

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

MPHI, Okemos, MI

February 21, 2019

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Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Sean Dunleavy, MDARD
Jeremy Hoeh, MDEQ
Steve Crider, MDHHS

Orlando Todd, MDHHS
Laura de la Rambelje, MDHHS
Tina ?, Genesee TC

Tim Slewinski, MDARD
Lois Graham, MDEQ
Kevin Prebos, DHD #4 TC

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Kristen Schweighoefer at 9:32am
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
 3. **Approval of January 17, 2019, Minutes:** Add Chris Westover, Monroe, to attendees. Motion to approve as amended by Chris Westover, support by Matt Bolang. Motion carried.
 4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**

Written report to be shared via listserv.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**

January MPHI room rental bill has not yet been received. Motion by Chris Klawuhn, support by Tip MacGuire to approve the February Treasurer's Report as amended. Motion carried.
 - c. **MALPH**—Meghan Swain

Brief updated provided to Kristen on Gov. Whitmer's changes to DEQ structure and other state departments (information covered in agency reports).

d. **MEHA**

AEC is in March. Original room block was full, but more room has been added. MEHA audit was recently completed and there were no issues found.

e. **MDEQ—Jeremy Hoeh and Lois Graham**

Jeremy Hoeh—April 22, 2019 is potential implementation date for Gov. Whitmer's changes to the department.

Statewide sanitary code—no new updates for introduction. There was an introductory meeting with new Representative Julie Brixie. She wanted to meet due to environmental background and interest in contamination issues, statewide sanitary code, and other environmental items.

Invitations have been sent out for the upcoming regional swimming pool trainings (currently scheduled in Livingston and Kent Counties). Other trainings for northern Michigan and the UP are being discussed.

Lois Graham—Governor Whitmer has signed 2019-3 to create MPART as a permanent office. There was also a citizen's advisory workgroup created. This is for citizens who live around identified PFAS contaminated areas. Purpose it to help develop communication efforts to the public. Other changes include changes to the MPART website process for posting updates and new information. A separate listing will be posted of areas currently being investigated (as opposed to only confirmed sites as is current process).

Quarterly monitoring for PFAS for those sites above 10 ppt, but less than 70 ppt, PFAS + PFOA are being mapped and will be included on the weekly report that is shared to LHDs.

A brief update was provided on Equus software for laboratory results and sharing of results.

DEQ laboratory is currently working on establishing PFAS testing in house. New staff are being on boarded and methods are being established. It is hoped that the lab will be able to begin testing in the fall of 2019.

f. **MDARD—Sean Dunleavy and Tim Slawinski**

Sean Dunleavy—A survey regarding LHD inspection at fairs was recently sent via the listserv. More information will be forthcoming as it is available.

MPR workgroup will be meeting tomorrow to continue discussing potential changes to MPRs in next cycle.

Due to some recent water quality issues (lead) found at restaurants, additional information on lead in service lines is being shared.

There was a recent meeting with the Department of Education to discuss share tables and food that is brought into the schools.

Department heads and MALEHA and MALPH will be meeting in March with the new MDARD Director.

Tim Slawinski—update on Food Law/Food Code Workgroup. Smaller workgroups will be meeting in week of March 25th. Meeting invites are expected to be sent next week. Full Workgroup will reconvene in early May. From there will hopefully move forward with legislature.

There was general discussion regarding CBD and enforcement in food service facilities (if added to food) as well as potential issues with legalized marihuana moving forward. There are some informational webinars through DEQ relating to industrial grow operation requirements (e.g.

wastewater, air quality, etc.). Information for these webinars is being shared via DEQ newsletters, which can be subscribed to online.

Marihuana recalls and notice of recalls, how are these being handled? LARA, MDARD, LHDs? Thus far, recalls have been based on laboratory results not illness. At this point, any recalls are being headed by LARA. These recall notices can be subscribed to via LARA, but Sean tries to share with MALEHA as they are received.

