updated the committee on the WRRMA Recycling Quality Improvement Program, now in its second week of cart tagging. WRRMA communities had an initial overall contamination rate of 19.5%. Outreach is underway, and [WRRMA's Facebook page](#) is published.

The County Clean Up Day at Whitmore Lake this past weekend had a good turnout. A tire recycling event in Manchester Township filled up 2/3rds of a 53 foot semi trailer. Eggermont believes these smaller events could expand.

Naud explained NextCycle Michigan is beginning to solicit applications and ideas for submission for the intergovernmental initiatives and public-private partnership track. He wondered if the committee or other County groups could be interested. He added the State Council on Climate Solution has five workgroups, but does not include materials management. Naud is looking for avenues to inform the council on these issues.

Stone noted the Ann Arbor Observer for July has an article on the RAA MRF. Weinert added RAA has a new curbside contract starting this week with the City of Ann Arbor and will now own, operate, and maintain its truck fleet.

Weinert requested regular updates on the approved sponsorship progress. Garramone maintains a quarterly progress form that can be shared.

Eggermont confirmed the Board of Public Works approved the full sponsorship for the U-Haul Refillable Propane project. U-Haul is experiencing delays on the refillable containers.

Williams is working on WWRA's 5-year assessment renewal. He held a successful foam recycling event in June and is planning another for July. Williams may apply for the recycling contamination grant.

Seegert added the restoration of the MRF in Salem Township continues to make progress.

Bukowski noted Maine has created the first packaging producer responsibility bill and it will be signed into effect soon. New York is expected to pass one this year.

Stone announced the Education Subcommittee will learn about the association of mission-based recyclers (AMBR) at its next meeting on Friday, July 9th.

Old Business

Review Program Recommendations

Ohren wondered if the committee would be able to make progress with program recommendations all at once, or if the evaluation committee should work through the recommendations of a few programs at a time. Simmons suggested starting with the two lower priority programs (Medication Take Back and Zero Waste Events), then to devote more time to the higher priority programs at a later meeting.

Eggermont noted that the County has moved towards an outreach and marketing role for the Medication Take Back program. He is anticipating next to work on direct outreach to hospitals, care centers, and the public health department. Ohren emphasized the difficulty in obtaining metrics for the impact of the program.

Naud left at 9:55 am. Smith and Williams left at 9:58 am.

Simmons noted that organizations may be financially motivated to pursue Zero Waste Events to reduce waste disposal costs. Stone wondered if the education subcommittee could work on a Zero Waste Event resource guide.

Ohren suggested reviewing program information and identifying the crucial recommendations for strengthening the programs for discussion at the July meeting.

Weinert asked for more program information to compare between programs including the budget for each program, the full time equivalent staff usage for each program, overall budget and staffing levels for the department including supplemental services/administrative tasks, and any potential for interns.

Bukowski reminded the committee to think of other programs that could address any gaps, like plastic film recycling outreach.

Next Steps

Committee members will review the recommendations and select priority recommendations for each program for discussion at the next meeting, requested a week in advance of the next meeting.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. moved by Ohren, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Isabella Garramone

Minutes approved by *Nancy Y. Stone*
Nancy Y. Stone (Jul 26, 2021 15:28 EDT)

Nancy Stone, Secretary






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