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President Report – October 2020

This report marks the beginning of a new board cycle for MALEHA after our September elections. Unfortunately, due to COVID, our annual Director's conference was virtual this year. We were still able to honor some well-deserved Environmental Health workers, which included Mike Snyder, Nick Derusha, Maureen Franklin, Daren Deyaert, and Matt Bolang. I appreciate Matt's leadership during the past year, and he has been great to work with and continues to be a huge supporter for me.

- There continues to be discussion around enforcement of the MDHHS Epidemic Orders and communication with state agencies with Local Health Departments. Biweekly meetings will continue on as needed basis to continue to share information and share any concerns with state agencies. Several questions were sent to MDHHS awaiting response. Questions from LHDs relating to Epidemic Orders may be sent directly to the email address MDHHS-EO-FAQ@michigan.gov
- At our September Forum meeting, EGLE shared that LARA is looking at revising the Subdivision of Land Rules. A workgroup was formed about 2 years ago but EGLE and LHDs were not included. There was a conference call between MALEHA Onsite Committee and EGLE to discuss concerns. I drafted a letter to LARA during the public comment period of the rules requesting that rules remain in place to protect the environment and public health. The letter is included with this month's forum packet.
- MDHHS reported Lead and Copper reporting is due and results can be viewed at <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/0,9490,7-392-92796-500553--00.html> MDHHS will continue to assist local health departments with information dissemination and filter distribution.
- Ninah Sasy (EGLE) hosted a call about forming a statewide drinking water campaign work group. The goals of this work group would be to educate the public about comprehensive drinking water safety in the state. Ninah agreed local involvement would be very important with any kind of public education campaign due it being one of the things LHDs do on a regular basis. I will share upcoming opportunities to participate when I get the details.
- MPHI continues to be in a holding pattern with Accreditation. As a reminder, the pause includes Accreditation On-Site Reviews, Corrective Plans of Action (CPAs), Standards Review, and Minimum Program Requirements (MPRs).



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Respectfully Submitted,
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