

A Proposed New Vision for Public Health in Michigan

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Graphic Representation of the New Vision for Public Health in Michigan



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VISION GOALS

HEALTH FOR ALL

Improve Life Expectancy for All. All residents have increased life expectancy and an increased quality of life. Life expectancy outcomes are equitable for all.

Reduce Health Disparities for All. Differences in health outcomes between groups are reduced.

Expect Health for All People and Places. Normalized an expectation for health.

Value Public Health for All. The general public and political officials value and trust public health.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A ROBUST AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

An Effective Local Health Department Infrastructure. Equitable local health department structure across the state that meets local needs and delivers accessible programs.

Strong, Authentic State/Local Partnerships. Seamless, trusting state and local relationships with shared decision-making.

Engaged, Talented and Resilient Workforce. Sufficient pipeline for new workers, expanded workforce diversity, and sufficient staff development and funding for growth.

Empowered Public Health Entities. Public health entities have authority and resources.

FLEXIBLE AND INFLATION ADJUSTED PUBLIC FUNDING

Flexible Funding. Non-fragmented funding that supports local needs and provides adequate amounts for all services.

Sustainable Funding. Stable funding that increases with inflation and allows for sufficient investment in every Michigan resident regardless of region.

Minimum Community Health Benefits Funding: Hospitals required to provide minimum community health benefit funding.

HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

Public Health in All Decisions: Broad public health approach, including equity and social determinants of health, incorporated into all decisions.

Support at the Top. Local chief health strategist at all key decision-making tables.

Legislative Support. Legislative allies support health in all policies.

STRONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

Community Engagement. The public, including those with lived experiences, are actively engaged in providing input and feedback into LHD.

Partnership Facilitation. Public health is a convenor of cross-sector partners, including community-based nonprofits.

Cross-Sector Collaboration. Partners take action to support public health goals.

COMMUNITY UNDERSTANDING OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Awareness. The public understands what public health is and why it matters.

Leading by Example. The public sees positive examples of public health in their communities.

Core Public Health Competencies Developed in General Public. Equity, prevention, social determinants of health, & social justice concepts incorporated into education system.

CUTTING EDGE DATA & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT APPROACHES

Reliable, Up-to-Date Data. Current data available for multiple geographic layers (e.g., county, jurisdiction, state) for all public health outcomes.

Quality, Innovative Data Systems. Modern, user-friendly data systems that are efficient and effective for understanding inequities, data reporting, storytelling, and quality improvement.
