

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum
Michigan Nature Center, Okemos, MI
Minutes from November 21st 2019

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Non-member Guests:

Sean Dunleavy MDARD

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Kevin Besey MDARD

Laura de la Rambelje MDHHS

Jeremy Hoeh EGLE

Dan Dettweiler EGLE

Ian Smith EGLE

Jason Travis Central MDHD TC

Laura Remus LARA

Matt Gamble EGLE

Kaitlyn DeFauw MDHHS

Christine Alexander EGLE

Brandon Onon EGLE

George Krisztian EGLE

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Matt Bolang at 9:30 am
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Chris Westover, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
3. **Approval September 19, 2019, and October 17 Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Vern Johnson, support by Tony Drautz. Motion Carried.
4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**
 - Matt attended conference in Traverse City hosted by FLOW (For Love of Water)
 - MALPH/MALEHA to meet Dec 11 to discuss next steps forward for Statewide Code discussion
 - Water Well Advisory Group. Matt and Tony represent LPH, along with MGWA, drillers and EGLE Discussion includes statewide technical issues. Minutes to be posted on EGLE website

b. **Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Steve Demick ,support by Kevin Green to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

c. **MALPH**

No report

d. **MEHA**

Looking for nominations for awards and open board positions.

5. **State Department Reports**

a. **EGLE**

Drinking Water Lab Staff discussed bottle changes to accommodate a recent EPA audit. All bottles containing a preservative cannot overflow need to maintain a correct pH in these bottles to prevent rejection of samples. To ensure uniform mixing, BacT bottles need to be filled to be between max and min fill lines. New guidance sheets available online for Sampling instructions, Temperature guidance, and Chain of custody form. PFAS sampling kit are now available to homeowners with a projected 3-10 day turnaround that will be dependent on sampling volumes received in the lab. Since the PFAS compounds are not regulated there is no lab certification program for PFAS. If the rules are promulgated a certified program can be pursued. Need to further discuss with MPART what a State response looks like if homeowners receive elevated PFAS results from self-sampling. The lab is working on updated their current LIMS – Lab Info Management System to a new enhance program later next year. It will enable the lab to send out reports to more than one email and include a new bottle ordering program. The software does have functionality to tie in to SDWIS and some capacity to interphase with other programs.

Christine Alexander: Part 22 permitting unit. Hopeful for future collaboration on situations where mixed sanitary and processing wastewater and high strength waste are being disposed. Situations involving fruit processing, winery, slaughterhouse, marijuana and cider waste will need collaboration between Part 22 staff and LHD. Suggested from LHD that information regarding marijuana wastewater and guidance on % of comingling of wastewater be developed.

Brandon Onan: Currently working on what information needs to be provided to homeowners that want to sample for Lead. Homeowners are not testing as part of a compliance requirement so volumes needed and bottle type are different compared to those testing for compliance reasons. Lead /Copper Community Water testing, most of the 90th percentile result letters have gone out for the last 6 month cycle. Moving forward the next 6 month sampling pool is a smaller one. The Pb/Cu Unit is expanding with additional staff since the Drinking Water Division did get 35 new positions allocated.

George Krisztian: PFAS Rule Making has moved to Public Comment. It can come back to the Environmental Rule Review Committee again if they choose to review again. There are 3 Public meeting scheduled in January and a webinar and the process is on track to get finalized by April/May 2020. A request for an organization chart for both EGLE Drinking Water Division and MDHHS Drinking Water Unit. With some upcoming retirements and hires an updated org chart should be complete in 6 months. Reiterate that the 35 positions will fill the need gaps identified in the Drinking Water unit.

Ian Smith: 61 systems previously identified as in the middle bucket for PFAS will be sampled quarterly in December in addition to some additional locations with previous sampling results of interest.

Jeremy Hoeh: In the interest of time will email a report including training and conference information

Matt Gamble: Private & Type 3 annual evaluations are behind due to staffing. EGLE contracts should be out soon. *Be Well Informed* tool is live on the website

Dan Dettweiler: Non Community Program, Annual Evaluations being scheduled with some LHD completing self-assessments. Distribution Inventory information being sent via email to Non Community Program Coordinators and will be forwarded to this forum also.

