

**Citizen's Advisory Workgroup (CAWG) Meeting Summary
December 17, 2019 {1/21/2020 Final}**

Attendees:

William Barnett	Theresa Landrum	Christina Schroeder
A. J. Birkbeck	Arnie Leriche	Kevin Sehmeyer
Connie Boris	Mitchell Lindstrom	Steve Sliver
Daniel Brown	David Lipscomb	Tony Spaniola
Daniel Buyze	Susan Manente	Betsy Wasilevich
William Creal	Renae Mata	Aaron Weed
Jennifer Carney	Lynn McIntosh	David Winn
Scott Dean	Pam McQueer	Sandy Wynn-Stelt
Jeff Dutton	Gary Pettyjohn	Hal Zweng
Paula Gardner	Kelly Ploehn	
Kory Groetsch	Bob Potocki	
Kenneth Harvey	Ninah Sasy	

The attached presentation was used to help facilitate the discussion.

Meeting Summary

MPART Update:

Steve Sliver informed the Citizen's Advisory Workgroup (CAWG) of the 3 public hearings scheduled in January 2020 on the draft rules for PFAS drinking water standards. The proposed rule set (2019-35 EG) will amend the current rules to provide provisions that reduce exposure to several per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. The provisions include establishment of drinking water standards, sampling requirements, public notification requirements, and laboratory certification criteria.

- January 8th, Grand Rapids
- January 14th, Ann Arbor
- January 16th, Roscommon

Event details can be found on the [MPART Public Meeting Calendar](#). Public Comment Deadline is January 31, 2020.

Steve followed up on the concern that supplies who were tested in 2018 were only provided with recommendations based on the 70 ppt PFOA/PFOS advisory level. He said MPART and the operators are taking several steps to address the contamination and more than just the PFOA/PFOS advisory but cannot document that in all cases to his satisfaction. At this time, we know at least some of the supplies are aware of the more recent public health screening levels and health-based values based on written communications. We also know that state and local health officials and EGLE are talking with the supplies as they get additional monitoring results and consider whether treatment or an alternate source may be needed. And, MPART is in the process of developing protocols for prioritizing these supplies for investigating other wells around them for potential concern relative to the additional PFAS and lower values. MPART is working on this to ensure we can document all supplies are aware and responding appropriately.

[Testing results for all supplies are on the MPART website]

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Steve also announced the collection of more than 34,000 gallons of Class B AFFF began in Lansing on December 12, 2019. This statewide collection effort is scheduled to be completed May 2020.

Lastly, the MPART year-end accomplishments report will be made available by Thursday (12/19/19).

Clean Water Public Advocate:

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Clean Water Public Advocate Ninah Sasy provided a high-level overview of her role with the department. She is very impressed by the work of the CAWG and its previous conversations about transparency. Ninah is excited about how her office can interact with the CAWG going forward to help ensure clean water for Michigan communities.

Update of PFAS Epidemiology Investigations:

Betsy Wasilevich with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided an update on the current PFAS public health studies they are working on around the state. [see attached presentation for details]. Betsy addressed numerous questions and comments from the members, including:

- The investigations do not include people who do not currently reside in the communities.
- For people outside of the study areas interested in getting their blood tested, DHHS will make a list of commercial labs available, and will also advise that individual test results have very limited clinical value to the individual. DHHS does not offer testing.
- The biomonitoring grant does not cover PBB. DHHS is evaluating adding them to subsequent studies.
- Telephone surveys are used because DHHS has an established random digit dial survey in house.
- Gift cards are being offered to incentivize participation.
- DHHS is evaluating how to estimate exposure to PCBs (e.g., Parchment) and other chemicals that might affect the ability to show an association between PFAS and health effects.
- DHHS provide results to individuals, not to their insurance company, and there is no association between the blood level and health effects that could justify implications for insurance.
- Individuals concerned about their results are encouraged to consult their physician. DHHS staff are also available to discuss the results. The results are not for predicting future health risks.
- MDHHS does not have plans to utilize the Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program registry data in the epidemiological health study (Michigan PFAS Exposure and Health Study). Instead, they will be collecting information from participants regarding cancer diagnoses by self-report survey and by abstracting information from medical records.

While DHHS continues to explore other monitoring efforts, Betsy indicated DHHS is following ATSDR criteria that has been laid out for the studies presented which are specific to PFAS contaminate monitoring.

**This presentation was revised changing Oscoda County to Oscoda Township, Iosco County. The revised presentation will be posted to the [CAWG webpage](#).*

November Meeting Summary Approval:

The summary of the previous meeting was shared beforehand, and some general comments were received regarding whether it needed to be more detailed. No specific edits were suggested.

Tony Spaniola objected approval the summary indicating the summary was too brief and missing detail on comments. For example, he commented during the last meeting regarding the need to notify schools with PFAS detections. Considering the concern that Oscoda residents have with the Air Force

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moving toward summaries rather than detailed minutes, it is important that the CAWG set the right example by providing more detail.

The summary will be updated to include Tony's comments on following up with schools and regarding state policy on transparency.

Meeting Summaries vs. Minutes:

Considerable discussion on how detailed the documentation of meetings should be.

Regardless of whether they are called summaries or minutes, they need to be complete, capture what transpired, identify what's been agreed, and any next steps.

Recordings of the meetings should be left on the Webpage long term.

Draft summaries will be provided to the CAWG for suggested edits to ensure they are accurate and as detailed as necessary.

MPART Website:

Members were asked in November's meeting to provide recommendation for improving the website.

Per comments received, Steve provided an overview of recommendation's that have been completed and priority web updates that are working through the process.

Information Sharing Recommendations:

Prior to the meeting Steve emailed members a draft document for consideration. Due to shortage of time, there was limited time to discuss this topic.

A question was raised on if there is a policy or procedure indicating when a FOIA is required, for example. EGLE does not have guidelines stating when a FOIA is required, however going through the FOIA process ensures the requested information is inclusive and adheres to the law. Steve suggested the CAWG could develop recommendations for how information should be shared, for example, what is most important to post on the web so they don't have to be requested through FOIA.

Future meeting dates and agendas:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 *[previously announced January 14, 2020]*

- Information Sharing Continued
- Industrial Pretreatment Program
- Per CAWG recommendation a round robin session will be incorporated into meeting agendas for members to share community highlights.

Homework:

Members to email information sharing ideas due January 7, 2020 to Steve Sliver

SliverS@Michigan.gov and Kelly Ploehn PloehnK@Michigan.gov

CAWG's recommendation when information could be shared vs. going through FOIA – no due date established.

Event details that Tony mentioned:

February 19, 2020 - PFAS/Department of Defense Documentary screening will be held at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor

February 20, 2020 - PBB-PFAS Symposium, details below

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SAVE THE DATE

From PBB to PFAS:
Research and Action to Address Michigan's
Large-Scale Chemical Contaminations

A SYMPOSIUM FEATURING:
Linda S. Birnbaum, PhD, DABT, ATS
Former Director, National Institute of Environmental Health
Sciences and National Toxicology Program

SPEAKERS: MICHELE MARCUS, PhD, Emory University • JANE KEON, Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force • FRANCIS SPANIOLA,
former Michigan State Representative • TONY SPANIOLA, JD • COURTNEY CARIGNAN, PhD, Michigan State University
MORE SPEAKERS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

FEBRUARY 20, 2020 • 9AM-4PM • UM MICHIGAN LEAGUE

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