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May 23, 2024

Dear Local Public Health Officers:

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) *2024 Director's Award to Local Public Health* will be presented at a luncheon during the annual Michigan Premier Public Health Conference, being held October 14-16, 2024, at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Muskegon Convention Center, Muskegon, Michigan.

Joining MDHHS to present the award, at the luncheon on October 15th, will be the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) and the Michigan Public Health Association (MPHA).

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 **5:00 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2024**, to MDHHS-LocalHealthServices@michigan.gov.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Lyon-Callo'.

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Public Health Administration

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Attachments

c: Division of Local Health Services
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