Additional Information sent via email:

What is being expected of LHDs regarding the Distribution System Materials Inventory and Sample Siting Plan (DSMI/SSP)?

At least weekly, DWEHD NC Representatives will be forwarding to LHD Noncommunity Program Coordinators (NPC) the electronic files received from nontransient water supplies.

- 1) Every completed DSMI/SSP certification form should be placed in the LHD's WSSN or street file for the supply.
- 2) Cases where the respondent placed a check mark next to 'Lead' require prompt follow up. DWEHD NC Rep and LHDs need to verify with the owner/operator the existence of a lead service line. The water supply owner must inform consumers within 30 days of the possible existence of a lead service line.

If a mistake was made in completing and certifying the DSMI form, EGLE will email a new form to the owner/operator. When the completed replacement DSMI form is received by EGLE, the first form will be marked invalid with the date and reason of invalidation and with the initials of the EGLE person invalidating the form. The replacement and original forms will be forwarded to the LHD.

- 3) Cases where the respondent included additional wording or changes to their custom SSP need follow-up by the LHD to reconcile the SSP in WaterTrack with what the respondent has chosen to communicate on the form.

What about supplies that haven't returned the DSMI/SSP forms?

After December 1, 2019, the DWEHD will send reminder notices to supplies for which a completed DSMI/SSP is not yet on file. A list of these supplies will be forwarded to the NPCs at each LHD. Currently, we have completed forms from a little over half of the 1300 nontransient supplies. - DJD

Environmental Health Programs Unit

- 1) Dave Cotton has returned from medical leave. Please let onsite wastewater program staff know and refer to the new program coverage area map provided on September 26th through the MALEHA List-serve.
- 2) Registration is now open for the 2020 Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference, January 14-16 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Information and online registration are available at the Michigan Septic Tank Association website – www.msta.biz Topics for LHD staff include presentations on the Michigan Criteria, Draft Criteria, EGLE Groundwater Discharge Permitting, and a soils texturing workshop.
- 3) The Onsite Wastewater Program is also planning to hold a two-day Soils Training in spring 2020 and is looking for volunteers to assist with hosting. The Onsite Wastewater Program is also evaluating a regional training approach with the potential for one event in the Upper Peninsula and three events in the Lower Peninsula. This regional training could be specific to onsite wastewater or paired with other EH Programs, such as septage or well construction. This is being considered because of the difficulty in getting needed onsite wastewater topics on the MEHA AEC agenda. We would also be looking for host volunteers for this effort.
- 4) Operating licenses for public swimming pools and campgrounds for 2020 have started to be issued already.

b. MDARD

Kevin Besey – PFAS crop sample results being sent to FDA for review.

Sean Dunleavy – PEER Emergency Preparedness for Food Inspectors. 13 LHD participated. The Gateway Summit was held on Nov 13th. Proposed Marijuana Rules does not prevent a consumption

site being single use only so food could be licensed and served at these sites. Suggest that the forum starts discussion on what food service at consumption sites should look like.

Tim Slawinski: Working on what an appropriate response to Action Level Exceedance for Lead in food establishments. An informational flyer is sent out to LHD for distribution to food service establishment and the same information being distributed via mail to Food establishments. MDARD representative sits on the ALE calls set up with impacted LHD's. Food Safety Education Fund: information will be released regarding award recipients in December. This year the awards were required to be split to Consumer Education and Regulatory Education

c. MDHHS

Laura de La Rambelje: EEE 10 human cases with 6 fatalities. 48 animals; 1 additional horse, 1 mute swan over 18 counties. A meeting is being proposed on December 13th, 1pm in Kalamazoo with video conferencing and details to follow. Meeting will include a briefing on future surveillance and a preliminary conversation on funding.

