

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Minutes from November 17th 2022 DRAFT

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Board of Directors 2022/23:

X Anthony Drautz* Oakland CHD President
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X Steve King* CMDHD Director
X Kristin Schweighoefer* Washtenaw CHD Director
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Randy Rapp* Allegan CHD
X Rebecca Long (associate) Allegan CHD
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Jay Vanstee* Barry-Eaton DHD
X Jodi Pessell (associate) Barry-Eaton DHD
X Joel Kwiatkowski* Bay CHD
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X Nick Margaritis* Berrien CHD
X Brian Murphy (associate) Berrien CHD
X Paul Andriacchi* Br.-Hillsdale-St. Joe CHA
X Joe Frazier (associate) Br.-Hillsdale-St. Joe CHA
X Kevin Green* Calhoun CHD
Bob Overley (associate) Calhoun CHD
X Shanay Settles (associate) Calhoun CHD
George Friday* Cass-Van Buren DHD
Suzanne Lieurance* Chippewa CHD
Jason Travis (associate) CMDHD
X Ian Nelson* Delta-Menominee DHD
X Cori Upper* DHD #2
Dave Schmidt (associate) DHD #2
Don Rousseau (associate) DHD #2
Kevin Prevost* DHD#4
X Michael Kramer* DHD #10
Wade Dishaw* Dickinson-Iron DHD
Bill Hough* Genesee CHD
X Tina Moore (associate) Genesee CHD
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X Tip MacGuire* Huron CHD
X Rod McNeill* Ingham CHD
Meredith Gregory (associate) Ingham CHD
X Chad Shaw* Ionia CHD
Matthew Horning (associate) Jackson CHD
Shawn Monroe (associate) Jackson CHD
X Lucas Pols* Kalamazoo CHD
Samantha VanDuinen Kalamazoo CHD
Rachel Steining (associate) Kent CHD
X Brendan Earl (associate) Kent CHD

Russell Flewelling (associate) Kent CHD
X Steven Stoddard* Lapeer CHD
Kasee Johnson* Lenawee CHD
X Cindy Merritt (associate) Lenawee CHD
X Matt Bolang* Livingston CHD
X Amy Aumock (associate) Livingston CHD
Elizabeth Suggitt* LMAS DHD
Nick Derusha (associate) LMAS DHD
Tom Barnes* Macomb CHD
X Andrew Cox (associate) Macomb CHD
X Patrick Jacuzzo* Marquette CHD
Lonnie Smith* Mid-MI DHD
X Bryan Fowler (associate) Mid-MI DHD
X Jim Henry* Midland CHD
Bob Wolfe (associate) Midland CHD
Greg Price (associate) Midland CHD
Jason Childress (associate) Monroe CHD
Michael Eslick* Muskegon CHD
Daniel Thorell (associate) NW MI DHD
Jeremy Fruk* NW MI DHD
X Mark Hansell (associate) Oakland CHD
X Claudia Terrell (associate) Oakland CHD
X Laura Riddell (associate) Oakland CHD
X Spencer Ballard (associate) Ottawa CHD
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X Jerry White Tuscola CHD
X Jackie Bates (associate) Washtenaw CHD
Brandon Morrill (associate) Washtenaw CHD
Theresa Brestovansky* Wayne CHD
X Dave Peter (adjunct) Univ. Mich.

Non-member Guests in Attendance:

LHDs:

Jeff Kost – Genesee CHD

Jennifer Cox – Macomb CHD

State Agencies:

X Norm Hess - MALPH

X Becky Vought – MDARD

X Rodney Blanchard

X Shane Green – MDARD

X Lacy Bolt – MDARD

X Tim Slawinski – MDARD

X Vern Johnson – MDHHS

X Molly Contant – MDHHS

X Laura de la Rambeljie- MDHHS

X Kory Groetsch – MDHHS

X Adrian Zeh - MDHHS

X Eric Oswald - MDEGLE

X Dana DeBruyn – MDEGLE

X Jeremy Hoeh - MDEGLE

X Ian Smith – MDEGLE

X Brian Thurston - MDEGLE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Tony Drautz at 9:32 AM. Roll Call conducted by Hayduk. See attendance mark-offs above for accuracy.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda without change by Bolang, Support by Green. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the October 20, 2022 minutes without change by Bolang. Support by Westover.
Motion carried.

