

Michigan Association for Local Public Health

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MALPH's Mission:

To strengthen Michigan's system of local public health departments and local governing boards.



What is MALPH?

- A **professional association** with full time executive director and staff
- The legislative and policy **advocate** for Michigan's local public health departments and all things public health
- The recognized **liaison** between Michigan's local health departments, the legislature, administration, MDHHS, EGLE, MDARD, and other state departments and like-minded organizations (coalitions)
- A policy incubator for public health initiatives
- The MALPH Board of Directors is comprised of all health officers who pay membership dues to financially support the association. Members and their staff also have the opportunity to be a member of a forum (community of practice) within MALPH's governance structure.



Primary Source of Funding

Membership Dues

State Grant / Project dollars

Local Grant / Project dollars

Michigan Health Endowment Fund

Michigan Premier Public Health Conference

Miscellaneous Grants

Forums

Public Health Administrator's Forum (Admin)

Environmental Health Director's Forum (MALEHA)

Health Education and Promotion Forum (HEP/PIO)

Management Information Systems Forum (MIS)

Nurse Administrator's Forum (NAF)

Public Health Physicians Forum

MALPH Listservs

Deputy Health Officers (deputy@malph.org)

Emergency Preparedness Coordinators (epc@malph.org)

Epidemiologists (epi@malph.org)

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MALPH's Legislative Agenda

- *Encourage investment in Essential Local Public Health Services funding which encompass:*
 - Drinking water safety
 - Food safety
 - Infectious disease investigation and reporting
 - Groundwater safety and on-site sewage monitoring/control
 - Immunization capacity
 - Sexually transmitted disease control
 - Hearing and vision services
- *Implement a comprehensive Community Health Assessment program, anchored in the State Health Improvement Plan*

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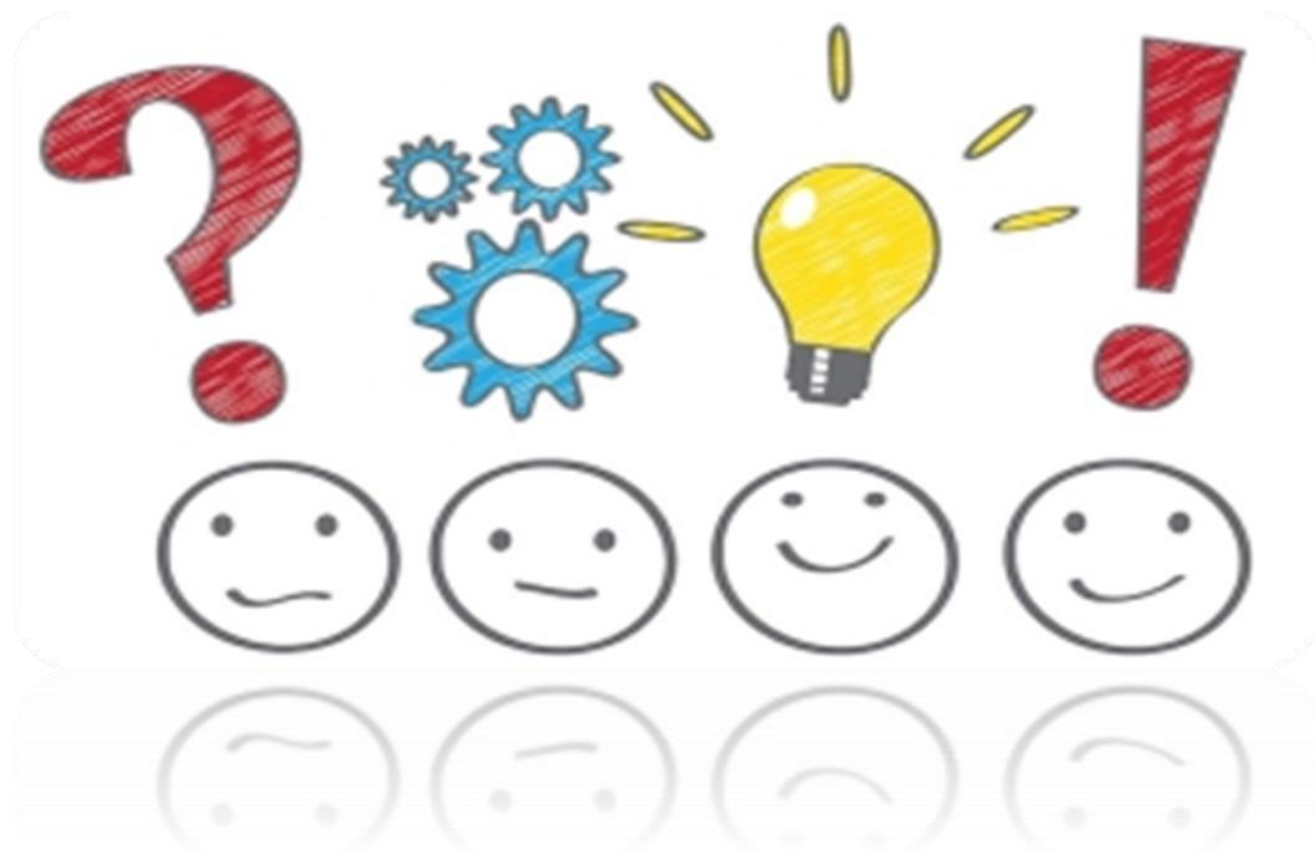
- *Support initiatives that prevent chronic and acute public health responses including:*
 - Reducing infant mortality
 - Reducing obesity
 - Reducing chronic disease incidence and consequences
 - Access to health screenings for early identification and intervention
 - Actions to foster clean water, safe food, and sanitary housing
 - Mitigating/abating environmental hazards (PFCs, VI, PCBs, PFAS, lead, etc.)
 - Promotion of electronic capacity which foster systematic efficiencies
- *Support revenue sharing stewardship initiatives that ensure public funds are responsibly expended on tangible outcomes for the benefit of our communities, our environment, and our residents.*

Legislative Watch 2022/23

- Essential Local Public Health Services
- FY 2023 State's Budget
- Immunizations
- Vapor Intrusion
- PFAS/PFOA
- COVID-19
- Lead
- Public Health Advisory Council
- Affordable Care Act
- Healthy Michigan Plan
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
- Children's Health Insurance Program (MiChild)
- Pre-K Dental screening
- Statewide Sanitary Code
- Revenue Sharing
- Tobacco

Policy Analysis - Reactive

- ✓ Essential Local Public Health Services
- ✓ Review all proposed legislation for impact
- ✓ It has been introduced, now what?
- ✓ Put proposed policy up against MALPH's legislative platform, e.g. food safety, environment, revenue sharing, immunizations, etc. Solicit input from forums.
- ✓ Investigate: seek the intention of the legislation/sponsor (single sponsor, minority party, leadership, or where does the governor stand on this issue?)
- ✓ Is it policy or politics?
- ✓ What is the position of our state partners?
- ✓ Take a position: actively support or oppose, oppose/support, neutral, or monitor. Testify.
- ✓ Seek amendments in favor of our platform
- ✓ Mobilize members/partners: MAC, MPCA, MSMS, MOA, PIN



Questions?

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