ELPHS LCSA Update: \$10M from Local Community Stabilization Agency distributed via electronic funds on December 2nd or check in mail. ELPHS MDHHS Budget Update: MDHHS did receive an additional \$6M in its FY 20 Budget for Essential Public Health Services, and the budget language does authorize the new funding formula. MDHHS will provide an update when it is available, and also the individual LHD allocations.

Legionella Work Group will meet again in January.

Body Art Rules: Need for clarification from the Unit Supervisor on what version of the NEHA model is being proposed. MDHHS agreed that a question and answer session with the unit staff/ supervisor to address questions regarding rule interpretation could resolve some of the concerns prior to the Public Hearing set for December 10th.

There is no discussion on local labs being able to accept State vouchers.

Kaitlyn DeFouw: LMDHHS Drinking Water Investigation Unit (DWIU) hotline: 844-934-1315. Typical questions regarding: Action level exceedances (lead or copper), Water filter availability or distribution, Water sampling results (interpretation of results in general/questions about MDHHS sequential sampling investigation results), Water testing (city or private well water), General private well water questions – how to test, what to test for, basic well maintenance (MDHHS/EGLE has new private well factsheets), Health effects related to drinking water exposure. MDHHS DWIU will be working with the EGLE Drinking Water Lab on a decision tree – to make sure that they are all on the same page with communication to homeowners especially with those wanting to test for lead. Kaitlyn can update LHDs if there are changes to the topics covered by the hotline.

d. LARA

Laura Remus- If a LHD is conducting an inspection at a prospective facility or a renewal inspection at a facility with a current Action Level Exceedance and operating with a water filter they should contact LARA directly for guidance. There are some billing issues with these situations since LARA cannot authorize payment for sampling at facilities without a license.

Committee Reports

- Food: Request from President that the food committee be tasked with reviewing the possibility of food service at marijuana consumption sites and also consider the value of the committee meeting more often rather than as needed
- Drinking Water: Minor changes to SA for T3 and Private water. Meeting with EGLE was scheduled in October for Private & Type III MPR discussion
- On-site & Land-use: Suggest that the committee meet frequently

- Legislative: None
- Technology & Training: PowerPoints from Roscommon will be uploaded and made available for review soon. Suggest that at future Director's meeting a roundtable be held to participate on future technology and discuss pros and cons rather than have sales reps discuss products.
- PFAS ad-hoc: Discussion to disband group. Approved by Vern Johnson and support by Steve Demick. Motion carried.
- Lead/Copper: No update

External Workgroups with MALEHA Representation

- MiClear: None
- MALEHA/MALPH Onsite Code
- Legionella: No update
- HAB: Year-end meeting being scheduled
- Vapor Intrusion:

5. FOIA Training - Jennifer Bernstein, Network for Public Health Law presented on the topic.

6. **Old Business** None

7. **New Business:** Suggest members introduce associate members with a few words/sentences. New members that need to be welcomed include Jay VanSteen Full Barry-Eaton. Jackie Bates & Brandon Morril: Associate Washtenaw. Elizabeth Suggit Full LMAS.

Items from Members

Would like future conversation with MDHHS about local public health role and what it truly involves if a LHD is required to act as referenced in the Public Health Code. Need to consider that a public health response takes away manpower from mandated programs and contractual obligations and leaves EH understaffed to meet accreditation demands. At a minimum there needs to be acknowledgement from MDHHS on what demands lead to and how the landscape of local public health has changed. Suggest that EH meet with small groups in the other forums to discuss this

8. **Future Agenda/Items**

- FLOW – Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director (December)
- Lead as an ELPHS program – Tina Reynolds, Michigan Environmental Council (January)
- Pesticide Program Updates – Michael Philip, MDARD (January)
- Michigan League of Conservation Voters (Jan/Feb)
- Proposed: Sanitarian Licensing

Motion by, Kevin Green, support by Steve Demick to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm

**Submitted by Liz Braddock
12 04 2019**

**Approved 1 16 2020
Liz Braddock, MALEHA Secretary**