4. Guest Speakers:

Request by Kory Groetsch of MDHHS DEH to table the PFAS Funding and Budget presentation until the next meeting in order to focus on the ED-9 Resource Review. Request granted by the forum.

K. Groetsch then proceeded to provide the forum the ED-9 Resource review. As a reminder, ED-9 is a Governor's Directive to produce a comprehensive document from both EGLE and DHHS that addresses the issue of providing safe drinking water for all Michigan residents from a regulatory and non-regulatory framework.

A joint DHHS/EGLE/MALEHA/MALPH workgroup had been formed in the spring of 2022 to gather input and ideas for the DHHS report. Several meetings were held and a draft document was developed that MALEHA members received for the October MALEHA meeting. While the EGLE charge for ED-9 was to fully review the Part 127 and other regulatory documents to ensure safe drinking water, DHHS was charged to go beyond the regulations to develop mechanisms and other outreach efforts to ensure all residents can be assured of safe water no matter the source. Included in this review was a financial determination of what it would cost both locally and at the state level to accomplish this goal.

The deadline for providing the Governor's Office the combined EGLE/DHHS report is December. The presentation today is for gathering additional input from MALEHA. This will also be done at the next

MALPH meeting in early December as well. Kory made it clear that the financial ask to adequately fund local public health and the state for the identified additional non-regulatory measures and staffing is no guarantee of additional funding. That would be a legislative and Governor budgetary item.

The discussion continued with Q&A:

Q.1. Tony asked for clarity concerning what DHHS exactly wants from MALEHA concerning the final submitted report.

Kory responded that continued support and partnering concerning the “financial ask” is first and foremost. Laura De La R. asked if there were any “red flags” in the draft document for anyone since there is still time to edit the document?

Mark Hamill of Oakland has concerns about the sheer number of private, Type I and II wells and the workload associated with conducting source water threat assessments and other measures mentioned in the document.

Tony D. stated that Lead is the only specifically mentioned contaminant in ED-9 and wanted to know more of how EGLE was conducting their regulatory review.

Brian Thurston stated that EGLE had several stakeholder meetings to gather input concerning the regulations. A private contractor had been hired to conduct these, but the Part 127 review was not being turned into a “redlined” document. The EGLE regulatory report will be a narrative and the final decision concerning a combined EGLE/DHHS or separate reports to the Governor’s Office had not been made yet.

Laura De La R. stated clearly that if money is not appropriated or is a fraction of what is needed, then measures outlined in the document get scaled back to match the funding.

Kory G. stated there are many unknowns, many new discoveries over the last 7 years and additional emerging issues as well that will all need to be addressed and funded over time.

M. Bolang stated he appreciated the effort and work put into this. He is supportive of the opportunity to obtain additional funding and is looking forward to the future for this.

P. Jacuzzi is looking forward to seeing additional funding to have staff capacity to get past the minimum 10% final well inspections requirement and move toward ongoing monitoring efforts and other opportunities to provide drinking water assurance.

T. MacGuire agreed with the comments to this point and feels the Appendix D Funding is a good concept.

K. Schweighoefer stated that there is current funding for LHDs to proactively plan and/or respond to emerging public health threats, but the draft document does try to address this shortcoming.

Both Kory G. and Laura De La R. provide closing comments and thanked all of MALEHA for their support and efforts to help put develop this report.

5. MALPH Report

N. Hess informed the forum that the mid-term election results will most likely result in new opportunities for public health in general. Both parties will be electing their leadership and MALPH will work with both parties. There are 58 new legislators across both parties so there will be a need to help educate them concerning the role of public health. MALPH will begin this process in early February.

Wayne State and Oakland University both received HRSA grants to provide academic scholarships to students pursuing Masters of Public Health degrees. These will be in person/on campus full ride scholarships if they are granted. The applications for these scholarships will be posted on the MALPH and MDHHS websites.

