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Resolution to Support the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Process

Whereas, the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program was introduced in 1998 to assure that all local health departments in the state of Michigan were meeting the required minimum program requirements for mandated governmental public health services; and

Whereas, the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program will complete its 5th cycle of reviews in August 2014; and

Whereas, on average, the 22 local public health departments in Michigan that have received their on-site review as of May 6, 2013 have met 97% of the minimum program requirements, and 12 of those missing 3 or less; and

Whereas, the program has achieved success in assuring local public health departments in the state of Michigan are meeting the minimum program requirements; and

Whereas, a great amount of time and expense is incurred at both the state and local level to conduct and maintain the system; and

Whereas, in a survey conducted by the Michigan Public Health Institute in the spring of 2011, 68% of departments (n=34) indicated that they plan to apply for the voluntary national public health accreditation process; and

Whereas, the national voluntary Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) process is based upon the “10 Essential Services for Public Health” and the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program is primarily based upon contract compliance of mandated services founded in state statutes with a quality improvement component; and

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Community Health was a PHAB Beta Test site and is currently in the process of pursuing PHAB accreditation; and

Whereas, the interest exists within state and local partners to explore options for either integrating the national and state programs or eliminating unnecessary redundancy between the two and ensuring Michigan remains a national leader in public health services; and

Whereas, achieving national accreditation status demonstrates compliance with many of Michigan’s requirements; and

Whereas, achieving national voluntary Public Health Accreditation is an added expense, and should remain a voluntary program with incentives to encourage but not be mandated for local health departments in Michigan;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Michigan Association for Local Public Health endorses the national Public Health Accreditation Board process and encourages both the Michigan Department of Community Health and Michigan's local public health departments to apply when they are able and capable to do so;

Be It Further Resolved that the Michigan Association for Local Public Health supports the incentive that local health departments who achieve PHAB accreditation do not have to participate in the Powers and Duties/QI Supplement of the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program.

Adopted by the MALPH Board of Directors August 12, 2013