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Dear Local Public Health Officers:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) *2023 Director's Award to Local Public Health* will be presented during the Annual Michigan Premier Public Health Conference, being held October 2-4, 2023, at Shanty Creek Resort, in Bellaire, Michigan.

A variety of partners join MDHHS to plan, organize, and contribute funding for this conference event. These collaborative efforts have resulted in new partnerships and the subsequent combining of several award programs for presentation at the conference. MDHHS will join Michigan Association for Local Public Health and the Michigan Public Health Association to present the award at a luncheon on October 3, 2023.

Established in 1983, the *MDHHS Director's Award* is presented annually to a LHD in recognition of excellence in public health. This year's award recognizes LHDs that are using innovative approaches to improve health, well-being and equity. Successful awardees will demonstrate they are using innovative approaches by addressing healthy behaviors, community safety, built environment, and/or social/environmental factors.

Nominations from local health departments (LHD) are now being accepted by MDHHS. Award criteria, guidelines, and selection timeline to submit nominations for the 2023 MDHHS Director's Award is attached. **Nominations are due by 5:00 pm EST, on Friday, July 14, 2023, by e-mail to MDHHS-LocalHealthServices@michigan.gov.**

We encourage you to take the opportunity to highlight your outstanding programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sarah Lyon-Callo".

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Attachments

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