

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

MPHI, Okemos, MI

November 15, 2018

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Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Sean Dunleavy, MDARD
Jeremy Hoeh, MDEQ
Dan Dettweiler, MDEQ
Ronda Page, MDEQ

Orlando Todd, MDHHS
Laura de la Rambelje, MDHHS
Mark Miller, PH Consultant
Meghan Swain, MALPH TC

Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ
Steve Crider, MDHHS
Jim Padden, MDARD

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Kristen Schweighoefer at 9:35am
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Regina Young, support by Don Hayduk. Motion carried.
 3. **Approval of September 19, 2018 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
 4. **Approval of October 18, 2018 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
 5. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**

Update on PH Advisory Council and potential changes to funding for local public health in 2019. Recommendations are to be made to the legislature in 2019. It is mandated to update the boiler plate language on funding, with a new funding formula proposed for future funding.

There was general discussion about various items that should be considered when creating the methodology for funding formulas and the additional activities and programs provided by local health since original funding formula was established in 1990's.

b. Treasurer's Report

Currently six payments for Director's Conference are still outstanding. Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

c. MALPH—Meghan Swain

General overview of the election results. Republic majority remains in House and Senate, although majority has narrowed. Gretchen Whitmer will step into role as new Governor in January. Transition team is currently working to set goals and potential department heads. There is an upcoming conference call to discuss public health programs and funding.

Statewide Sanitary Code update—most updated draft was provided for review. MALPH will be waiting until EH Director's vote to decide stance on the bills. There is concern that bills will be fast tracked in lame duck as current Governor would like these bills to pass.

d. MEHA

Brian Cecil emailed update to Kristen. If there are any particular topics MALEHA would like to see at the MEHA AEC, please contact the AEC Committee Chairs. A new logo has been approved by the MEHA Board. MEHA is currently undergoing a third party audit.

Potential topics suggested: PFAS, Residential building & plumbing codes as related to occupancy and regulatory structure.

e. MDEQ—Rhonda Page, Dana DeBruyn, Dan Dettweiler, and Jeremy Hoeh

Rhonda Page—presentation on DEQ Drinking Water IT Modernization Project Updates (PowerPoint slides shared via listserv).

Dan Dettweiler—Statewide PFAS sampling scope has been expanded to include Type 2 daycare facilities. 90% of sampling has been completed for community water supplies and non-community water supplies schools (as of Nov. 2). Letters recently sent to 166 non-transient daycares for notice of future sampling. Letter was sent to the address listed in WaterTrack for owner/operator. More information will be provided to EH directors soon (list of 166 facilities and template letter).

Vern—requested clarification regarding PFOA + PFOS limit of 70ppt and total PFAS value. Is there a database being maintained so that if standards change, the facilities are identified for follow-up? Steve Crider—MDHHS is providing list of facilities to Gov. office of potentially affected facilities if standard is changed. Ian Smith, MDEQ, has the full database of current results, and county specific information can be requested from him.

A guidance document is currently being drafted regarding treatment on a Type 2 system for PFAS and the potential need for permitting from MDEQ. Please contact Dan if you have any questions/concerns/input on treatment oversight and local public health.

Jeremy—The annual Wastewater Conference will be held Jan. 8-10, 2019 at Kellogg Center in Lansing.

Statewide Sanitary Code update—meeting last week with Gov. office, Rep. Lower, Realtors, MDEQ, and Eric Pessell to review concerns raised with previous drafts.

- Funding proposal was created—a supplemental of \$3 million for current fiscal year (2019) for local public health and \$1 million allocated to MDEQ for program oversight. Eric expressed concern that this value was not sufficient to cover the cost of the program. Gov. office was going to revisit funding and determine if

additional funding that may be available. This does not guarantee funding under new Governor.

- Point of Sale—Only Health Departments could adopt a point of sale ordinance. However, ordinance cannot impede sale or require escrow at time of sale.
- Variance from State Requirements—can be granted by Health Officer.
- Qualified local health inspectors would be exempt from the fee to be a “registered inspector”
- Bills do not prevent setting of local fees to cover costs to provide service.

Full House is not scheduled to meet until December 4, 2018. Due to small number of MALEHA membership in attendance, review and vote by the membership will occur electronically within the next week. Vote requested will be YES/NO and a “because” description, but more information will be shared via listserv.

f. **MDARD**—Sean Dunleavy and Jim Padden

Sean Dunleavy—Food Law update will be coming December 14, 2018. This will essentially restart the review process, with goal to move something forward in 2019. Jim Padden will be facilitating this Workgroup, and members will remain the same as those involved early this year.

MDARD is currently working to compile funding history information to provide to the Public Health Advisory group.

Transferring fairs to local health departments will continue. Those departments interested will be contacted, with more information likely to come in December.

Marijuana FAQs have been vetted and approved to be shared (these are specific to medical—recreational still needs to be developed). These will be shared via the listserv soon. LARA is the lead agency and has a twelve month implementation period, and MDARD continues to refer questions received to LARA.

g. **MDHHS**—Orlando Todd, Laura de la Rambelje, and Steve Crider

Laura de la Rambelje--Hepatitis A update: over 900 cases in Michigan. Working on supplemental funding, but will not know until December if funding is approved. Funding will be driven by where outbreaks are occurring.

Additional ELPHS funding has been distributed.

Steve Crider—New water quality EH staff starting soon to provide follow-up for lead/copper and follow-up sampling. There was general discussion regarding when this would be triggered and what services would be provided.

7. **Committee Reports--tabled**

- a. Food
- b. Drinking Water
- c. On-site & Land-use
- d. Legislative
- e. Technology & Training
- f. PFAS
- g. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc

8. **MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees) –tabled**

- a. Medical Waste Pilot Program-none
- b. Harmful Algal Blooms
Meeting to be held next week to review summer season.
- c. Local Inspection at Fairs-none
Will continue in 2019—Sean will provide update at future meeting
- d. Cross Jurisdictional Sharing-none
- e. Communication Workgroup-none
- f. Fentanyl/Carfentanil Workgroup-none
- g. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup-none

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Local Public Health Inventory Infosheet Project—Mark Miller
Local Public Health Inventory factsheets will be created. Examples will be vetted by committee. Mark is looking three volunteers to serve on the committee to help review advocacy documents. Targets for the project are elected officials and staff (those responsible for public policy and resources, and not general public). Additional information will be shared via the listserv.

11. Items from Board

12. Items from Members

- a. Regina Young—requested clarification on what the vote would be on for the Statewide Sanitary Code. Kristen clarified that vote would be to support current draft as written or not—also, comments could be provided as to why/why not. Regina suggested MALEHA should consider how to manage the aging infrastructure of onsite systems moving forward if this current draft fails to pass.

13. Future Agenda/Items

- a. Larry Horvath, LARA
- b. Matt Blakely—presentation on FAQs if medical marijuana passes
- c. Lead Assessments and Water Testing—Healthy Homes
- d. Accreditation Quality Improvement Initiative presentation

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Ken Bowen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 11/15/18

Approved x-xx-2018

_____, MALEHA Secretary