

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Minutes from June 18th 2020 9:30 AM

Teleconference

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Non-member Guests:

Sean Dunleavy MDARD
Tim Slawinski MDARD
Janine Whitmer MDHHS
Laura de la Rambelje MDHHS
Dana DeBruyn MDEGLE
Jeremy Hoeh MDEGLE
Ian Smith EGLE

Laura Remus LARA
Shane Green MDARD
Becky Kryzanowski MDARD
Rodney Blanchard MDARD
Aaron Ferguson MDHHS

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Matt Bolang at 9:38 AM

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with the addition of MDHHS EPA Grant Discussion by Chris Klawuhn , support Chris Westover. Motion carried
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes for March 19th by Vern Johnson, support Don Hayduk. Motion carried.

Note: No Forum meetings in April or May due to COVID19 Response

4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**

- a. President's Report: An unique couple of months. Appreciates the weekly meeting and discussion regarding EH COVID response and the Executive Orders impacting our EH work.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Motion by George Friday, support by Chris Klawuhn to approve April, May & June Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- c. MALPH Report: None
- d. MEHA Report: New President is Drew Salisbury. Plan is to cancel the AEC for 2020.

5. **State Department Reports:**

a. **MDHHS**

Laura de la Rambelje: Recommend that any request for EO interpretation be submitted in writing since interpretation requests are sent to the Governor' Legal Counsel. With the Accreditation process, MPH I does not have a pre-conceived notion of when to start up again. MPH I are coming to local public health and program managers first with the listening sessions and accreditation conditions will change as they look into this.

Aaron Ferguson: Division of Environmental Health delivered a presentation with a request for a letter of support from MALEHA in support of the grant submittal. The funding opportunity is through the CDC National Center for Environmental Health to strengthen Environmental Health Capacity. This is a 5 year, 3 component proposal and will be internally focused in Year 1 & 2 to include cross division workgroup to bring together all data users to assess how the data is being used internally and also how the data is being used outside of MDHHS. The 2nd component will include work within the private well program (Caitlyn Deffauw) to include piloting additional data tracking in certain counties but unsure which counties. The group has been working with Western UP and reviewing the After Action Plan to the Flood Disaster that affected the region. This would be the 3rd component of the grant and MDHHS want to be better prepared to support local health when an event or a response is needed. Tanya Rule from Western UP indicated that her District is the only declared disaster area during the time frame leading up to the grant and Western UP have been pleased with the funding that is trickling down to them. Any participation from LHD in the pilot program would be voluntary. In the past when MDHHS has expanded programs the trickle down effect to Locals has bene challenging and locals cannot keep up with the ask even if voluntary from State Public Health. Reimbursement from the State has not been able to keep up with the demands placed on LHD's.

Motion by Vern Johnson to write a letter of support of MDHHS Grant Funding proposal, second by Sarah Simmonds. Motion carried.

b. EGLE

Dana DeBryun: EH staff remain on a reduced 4 day week and working from home. IT project update is that testing and collaborative work continues and is on schedule for a Release 1 in September with future Release 2 being a smaller release. The release is setting the foundation for EH and Water Programs and LHD's will be considered users of the system. Consider either a webinar or presentation to the Forum to role this out to EH Units through the State.

Ian Smith: Working through the PFAS Rule promulgation process and unsure on timing. Also continuing to track compounds not currently regulated. The 1st full quarter after rule promulgation would be the 1st quarter for testing and results. Reinstating some sampling programs such as the quarterly sampling of middle tier supplies. Continue to work on Emerging Contaminant sampling as well as a Cyano-Toxin Program being offered to Public Water Supplies from July to October on a twice a month frequency and offered weekly to supplies with CyanoToxin detections last Summer. Ian will look into the issue of vapor intrusion site results coming to LHD's months after testing occurred.

Jeremy Hoeh: No additional changes on swimming pool reopening wording. All MI Regions can reopen outdoor pools at 50% capacity while only Region 6 & 8 can reopen indoor pools at 25% capacity. EGLE guidance on pools did not make it to the Labor & Econ Growth (LEO) website yet. No info available on Splash Pads. EGLE would not take action on a pool operator who was violating the EO's but continue to forward complaints to EGLE who is the licensing agency.

c. MDARD

Sean Dunleavy: Will be communicating further with Laura's office on how to get some more of the questions answered

Tim Slawinski: MRLA *Mission To Save Hospitality* publication included a statement under Food Safety Initiatives, "Transfer the responsibility of inspection from local county to MDARD ... This was not a conversation that MDARD was a part of.

d. LARA

Laura Remus: Reported that the day camp guidelines now include overnight camping

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Food: Suggest that the Committee review further MRLA *Mission To Save Hospitality* statement, "Transfer the responsibility of inspection from local county to MDARD" .
- b. Drinking Water: Handout from EGLE, Best Practices for Buried Pressure Tank Pumping Equipment Installation Guideline, committee had no objection and no issues with the suggested Private & T3 MPR change.
- c. OnSite: None
- d. Legislative: None
- e. Technology: Group had prepared a Survey Monkey for distribution to members but was put on hold. Suggest adding some questions to it regarding EH Virtual Capabilities during COVID before sending it out. Consider if a virtual conference for half a day would be of interest to members and what would it look like.

7. **External Workgroups w MALEHA Representation:**

- a. MI Clear: None
- b. MALEHA/MALPH State Code: None
- c. Legionella: None
- d. HAB: Chris Westover and Tony Drautz continues to participate on monthly calls
- e. VI: None
- f. Pb/Cu: None
- g. Pb \$ (Sara Simmonds): None
- h. Body Art: None

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** Many of us have been participating on the MPHI listen sessions regarding Accreditation. Request that MALEHA takes a stance and provide a written response on our position on this and consider asking the accreditation board for a workgroup to discuss EH programs. Budget concerns can be related back to accreditation since it is rigid in our programs and falls along the lines of contract compliance.

10. **Items from Board:**

- a. New member welcome: Wade Deshaw Director for Dickinson-Iron DHD & Jodi Pessel Associate Member for Barry-Eaton DHD
- b. Maureen Franklin is moving to a different position within EH at Wayne County, we have all enjoyed working with Maureen over the years.
- c. Mary Farmer leaving
- d. Reminder of election deadline and future business meeting coming up.

11. **Items from Members:**

12. **Future Agenda Item:** Postponed

Motion by Chris Klawuhn , support Vern Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:36 AM

Submitted by Liz Braddock 06/25/2020

Approved

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MALEHA Secretary

7/16/20