

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Minutes from February 18, 2021 9:30 AM

Teleconference

Board of Directors:

Daniel Thorell* Grand Traverse Director
Liz Braddock* Mid-MI Secretary
Matt Bolang* Livingston Past President
Andrew Cox* Macomb President
Chris Westover* Monroe Treasurer
Kevin Green* Calhoun Director

Ken Bowen* Ionia Director
Anthony Drautz* Oakland Director
Sarah Simmonds * Kent President Elect
Steve Stoddard, * Lapeer Director

Members:

Randy Rapp* Allegan CHD
Rebecca Long (associate) Allegan CHD
Greg Caboose (associate) BEDHD
Jay VanStee * BEDHD
Jodi Pessell (associate) BEDHD
Eric Johnston* Benzie-Leelanau DHD
Nick Margaritis* Berrien CHD
Shanay Settles (associate) Calhoun CHD
George Friday* Cass-Van Buren DHD
Suzanne Lieurance* Chippewa CHD
Steve King* CMDHD
Scott Withington* Detroit HD
Kevin Prevost* DHD#4
Wade Dishaw* Dickinson-Iron DHD
Tina Moore (associate) Genesee CHD
Bill Hough (associate) Genesee CHD
Tip MacGuire* Huron CHD

Rod McNeill * Ingham CHD
Vern Johnson * Kalamazoo CHD
Rachel Stiening (associate) Kent CHD
Kasee Johnson (associate) Lenawee CHD
Amy Amouck (associate) Livingston CHD
Elizabeth Suggitt* LMAS
Laura Riddell (associate) Oakland CHD
Adeline Hambley * Ottawa HD
Chris Klawuhn* Saginaw CHD
Steve Demick* St Clair CHD
Casey Elliott* Shiawassee CHD
Tip MacGuire* Tuscola CHD
Kristen Schweighoefer* Washtenaw CHD
Theresa Brestovansky* Wayne CHD
Tanya Rule* Western UP DHD
Pam Rutter (adjunct) UofM

*denotes voting member

Non-member Guests:

Norm Hess MALPH
Sean Dunleavy MDARD
Tim Slawinski MDARD
Laura de la Rambelje MDHHS

Dana DeBruyn EGLE
Ian Smith EGLE
Jeremy Hoeh EGLE
Sean Egan LEO

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Andrew Cox at 9:41 AM.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by George Friday, support Vern Johnson. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from January 21st by Chris Klawuhn and support by Tony Drautz, Motion carried.
4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a) President's Report: Placed on file and provided in an email to the forum.

- b) Treasurer's Report: Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Tony Drautz to approve the report. Motion carried
- c) MALPH Report: Introduction of Norm Hess to the forum recently hired as the Executive Director. MALPH executive board continue to meet weekly with both Governor's Office and MDHHS leadership and will be more discussion on the updates to the Vaccine Priority Groups that now included Agricultural Workers. MALPH in partnership with MDARD will provide remote Communication training hosted by Brad Wurfel and this time around will include two trainings: Intro to Communication and Crisis Communication. Michigan Premier Public Health Conference will be hosted in Grand Rapids in October as a hybrid. Solicitation for presentation has gone out and some of the cancelled presenters from last year will be presenting this year. MALEHA has opposed tie bar Bill HB4049 since it mentions that approval of school sports should move from MDHHS to LHD's.
- d) MEHA Report: Tanya Rule. Abbreviated Journal will be out on Monday. MALEHA did receive FSE grant from MDARD for AEC food track will adjust request to request money be used with match dollars for member to apply towards attending virtual NEHA .

