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Forum Report – June 2020

- MALEHA member jurisdictions continue to struggle with Executive Order interpretation and enforcement. Local Health Departments are put in a difficult position and local law enforcement support varies across the state. We have continued with bi-weekly information sharing calls between State agencies to receive program specific updates, and to discuss in more detail local issues which has led to sharing ideas related to potential effective strategies for compliance of the Executive Orders.
- There has been some discussion about the recent MPHI listening sessions and challenges to restarting the Accreditation process. MALEHA is interested in exploring additional collaboration efforts with MPHI and MALPH as we all collectively reevaluate not only the timing of the accreditation process but also to identify opportunities to strengthen the program into the future.
- MDHHS approached MALEHA to support a CDC Environmental Health Capacity grant application. This program will aim to strengthen three component areas: 1) use EH data for data-driven decision making, 2) identify and address EH hazards, and 3) assess the effectiveness and impact of EH services and interventions. MALEHA voted to support this application and a letter was submitted to MDHHS.
- EGLE asked for the Groundwater Committee to review a best practice document related to buried pressure tank installations. This was developed by EGLE in collaboration with the Directors Water Well Advisory Committee. The document received support and will be posted by EGLE.
- MDARD has requested to engage with the Food Committee to discuss the following topics in the upcoming weeks:
 - Evaluate the effectiveness of regional food consultants
 - Standardization and Accreditation
 - Food Law amendments
 - Seasonal operations

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Bolang
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