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Forum Report August 2019

Summer is here and flying by. Here are a few items that are in progress:

LARA is updating the Sanitarian rules. I met with Wes MacIntosh with LARA on Wednesday July 24 to discuss the revisions. He is very amenable to our suggestions and made notes and changes to the draft of the items submitted by MALEHA. I have sent out the revised rules. He's hoping for feedback by August 30 so he can continue the process. After August 30, the process includes several internal review steps that will take months to complete, including reviews by LARA, the Regulatory Affairs office, the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearing and Rules, and the Legislative Services Bureau. A regulatory impact statement will be created and then a public hearing will be held. In general, Wes noted the entire process takes between 18 months and 2 years. To sign up for emails on this topic, go to: www.michigan.gov/lara and go to email subscriptions on the bottom left of the page

If you have additional comments or concerns, you can reach out to Wes directly at MacintoshW1@michigan.gov.

The MALEHA Annual Director's Conference is coming up quickly! Please try to attend September 18-20 at the RAM Center. This is also the time we seek out nominations to recognize the great work our peers are doing. Please take a moment to nominate someone for one of MALEHA's awards.

The Legionella workgroup is still in the process of getting scheduled. Dates in August were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Right now, dates in early to mid-September are being proposed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Schweighoefer, August 9, 2019