5. State Department Reports:

- a. **EGLE:** Dana DeBruyn: A thank you to LHD representative that participated in the MiEHDWIS Roundtable event last month. The notes from the *post it* sessions have been sent out to the participants. Additional questions brought up during these sessions will be reviewed and discussed further with the EGLE team and changes to submission process that will lead to MPR wording changes will be discussed further with this group. Dan has been previously emailed the MiEDWIS access information for campgrounds and septage programs to the group. An idea to improve communication would be that LHD provide a general Email Mailbox for all EGLE communications to go out to LHD's, this would likely be a request from State Drinking Water Lab as they update their Limms system. Look out for a survey to come out in the general e-mail request. As part of EGLE IT Investment, representatives will be meeting with an external company to review a swimming pool portal tool. No updates on the LARA Land Division Act proposed revisions.
 Jeremy Hough: Some pool licenses will be going out next week and the goal is to submit them in batches for printing every Friday. Keep using the general email for swimming pool inspection submittal. Interviewing a replacement for Teresa Fry's position.
 Ian Smith: Testing is underway for Watertrack to accept PFAS data. NCWS Monitoring period closed on February 3rd, future compliance monitoring requirements will be based on most recent results to determine testing frequency. The EGLE Lab is preparing a guidance memo to provide direction to LHD Type II noncommunity water supply staff, in determining whether results with surrogate recovery issues (due to matrix interference) are valid for compliance purposes. This issue has been popping up in a number of NCWS sample results, and guidance was requested. Have been working on a Decision Tree framework that will outline the MDHHS/EGLE review of independent PFAS sample results (from private residential wells) as well as the messaging provided to those residents in different cases. These results may come from private labs, as well as state labs. Next step is to send it to MPART for approval.
- b. **MDARD.** Sean Dunleavy and Tim Slawinski: Requests have been received for MDARD to provide lists to LHD of agricultural facility types locate per county in preparation for inclusion of agricultural workers in the March 1st vaccine priority group updates. USDA facility locations

should be available online. Continue to work with enforcement actions against facilities that operated during past epidemic orders. Information coming out regarding the MDARD/MALPH communication trainings mentioned earlier in the meeting by Norm.

- c. **MDHHS.** Laura de la Rambelje: At this time grocery and restaurant workers are not considered as Agricultural workers under Phase 1B ©. Emphasis will be placed on vaccine priority to those frontline workers at highest risk of exposure due to their work environment. More guidance will be coming out ahead of March 1st. Steve Crider has left MDHHS and taking a new position with Consumers Energy. Gerry Tiernan will be the Acting Section Manager and will be the LHD contact for the Drinking water unit. Accreditation remains paused, Jesse Jones will be putting a draft plan for restarting when the time comes in place and it will be shared with this group for discussion. \$40 million has gone out to LPH and your fiscal department should have received notice. The Epidemic Workgroup Meetings (Fridays 3pm) will resume with Megan from the Governors Office.
- d. **LARA.** None
- e. **MIOSHA.** Sean Egan: Received certification forms submitted by 100 restaurants interested in participating in the Safe Dining Program. Request for funding \$10 Million to support this program has been made to the Governors office but has not been approved. MIOSHA Emergency Rules remain until April 14th but can be extended for an additional 6 months. LEO Ambassador Program is a non-enforcement mechanism that is being used where consultants pop into a business to discuss workplace safety plans. From statistics collected regarding the program, businesses are doing well with good compliance with mask use, but the written Workplace Covid Preparedness plan is what seems to be the missing part. Businesses are directed to the LEO website where a template can be downloaded and filled in as needed. Complaints are going down but citations being issued are going up with more being released this week.

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Food: meeting scheduled for this afternoon
- b. Drinking Water: Dan Thorell; Well Classification policy waiting for EGLE internal clarification on some items so Dan will request an update from Dana.
- c. Onsite: none
- d. Legislative: none
- e. Technology: Request for remaining LHD's that did not complete the Technology Survey to do so, will extend deadline. 23 completed surveys so far.

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

- a. MI Clear: None
- b. MALEHA/MALPH State Code: None
- c. Legionella: None
- d. HAB: none
- e. VI: none
- f. Pb/Cu: none
- g. Statewide Lead Program: none

h. Body Art: None

i. Radon: None

Old Business: None

8. **New Business:** None

9. **Items from Board:** Dan Thorell has accepted as EH Director at HDNW. Grand Traverse will be posting a Director vacancy soon.

10. **Items from Members:** None

11. **Future Agenda Items:** None

12. **Next Meeting**

a. MALEHA COVID Call 3-2-2021

b. Forum Meeting 3- 8-2021

Motion to adjourn by Matt Bolang and support Chris Westover. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 10:47 AM.

Submitted by Liz Braddock 02-19-2021

Approved

 3/18/2021

MALEHA Secretary