

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

Livingston County Safety Complex, Howell

Minutes from February 20, 2020 Meeting

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Non-member Guests:

Rodney Blanchard MDARD
Laura de la Rambelje MDHHS (TC)
Dana DeBruyn MDEGLE

Laura Remus LARA
Steve Crider, EGLE

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Matt Bolang at 9:30 AM
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Vern Johnson, support Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes with modifications for January 2020 by Tip McGuire, support Andrew Cox. Motion carried
4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. President's Report
 - Matt has been contacted by several groups with interest in what can be done outside of legislation on moving toward a statewide sewage code. He has not received a copy of the draft code from Rep Hammoud.
 - b. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Chris Klawuhn, support by Andrew Cox to approve February Treasurer's Report. Motion carried
 - c. MALPH Report
 - Matt Bolang and Tony Drautz reported that MALPH also had a discussion on a lead investigation program at local health departments
 - Tony noted there was also some discussion on the MPRs for the onsite program. At this time, there are no changes proposed to those MPRs.
 - d. MEHA Report

The AEC is March 18-20 in Traverse City. The hotel is booked and an email was sent out for alternative accommodations. The MEHA election information was sent out and there is a Board meeting on Friday February 21. More information is available on the MEHA website.
5. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. Ninah Sasy, Clean Public Water Advocate, EGLE
 - The office of the Clean Water Advocate was created by Executive Order 2019-02 (https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-488736--_00.html)
 - Provided a short powerpoint on the office of clean water advocate, goals and timeline. Powerpoint was sent out via email.
 - Currently office of one person, hoping to hire more staff. 1-2 in the next year, maybe total of 3-4.

- Priorities in year one: there needs to be an improvement in communication and highlight the existing communication, support community efforts. Other priorities include connecting resources and ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Develop a communication plan, establish a clean water ambassador group, develop a drinking water complaint system. Within EGLE, they are developing a SOP on their water complaint system and map it out to make a more uniform process and be able to track and monitor. Look at having a more comprehensive process by April. EGLE will be rolling out online form for water complaints, already have a 1-800 number and the PEAS hotline for emergencies.
- Develop annual accountability report sent to Governor and available to the public.
- Matt requested that MALEHA work with Ninah on the process to learn how the complaint system to work and how local health departments are incorporated into this system. This system is primarily designed for Type I water supplies.
- Ninah plans to attend future MALEHA meetings in person

b. Aaron Berndt, Radon Program, EGLE:

- Aaron has the number of test kits distributed versus used/returned in the last 5 years by LHD. He appreciates LHD trying to get return rates up; Overall, 53% of radon test kits get returned; nationally, it is closer to 30%
- Cost of kits is \$6/each.
- 15,000 test kits distributed so far this year; last year total was 12,000
- Funding: not solely funded by 1 federal grant; there are some other sources of funds; Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) is a source of funding; looking at having state funds support the program.
- New objective: increase radon resistant construction statewide. Right now only required in nine tier 1 counties.
- CDC has updated mapping feature on their website. Old map was from the early 1990's.
- DHHS has been very proactive; they will partner with EGLE. Radon kits will be used in their HUD healthy homes inspections. There is funding to fix homes as part of a small 3 city pilot program (Niles, Benton Harbor & Pontiac)
- Steve Demick noted some USPS post office delays.
- Aaron noted he needs to start working with some LHD that distribute a lot of kits in October to ensure there is enough supply through Radon Awareness Month in January.

c. Katie Applin, Lead Safe Home Program, MDHHS

- There are defined target areas for HUD and lead safe housing program in addition to a need to qualify residents based on their income.

- They also require child to be pre and post testing for blood lead levels. Funding allows abatement if lead hazards have been found;
- If a child has been poisoned in a non-target area, there can be funds to abate the home.
- Director Gordon has lead as a top initiative. Funding is not an issue at this time. Contractors that are certified are the limiting factor in getting abatement.
- 2 year process from start to finish of abatement.
- Field consultants will look at severity and make recommendations depending on type of action that is taken; a lot of times it is removal of windows, door frames, etc.
- Program is doing water samples for Medicaid investigations.
- Sources are primarily lead based paint/dust rather than water.

6. State Department Reports

EGLE

Dana DeBryun reported that Ian Smith is finishing agency report on PFAS rules. Report will be presented to Environmental Rules Review Committee prior to their meeting on February 27th.

Sara Simmonds asked how will PFAS rules pertain to residential drinking water wells. Dana responded that the groundwater group should discuss this.

IT modernization project: \$9 million dollars is now in the proposed budget for next year. This would fully fund the IT project.

Dana also reported that all FOIA requests to EGLE are now viewable online; records available are also online. You can search by county.

Update to classification of type 1 water supplies policy and procedure. In the past, EGLE looks primarily at the service connections part of the definition rather than the number of people. Will share with Matt/Groundwater committee in the next 30-45 days. Focus on new supplies rather than old/existing supplies.

Dana noted that Ian has been focused on the PFAS rules report and there was no update on the PFAS lab guidelines. Sara Simmonds recommended looping RRD into the PFAS lab guidelines.

MDARD

Rodney Blanchard reported that MDARD completed 3 large group trainings for the food law/food code & the plan review training in Berrien. Training calendar will be going out shortly for the rest of the 2020 trainings. If you think there is a need of more of something, please contact the lead person for that type of training and/or Rodney Blanchard.

Will be doing standardized trainer conference training in fall. New FDA consultant that lives in Ohio and he has provided tentative verbal commitment to attend.

No update on timing on food code/food law timing.

MDHHS

Laura de la Rambelje reported that the Public Health Law training coming up. There is a survey as an opportunity to get feedback on what you would like to discuss to help shape the training this summer. The first is on May 13 in Calhoun County.