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

Steve Crider—Provided a brief update on PFAS sampling and results. Scientific literature continues to be reviewed so that standards can reflect the most recent data.

Benton Harbor lead issues are being investigated. Utilizing sequential sampling, the EPA standard flush time of 3-5 minutes was found to be insufficient to reduce lead levels below action levels. Community is being advised to increase flush times prior to use. This is being expanded to supplies that do not have corrosion control and could also have potential issues.

In 2019, a handful of water supplies have been identified for cyanotoxin testing.

Laura de la Rambelje—Provided a brief update on Hep A outbreak. Michigan outbreak has flattened, however surrounding states have continued to see an issue. Ohio is currently seeing 65 new cases per week. This could potentially impact the number of cases seen in Michigan. Funds will be available for outbreak jurisdictions for intervention activities. Also, non-outbreak jurisdictions can reach out to MDHHS for potential funds that may be available for education and outreach.

Orlando Todd—PFAS budget and funding for 2019 was summarized. There are elected officials who are concerned with costs and reimbursement for PFAS response activities, so there has been some push back and additional questions regarding the reimbursement requests received. Due to current environment, MDHHS may reach out with additional guidelines of allowed expenses and may request clarification of charges from LHDs.

Funding formulas for essential local public health services are being reviewed and potential changes are being considered to provide 50/50 cost sharing. Proposed funding formula was based on population and poverty levels. However, as proposed, it would result in 14 jurisdictions losing funding. Supplemental funds were requested to make up budget differences so no jurisdictions would lose funding. The MDHHS report will be shared via listserv when available.

Organizational changes at MDHHS--the new Director is Robert Gordon. There will also be potential changes to program structures with what Chief's oversee. Some positions are currently being posted and filled for Directors/Deputy Directors.

h. **LARA**—Larry Horvath

Tabled

7. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Food**—MPR workgroup is meeting tomorrow. Food Law Workgroup will be meeting March-May.
- b. **Drinking Water**—Committee is currently waiting to hear back from DEQ regarding renewal of Parjanna permit, as it is due for renewal and no application for renewal has been received. At this time, no response has been received from DEQ.
- c. **On-site & Land-use**—Statewide sewage code core principal document will be discussed as a separate agenda item.
- d. **Legislative**—no update at this time

- e. Technology & Training—no update at this time
- f. PFAS—meeting to be rescheduled (last meeting cancelled due to weather)
- g. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc—no update at this time

8. MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees)

- a. Medical Waste Pilot Program—no update at this time
- b. Local Inspection at Fairs—see MDARD updates
- c. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup—see MDEQ updates

9. Old Business

- a. Statewide Sewage Code—Updated Core Principles Document

Review document shared via listserv “Statewide Onsite Wastewater Legislation Environmental Health Core Principles”.

Motion by Scott Smith, support by Paul Andriacchi:

To approve the Core Principle document as submitted.

Discussion

Tony suggested changing the second bullet point under “Funding” header:
“of a comprehensive data collection system”

Tony question if any information be added under “Evaluations” header to include information regarding time of sale programs. There was general discussion regarding pre-emption and time of sale. It was suggested that the “Pre-emption” header be edited to more clearly state in relation to time of sale regulations.

Edits to document:

Add “comprehensive data collection system” language to more broadly encompass potential methods of collection.

Add wording to the “Pre-emption” bullet to clarify time of sale included.

Motion revised by Scott Smith, support by Paul Andriacchi:

Approve document with discussed amendments.

Motion carried.

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Ken Bowen:

To participate on workgroup of MALEHA and MALPH workgroup to review core principle document and work on statewide sanitary code.

Motion amended by Matt Bolang, support by Ken Bowen:

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Motion Carried.

10. New Business

11. Items from Board

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Motion Carried.

12. Items from Members

13. Future Agenda/Items

- a. Review committees and workgroups to determine which are still active/valid

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Westover to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 2/21/19

Approved x-xx-2019

_____, MALEHA Secretary