There is Oral Health Plan legislation in the lame duck session. It will be approved if the session does not do anything to the legislation by November 30th.

Request for Proposals to present at the 2023 Michigan Premier Public Health Conference will be coming out in January. The theme is Reconnect and Reimagine Together, rebuilding the Public Health Workforce of the Future.

6. MEHA Report

No report given

7. State Department Reports

a. MDARD

B. Vought indicated that MDARD is looking to have all LHDs to be included in a limited scope FDA 2088 agreement. The FDA wants everyone to be at least to this limited scope level. Over time, the renewal dates for both limited scope and full 2088 agreements will be the same. We will provide an update at the December meeting.

Becky Vought also provided the following updates:

- new maps of assigned areas coming soon
- Amanda is working on a needs assessment for the specialized processing program to get it back up to speed.

R. Blanchard stated they had 75 attendees (62 from 40 LHDs) at the fall Standardized Food Trainers conference. This was the biggest one yet for attendance.

T. Slawinski discussed the food staff structural changes MDARD is going thru. There will be 5 Retail regions and 2 Manufacturing regions. Two new Supervisors have been hired to replace a retiring Supervisor and a new position. Maps coming out in December or early January. In addition, MDARD is planning to introduce updates to the Food Law in 2023.

b. MDHHS

L. de la Rambeljie introduced Adrian Zeh as their new Program Administrator for local health services. MDHHS is expecting to hear back from CDC about an Infrastructure, Workforce Development and Data Modernization grant by the end of the month. This would be an \$80 million grant over five years. 36 million or more of it is slated for LPH.

Indications are that the Lead Bills will most likely not be acted upon in the lame duck session. They will need to be re-introduced in the new session.

c. EGLE Report

Dana DeBruyn provided several updates:

- Appreciated P. Jacuzzi's comments about the Type III water supplies and their minimum requirements. This is something EGLE is looking at closely to rectify with a more robust inspection and monitoring program.

- The November 3rd stakeholder session for ED-9 was excellent and provided some interesting comments and approaches to the Type III well minimum requirements.
- The LPH EH contracts have gone out to the respective signing authorities. Check to make sure they have received them. The new General Fund dollars have been added to the contracts. These dollars are in EGLE's core budget area instead of the Temporary/Special Project budget area, indicating further that they are ongoing dollars.
- Work continues in the IT transition to Swift/Sidwis. When EGLE is confident that it is working as planned, then the cancelled in-person training will be re-scheduled.
- Key dates include January 10-11 for the Onsite Wastewater Conference, February 9-10 for the Groundwater Conference and don't forget about the MEHA AEC in March.

S. Pearson indicated to the forum that the Rules for the Portland Cement Type 1L change will be opened up for comment soon. Only this item will be opened up. In addition:

- SB 1169 was voted out of committee. EGLE wants Hydrogeological Assessment language in the bill to assure natural geologic protections are present, so they put a card of objection to the bill. The Bill applies to new and modified USTs. LARA does have a variance process for isolation distances and Hydros are a part of the process. Also, above ground tanks are regulated differently due to direct observation and secondary containment requirements which decrease the risk.
- **There is 5 million dollars for private water testing. K. Schweighoefer stated that She and DHD #10 are on a workgroup trying to determine how to allocate these dollars. Please send her any input concerning your ideas for this.** S. Pearson said she would also help this workgroup.

J. Hoeh provided the following updates:

- The \$35 million for failing wastewater systems project is still being worked on at the Executive office level. Questions remain concerning who will serve as a Project Manager? Should this be a technical person or an administrative based person? RFPs are going to be posted soon.
- Invoices for pools and campgrounds are going out soon. There will no longer be any multiyear licenses.
- Thanking LHDs for the increase in timely submission of the pool/cg/septage FSR quarterly reports through EDDY.
- They are still discussing Accreditation and what it will ultimately look like. MPHI is identifying problem areas. One area is whether the current 3-year schedule is fair? Should the mid to late stage LHDs of Cycle 7 be move up to the earlier stages of Cycle 8 since it could be 4-5 years between visits/consults?

