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Dear Local Public Health Officers:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) *2019 Director's Award to Local Public Health* will be presented during the Annual Michigan Premier Public Health Conference, being held October 15-19, at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti, MI.

MDHHS joins with partners to plan, organize and contribute funding to this conference event. Collaborative efforts have resulted in new partnerships and the subsequent combining of several award programs for presentation at the conference. Specifically, MDHHS will join the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) and the Michigan Public Health Association (MPHA) at the luncheon on October 16, 2019, to present the award.

The *MDHHS Director's Award*, established in 1983, is presented annually to a local health department (LHD) in recognition of excellence in public health. This year's award recognizes LHDs that have implemented and/or are currently implementing innovative programs, interventions or policies that:

- Adopted and adapted strategies to combat the evolving leading causes of illness, injury and premature death;
- Developed strategies for promoting health and well-being that work most effectively for communities of today and tomorrow;
- Identified, analyzed, and distributed information from new and/or real time data sources;
- Built a more integrated, effective health system through collaboration between clinical care and public health; and
- Collaborated with a broad array of partners, including those at the neighborhood level and the non-health sector, to build healthy and vital communities.

Detailed criteria and guidelines for the preparation of the application and a selection process timeline, are attached. Applications for the *MDHHS Director's Award* are to be submitted by **Friday, September 6, 2019**, to MDHHS-LocalHealthServices@michigan.gov.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to highlight your outstanding programs. See you in October!

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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