

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Minutes from June 17, 2021 9:30 AM

Teleconference

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Non-member Guests:

Kate Lewis MALPH Intern
Sean Dunleavy MDARD
Tim Slawinski MDARD
Lisa Hainstock MDARD
Lauren Edwards MDARD
Kelly Maltby LARA (Child Lic)
Angeline Hall LARA (Child Lic)
Michelle Kusnier MDARD
Jeanine Whitmire MDHHS

Laura Remus LARA
Dana DeBruyn EGLE
Jeremy Hoeh EGLE
Dan Dettweiler EGLE
Ian Smith EGLE
Barb Subastian MLCC
Andrew Schacher Genesee County

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Andrew Cox at 9:32 AM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Drautz, support Friday. Motion carried
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from June 17th by Bolang and support by Westover, Motion carried
4. **Guest Speakers.** Kelly Maltby and Angie Hall from the Division of Child Welfare Licensing. Discussion on Env Health Inspection Billing and the 1787 form submittal. All LHD's agreed that

Water Testing is included in the bill and not a separate cost. Suggested improvements to speed up payment and to eliminate the reasons for past delays. Idea would be to bill directly and eliminate the child placing agency in the billing portion. Would need to also review the 1787 Form. The licensing signature is for the inspection request and not for payment. For missing payment inquiries MDHHS-EnvironmentalbillingDCWL@michigan.gov Group is requesting DCWL to provide in written these changes and to include the billing email and form changes in this correspondence

5. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**

- a) President's Report: Placed on file and provided in an email to the forum. Nature Conservancy call regarding Survey will be this afternoon. In discussions to move forward to have State Partner meetings before the Director's Conference. MPHI continues to pause for accreditation, request that MALEHA be a part of the conversation and have a seat at the table. Ken Bowen and Nick Derusha represents MALPH on the committee
- b) Treasurer's Report: Motion by Bolang, support by Simmonds. Motion carried
- c) MALPH Report: Accreditation committee has MALPH representation currently. No Action Plan for SB 353/354 all parties are in discussion to find relief for the license holders without impacting public health. Due to timing this would likely be a reimbursement since facilities have paid for the licensing year. Funding is available for LHD to apply for for Wellbeing grants for staff
- d) MEHA Report: Scholarship money available to attend past/future NEHA virtual conference sessions

6. **State Department Reports:**

- a) **EGLE: Dana De Bryun:** MiEDWIS will have a 3.0 release in July and will include file sharing and tech request form for the On-Site Wastewater Program. Matt Gamble has moved to RRD and his replacement should be assigned in August. Dave Cotton is accepting an engineering position in on-site wastewater. Env Quality Analyst position will be backfilled in the unit as well as the Non community drinking water program position. LARA Fire Marshall has been in contact to discuss issuance of after the fact variances or deviations in situations where the placement of replacement or new underground storage tanks (UST) are needed at sites with existing onsite wells. A variance of deviation sometimes after the fact is being requested by engineers and consultants due to the isolation distances to existing wells not being met when the UST are being replaced. More discussion is needed with the Unit and also with MALEHA to discuss authority and other concerns. Dana also mentioned that EGLE is a part of the Commission Meeting on Accreditation for Cycle 7 & 8 specifically on-site wastewater. Since Private and Type III is not part of accreditation EGLE wants to follow the same guidelines as those being considered at the commission meeting on accreditation and easing up on some of the reviews. A recent review of quarterly reports submitted by LHD's showed an average 56% inspection rate with 8 LHD's reporting less than 10% of inspections. Dana is requesting a meeting with the groundwater committee to discuss moving forward and formalize reviewing/SA of FY22 permits. **Dan Dettweiler:** Some inside training being considered with COVID protocol for EGLE field staff as they plan for social distancing work in the community. **Jeremy Hoeh:** Citizens Research Council and Nature Conservancy has requested septic numbers County and Statewide. **Ian**

Smith: 2021 Cyanotoxin HAB surveillance will include a handful of non community supplies using surface water intake and community systems using surface source. Question asked to EGLE: Any further discussion of healthcare facilities with chemical treatment ? EGLE has 2 Community Supply Engineers working on this and onboarding to the task. LARA notifies the engineer when treatment found, 10 so far. SIDWIS State NC being used to enter these and for setting up monitoring requirements

- b) **MDARD.** Memo to indicate change in some program responsibilities, on the call today is Lisa Hainstock, Lauren Edwards and Michelle Kusnier from Emergency Response unit. MDARD also met as part of the Accreditation Committee and encourages MALEHA to get together since there are a lot of questions coming out of the committee. MDARD is requesting some panelists to volunteer for a virtual retail seminar: Sean to send details to Andrew. Working on an IT Project (FIRST) inspection reporting being launch in the Dairy Division for new facilities. Custom software KLNS being developed for MDARD with a goal of having a licensing portal so food service establishments can apply next year. All licensing will go through the portal next year but there is a hurdle of fees being different county to county. There is a workgroup working with central licensing on the project and will consider seeing if a presentation can be put together for the Director's Conference. Request to Board to approve the food committee to work on a document on what the food program reengagement should look like
- c) **MDHHS:** None
- d) **LARA:** Sanitarians inspecting nursing homes that have secondary water treatment will be inspected and referred to EGLE. Hospitals are different and are validated after accreditation and done by engineering groups in the building
- e) **MIOSHA:** None
- f) **LCC:** None

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Food: 2nd Friday of the month. Need to review some outstanding Marijuana Regulation Tasks. Reengagement for Accreditation – work with MDARD and present to Forum a plan that will also include option if COVID increases in the Fall. Suggestion that documents should also be consider in other committees and share with MALPH (Ken and Nick Derusha) and also get them to the right hands on the commission
- b. Drinking Water: Parjana email response to our comments
- c. Onsite: Meeting to finalize new survey draft
- d. Legislative: none
- e. Technology: None

8. External Workgroups w MALEHA Representation:

- a. MI Clear: None
- b. MALEHA/MALPH State Code: None
- c. Legionella: Mike W has left MDHHS he was their plumbing expert. Andrew will look in to the EH portion changing

d. HAB: Lots of HAB chatter with some LHD's already working on them. It is early and the HAB's are more prevalent than usual. Suggest that DHS should issue a press release to raise awareness early in the season

e. VI: none

f. Pb/Cu: none

g. Statewide Lead Program: none

h. Body Art: None

i. Radon: None

Old Business: None

9. **New Business:** None

10. **Items from Board:** Chris Westover: Director's Conference Attendance Survey was a 34 responses received 30 were YES to attend, 2 NO, 2 Undecided. Westover will sign contract with the RAM for September 15-17th and will also contact Nature Conservancy facility in Okemos for in person meeting availability. Sara wants all members to consider the Award Nomination process.

11. **Items from Members:** The idea of succession planning should be considered

12. **Future Agenda Items:**

13. **Next Meeting**

a. Forum Meeting 7- 15- 2021

Motion to adjourn by Bolang, support Westover

Meeting Adjourned: 12:01pm

Submitted by Liz Braddock 07 12 2021

Approved:07 21 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Braddock'.

MALEHA Secretary