E. Oswald provided some short discussion about ED-9. The EGLE budget report will be attached to the report. Public Sector Consultants is doing the draft report line by line currently to wrap it up and having one last stakeholder meeting. MSU and Wayne State is wrapping up the Regionalization proposal and CADMUS is doing the Resource Review. He is confident concerning ED-9 getting some traction with the results of the mid-term elections.

T. Drautz asked whether the EGLE and DHHS reports would be combined or separate. The response was that EGLE's charge for ED-9 was to determine what is needed to address the regulations and meet the

goals of the regulations. This is a different approach than the DHHS charge. Regulations are more cut and dry. They used Public Sector Consultants to conduct the stakeholder meetings.

d. LARA Update

No report provided

8. Officer Reports

a. President

President Drautz updated the forum for the following:

- MALPH is very optimistic for movement of public health related legislation, though the margin in each legislative chamber is only one vote in favor of the Democrats.
- At the November 3rd MALEHA Board meeting, strategic goals for the next year were discussed. Also discussed was the soft start to Accreditation, keeping communication lines between MALEHA and the state agencies open and how to increase the professionalism, credibility and positivity of Environmental Health as a career profession.
 - Discussion ensued concerning how to increase the quality and quantity of Environmental Health candidates. T. Rule stated that MEHA has also begun to discuss this and they will be tasking each regional affiliate to assign one person to a project workgroup.
 - S. Withington suggested sending Sanitarians to your local high schools to talk about career development and the profession. Get into the high schools early.
 - * S. King stated he will reach out to CMU concerning their program.
 - * K. Johnson says it is difficult to find decent and qualified candidates and if increased dollars become available to increase staff, it will not be any easier to find the new staff as other EH Divisions will be competing for the same pool of candidates.
 - * T. MacGuire agreed with Johnson but said they are even getting into the Middle Schools via the ISD to begin the profession exposure process.
- The ED-9 initiative still has a few outstanding issues in the President's view such as allocation of any increased funding and whether the report to the Governor's Office will be a combined EGLE/DHHS report or separate reports.

Q & A and Comments amongst the forum members:

- M. Bolang is supportive of MALEHA Board drafting a letter of support for ED-9. He felt conceptually it was fine, but the letter should not get down to the fine details. Something similar to the Core Principles of Wastewater document from a few years ago.
- S. Simmonds and S. Withington also supportive of a MALEHA ED-9 letter of support. S. Withington did express concern that the state agencies don't always work cohesively with each other from time to time due to occasional conflicting priorities.

- S. Stoddard made a motion to have President Drautz draft a MALEHA high level letter of support for ED-9.

Support by M. Bolang

Motion Carried by voice vote

b. Treasurers Report

C. Westover described his identification of a \$54 and change mistake in the October report due to transposing two numbers. This will be corrected and the forum can vote of acceptance at the December Forum meeting. The November report is correct and he asked for a motion to accept.

Motion to accept the November 2022 MALEHA Treasurer's Report by T. MacGuire

Support by K. Green

Motion carried by voice vote

9. Committee Reports

a. Food

C. Terrell stated the committee will be meeting December 9th and are continuing to review and edit the Continental Breakfast handout

b. Drinking Water

No report but this committee is looking for someone to Chair it.

c. Onsite & Land Use

No report but this committee is looking for someone to Chair it.

d. Legislative

No report

e. Training and Technology

No report

10. External MALEHA Reports

a. MALPH NCWS Workgroup

There will be a meeting of the workgroup on Monday 11/21. The ED-9 report will be discussed

b. MDHHS/MALPH/MALEHA ED-9 Workgroup

The workgroup's tasks are essentially done at this point. President Drautz will draft a letter of support.

11. Items from the Board

None

12. Items from Members

None

13. Adjournment

Next meeting will be December 15th, 2022 **IN PERSON ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MALPH OFFICES** and also via Microsoft Teams.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Bolang, Support Westover. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Draft Minutes submitted to MALEHA President by Don Hayduk 12 02 2022

Approved by MALEHA Forum 12/15/2022



MALEHA Secretary