The Section 1238 lead workgroup is asking what is the cost of a comprehensive lead program.

Additional \$6 million in MDHHS budget is on its way to LHD and will be reporting out through legislature and it will be in eGrams.

Bill Farrell reported on MDHHS's PFAS work. He noted that MDHHS will be resampling residential wells across the state. They want to assess current site conditions and long term exposures. Information will be shared with EGLE and LHD so that decisions can be made collectively. He also talked generally about Public Health Action Plans (PHAP), the game plan for decision making and response. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies involved. It is a living document. Decisions are documented in the PHAP. Vern noted that MDHHS screening levels do not exactly align with the proposed MCLs. Bill did not know if they would be aligned in the future. Sara asked if multiple PFAS sites could be put on one form. Laura replied it was not possible at this time.

Steve Crider handed out a document titled "Sample Bottle Selection When Testing Water For Lead" to provide LHD staff a reference for when they are asked about water bottle sizing for lead testing. Steve also noted that MDHHS has lead filter replacements in stock. More information on [Michigan.gov/mileadsafe](https://michigan.gov/mileadsafe)

LARA

Laura Remus reported that MALEHA was not included in a recent stakeholder revision for the child care licensing revision. Matt Bolang's email will be included in all future rule revisions.

Contact main phone line of MRA for any marijuana issues related to EH (lack of safe water/approved water) for edibles.

Adult Foster Care (AFC) licensing – there are some that circumvent licensing requirements of larger facilities by having 2 lower/smaller licenses. They are called a "twin 20". Commercial kitchen is located in one license and it is serving the residents of the other license. Laura asked LHD if these would be considered serving the public if the residents of another LARA facility were being served. Please look at how this is done at your LHD to have further conversations in the future.

7. Committee Reports

- Food: Committee meeting scheduled at 1pm today. Items for discussion include a final review and vote on the proposed food law changes. That will come back to full MALEHA forum for a vote. Upcoming topic includes adult use marijuana and help to provide clarity on the vagueness of the emergency rules. There is not a clear distinction of whether or not a licensed restaurant can be a consumption site. The goal is to form a position. Another task for the committee is to review and discussion of model enforcement code.
- Drinking Water: continue discussion on the use of institutional controls with the P3 program. It was noted that the EGLE division director Eric Oswald is meeting with RRD to discuss this issue. Also reviewing buried underground pressure tanks guidance.
- OnSite & Land Use: group met to discuss MPR revisions with EGLE. There are 14 LHD on self assessment. Those that are on it, like it and want to keep it. Understand it may need to be updated/changed. EGLE does not have the staff to do the self assessment and do not know how meaningful the self assessment process is. Other items mentioned included discussing at some point in the future what are the big picture goals to make accreditation meaningful, whether bringing a facilitator might help with the visioning and goal setting, and moving accreditation from contract compliance to public health. Matt noted that there were no MPR changes suggested at this time. Some changes to drop MPR 5 were suggested last summer by the committee but it did not move forward.
- Legislative: None
- Technology & Training: Survey coming on technology use among LHD's. Dana asked Don to share results with EGLE.

8. External Workgroups w MALEHA Representation

- MiClear- No update; meeting on March 5
- MALEHA/MALPH Onsite Code- Matt Bolang heard there is a draft out there but he has not seen it.
- Legionella- None
- HAB's – No update; meeting on February 26
- VI : None
- Pb/Cu: Ongoing discussion on concerns with ALE at daycare/childcare facilities and proposed facilities ; There was a question on where ALE community supply licensing is at. Janine w/ MDHHS is getting meeting set up with DHHS and LARA and they are trying to understand what the licensing agencies need to know. Some questions included how you license a child care facility in an ALE community and what considerations should you take when you do an inspection. Tony made recommendation that rules align between LARA and EGLE in terms of how to address these situations and so that the consultants are consistent.
- Pb/Cu \$: There was a meeting w/ MDHHS and Michigan Environmental Council on the full cost to do a lead investigation program. Prior to meeting, it was decided that it would not be ELPHS. Items to consider for each LHD are data collection, environmental

investigations and case management. Sara Simmonds urged each LHD to determine how much it would cost to have a comprehensive lead program. Kent is advocating for universal testing for all children under 6 years old. Tony noted that Oakland estimates 40-60 hours to deal with a routine investigation, plus any enforcement time/activities.

- Body Art: Tony reported that there are 3 meetings scheduled; looking at rules promulgated, the NEHA model code and a crosswalk between the two. The group wants to wrap up their work by May.

9. **Old Business:** None

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Items from Board:**

- a. New member welcome:
 - i. Scott Jones, Allegan County HD, Field Program Supervisor
 - ii. Kevin Prevost, DHD4, EH Director
- b. Members leaving:
 - i. Jeff Croll, Muskegon
 - ii. Scott Smith, DHD4
- c. next Board meeting being scheduled. Next Forum meeting being held in Traverse City at the MEHA AEC. Meeting will occur at its usual time.

12. **Items from Members:** Don is a MALEHA rep to the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference. Don noted that he wants to beef up the EH section. He is looking for speakers in the food arena, including being a keynote speaker. The request for abstracts has gone out. Steve from St. Clair is looking for guidance on cemetery locations for seasonal high water table. He will reach out to the listserv.

13. **Future Agenda Item:**

- a. Marijuana update – Andrew Brisbo, MRA (March)
- b. Michigan League of Conservation Voters (April)

14. Next Meeting – March 19th @ Park Place Hotel (MEHA)

Motion by Chris Westover, support Chris Klawuhn to adjourn. Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 11:59 AM

Submitted by Kristen Schweighoefer 02/28/2020

Approved **03 19 2020**

MALEHA Secretary **Liz Braddock**



