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Forum Report April 2019

For April, MALEHA's top three priorities remain the statewide onsite sewage disposal code, cannabis products as they intersects local health department programs and updates to the food law/food code.

Statewide Onsite Sewage Disposal Workgroup: I have asked Matt Bolang to coordinate the workgroup between MALPH and MALEHA members to discuss areas of common support for a statewide onsite sewage disposal regulation. Their first meeting will be Thursday May 2.

Cannabis Workgroup: I have asked Vern Johnson to coordinate the workgroup involving discussions on cannabis regulatory intersections with LARA, MDHHS, MALEHA and MDARD. The group is working to find a time that schedules align to hold the first meeting.

Food Code/Food Law: MDARD hosted several topic-specific workgroup meetings for stakeholders to discuss food law changes on March 26 & 27. Tony Drautz, Addie Hambley and Vern Johnson represented MALEHA. The topic areas included 2017 food code adoption, food processing/food processors, food handler training program and a risk rating related to manager certification.

In addition to these topics, DEQ announced their intent to develop an MCL for PFAS in the coming months. The first phase involved a small workgroup tasked with developing a health based number for PFAS, and likely some specific chemicals within the PFAS family. The second phase will be to involve stakeholders. This second workgroup is where I expect MALEHA to be involved.

Finally, we are in a new location for our April meeting. The MALEHA board made the decision to try a new location as a cost saving mechanism. I want to continue to make sure our meetings are accessible for all members, so please provide any feedback you have with your experience on this new location.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Schweighoefer, April 16, 2019