

## MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Minutes from March 18, 2021 9:30 AM

### Teleconference

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Theresa Brestovansky\* Wayne CHD  
Tanya Rule\*Western UP DHD  
Pam Rutter (adjunct) UofM

\*denotes voting member

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#### Non-member Guests:

Norm Hess MALPH  
Sean Dunleavy MDARD  
Tim Slawinski MDARD  
Jeanine Whitmer MDHHS  
Molly Cotant MDHHS

Dana DeBruyn EGLE  
Ian Smith EGLE  
Jeremy Hoeh EGLE  
Matt Gamble EGLE  
Dan Dettweiler EGLE  
Laura Remus LARA

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Andrew Cox at 9:31 AM.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with one addition (PFAS notification to Residents) by George Friday, support Sara Simmonds. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup> by Vern Johnson and support by Adeline Hambley, 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 Chris Klawuhn, support by Sara Simmonds to approve the report. Motion carried.
- c) MALPH Report: Norm Hess. HB4049 was opposed by MALPH and vetoed by the Governor; this is the bill that gives authority to LHD's not MDHHS to close schools under emergency epidemic orders. A water shutoff bill and pesticide bill may be moving, let Norm know if you want him to follow these. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Michigan Health Policy Forum and MALPH will be represented. Save the Date coming for MDARD-MALPH Communications Trainings. MI Premier Public Health Conference call for abstracts deadline will be extended past March 26<sup>th</sup>, EH presentations would be welcomed.
- d) MEHA Report: Tanya Rule. Application for scholarships for MEHA members to attend virtual NEHA is open, a short window to apply.

#### 5. State Department Reports:

- a. **EGLE:** Dana DeBruyn: Upcoming webinar trainings for the non-community water supply operators on April 22 & 23. Onsite Wastewater Admin Rules webinar will be held on April 28 and part 2 on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Dana will resend the survey to LHD's that did not respond and provided a general email box for future communications from EGLE and also the Suggested Practice Guidelines for Submitting paperwork to EGLE. Past questions that have come up at roundtable events regarding MiEdwis and contracts will be reviewed. Finalizing the work needed on Well Classifications. The Drinking Water Lab is requesting that any LHD's that have excess Styrofoam mailers/ ice packs kits to make arrangements with them to return them to the lab. Have been able to back fill some positions and expanding other teams. Non-Community have filled 2 lower peninsula positions and 1 engineer in the UP. Pool Program position previously held by Teresa Fry has been filled by Starla. A new data application position as part of a new unit housed in EH filled by Rhonda Du Page. Matt Gamble: Private Type III evaluation is paused and no self assessment is needed. For 2021 all corrective action plans will continue, discuss with your consultant. Jeremy Hough: Pool program has issued 3000 licenses and 1200 hold letters via the emails provided at licensing. All LHD Fee payment reports have gone out some will be resent with adjustments. Dan Dettweiler: Non Community Staff Coverage Maps will shift with the two new hires. Self Assessment for 2020 are being worked by LHD staff. Ian Smith discussed PFAS tracking and monitoring for non transient type II supplies, 75% of samples are accounted for and likely private lab results are out there just not entered yet by EGLE. There has been less than 1% detects with some above the MCL. Since LHD Type II programs need to track PFAS samples, updated to Watertrack are close with EGLE testing product in house and doing QA on it. There will be a guidance/webinar on reviewing PFAS lab reports and watertrack enhancements coming soon. Rejection of some lab reports from private labs may require resampling to determine future annual/quarterly status. EGLE state that there is no stream of additional funding for PFAS non community work that LHDs are required to complete in this program.
- b. **MDARD.** Sean Dunleavy and Tim Slawinski: Licenses should have been received by all LHD's.
- c. **MDHHS.** Accreditation remains paused.
- d. **LARA.** Visitation order has been updated so State and Federal Guidance for nursing home visitation is consistent. If there is any interest in this group for LARA presenting information regarding their organization, Larry Horvath is willing to present to the group.

- e. **MIOSHA.** None
- f. **LCC Report.** None

6. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Food: Working on a COVID enforcement contact flow chart and closing up some of the projects paused due to COVID
- b. Drinking Water: Dan Thorell; Well Classification meeting set with EGLE
- c. Onsite & Land Use
- d. Legislative: Tie Bar Bills 4454-4461 regarding Solid Waste may interest you
- e. Technology: Assume Director's Conference will happen, send ideas to Don

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

- a. MI Clear: None
- b. MALEHA/MALPH State Code: None
- c. Legionella: None
- d. HAB: Call a few weeks
- e. VI: none
- f. Pb/Cu: none
- g. Statewide Lead Program: none
- h. Body Art: Mike Kucab wants to reconnect on the LHD group formed in the past
- i. Radon: None

**Old Business:** None

8. **New Business:** PFAS Notification to Residents. Recent EGLE investigation in Grand Traverse County followed MPART protocol. There was an 8 months delay in conducting sampling and also a timing delay in notifying public of the upcoming sampling event. At a recent MPART Citizen Advisory Group meeting there was discussion of notifying residents when investigation begin if there is a high probability of impacted drinking water wells. Consider informing the community ahead of sampling event that residents can decide that they may want to consider alternative water source until data is available to determine impacted drinking water well. LHD's need to advocate that PFAS investigations should be a team effort to include EGLE, MDHHS and LHD.

9. **Items from Board:**

10. **Items from Members:**

- a. Discussion on if LHD's were moving to vaccinate essential workers specifically restaurants ahead of the April 5<sup>th</sup> to include all residents Aged 16 and over. Some LHD's have opened up to restaurant workers as means of filling all spots at their clinics.

11. **Future Agenda Items:**

- a. LARA
- b. Nature Conservancy

12. **Next Meeting**

- a. MALEHA COVID Call 3-30-2021
- b. Forum Meeting 4 -15-21

Motion to adjourn by Chris Westover and support Scot Withington. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 10:57 AM.

Submitted by Liz Braddock 03-26-2021

Approved

*MGB Braddock* 4/15/21

MALEHA Secretary