

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum

MPHI, Okemos, MI

October 18, 2018

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Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Sean Dunleavy, MDARD
Ian Smith, MDEQ
Dale Laudouceur, MDEQ

Orlando Todd, MDHHS
Laura de la Rambelje, MDHHS

Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ
Steve Crider, MDHHS

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Kristen Schweighoefer at 9:30am
 2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
 3. **Approval of September 19, 2018 Minutes:** Draft minutes were sent to MALEHA Board and not to full membership. Approval tabled until November 2018.
 4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**

See emailed report.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**

Brief discussion regarding current balance and Director's Conference attendance. There are currently some outstanding payments for the conference. Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Tony Drautz to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

c. **MALPH**—Meghan Swain

Board met at the Public Health Conference in Bay City. At this meeting PFAS was discussed.

Legislatively—watching the Statewide Sanitary Code and budget approvals/funding. Otherwise, currently quiet. New Governor will start Jan. 1, 2019.

d. **MEHA**

No report

e. **MDEQ**—Dale Ladouceur, Dana DeBruyn and Ian Smith

Dale Ladouceur—provided update regarding septic smart week and overall success of program. Soils training was held in Charlevoix County for local public health staff. Initial focus was Northern Michigan. MDEQ would like to schedule additional soil training opportunities in the spring. If there are local health departments working on large projects, contact DEQ to determine if it might be appropriate for a training. There may be funds available to assist.

An update on the Statewide Sanitary Code was provided. DEQ was recently provided an updated draft to review. The fee to the state was removed and there are not any provisions for assisting homeowners with repair of identified hazards. MDEQ also feels that the Public Health Code should be updated to include onsite sewage disposal systems. There were specific concerns noted regarding the specificity of the wording in the draft and items being unclear. There are also concerns with the wording that allows the Health Officer to grant any variance against the statewide code. DEQ would like to include language that makes items more clear and defined and ensures that any variances issued still meet the intent of the code and adequately protects public health.

Vern Johnson expressed concerns with the secretive nature of the statewide sanitary code process and the lack of transparency.

Motion by Vern Johnson, second by Tony Drautz:

Write a letter to MDEQ and cc Rep. Lower, MALPH, and MDHHS requesting that the latest draft of the Statewide Sanitary Code be shared with MALEHA for review.

Motion carried.

Dana DeBruyn—provided an update regarding water well trainings that have been held and well attended. The next water well construction training will be held Oct. 25, 2018 in Mount Pleasant. The Water Well Advisory Committee will be meeting again on Nov. 1, 2018. Matt Bolang and Tony Drautz will represent MALEHA on this committee.

MDEQ contracts have started to be sent to LHDs. This should be completed soon.

Rhonda Page will attend in November to provide an update to the IT updates that will be occurring at DEQ.

Tony Drautz expressed concerns with planning for lab testing and approval by local officials for the longterm monitoring program. Clarification was requested from DEQ regarding reimbursement for samples tested prior to contract being officially signed. Dana will look into this and follow-up.

Non-community third quarter payments have been paid to all but two counties. No fourth quarter payments have been made at this time. Contracts and payment communication will be coming from Nicole Kiebler and Sharon Roman.

Ian Smith—provided an update on the PFAS statewide sampling project. At this point most of the sampling within counties has been completed. In the event of an issue, MDEQ works with LHDs to communicate with supplies. If there are any issues with the communication, please let

Ian Smith know. There has been a change to a different laboratory for PFAS sampling resulting in a shorter turnaround time (approximately 3-4 weeks versus 6 weeks previously). An update regarding sampling on tribal lands was provided. If any issues were found, they are referred to the EPA for follow-up. DEQ will also be reaching out to the Amish community regarding sampling and will be offering sampling if desired.

Matt Bolang—requested clarification regarding Merit Laboratories and if they are acceptable to refer homeowners to for testing. Ian clarified that there is no official certification regarding PFAS testing and drinking water, however, Merit Labs does have acceptable SOPs for testing for PFAS.

Tony Drautz—wanted clarification on how to handle homeowner drawn samples if there is a high result due to the difficulty in properly taking the sample. Steve Crider, MDHHS, referred to the state PFAS website for sampling guidance. Tony expressed concerns with how to handle reporting of these results and the accuracy of the data received. Are there any future training events planned to teach LHD staff on PFAS sampling? MDHHS does have training funds budgeted in 2019 and are hoping to schedule multiple events throughout the state in 2019. This training would be available to LHDs, water supply operators, and consultants. At this point, funding has not yet been approved, and alternative sources are being researched. Steve Crider reviewed the documents on the website. Tony stated it would be helpful to rename the documents so that it is clear which documents are for consultants/labs and which are for homeowners. Matt Bolang requested updating the documents so that the minimum detection limit is clear so homeowners are not sending samples to labs that are unable to test to the lower levels.

Ian Smith—would MALEHA be willing to summarize concerns/requests in a document? This could be helpful to help get changes made more quickly. Liz Braddock—could these concerns be raised at the next MPART meeting that is scheduled for Oct. 23, 2018? Orlando Todd thought this would not be the best platform for discussing these ideas, and a written summary of concerns might be more beneficial.

f. **MDARD**—Sean Dunleavy

Amanda Garvin will be starting in Barb Coy's open position. Please review new map and assigned duties that Sean shared via the listserv.

Plumbing memo and smoothie shop memo were shared and discussed.

License fee memo has been sent out and fees are set until 2023.

FAQs for marijuana—draft has been sent for legal review. Once reviewed, it will be shared via the listserv.

Record retention clarification memo was shared via the listserv.

Cycle 8 Accreditation MPR workgroup request for MALEHA to participate and start working on MPR edits.

Training events—standardized trainer conference coming up next week. FD312 training will be held in Lansing on Dec. 4, 2018 (currently class is full, but MDARD is hoping to continue to offer this training moving forward).

If recreational marijuana passes, can invite Matt Blakely to future MALEHA meeting to provide updates.

g. **MDHHS**—Orlando Todd and Steve Crider

Orlando Todd--Hepatitis A update: over 900 cases in Michigan (highest in country related to outbreak). Working on supplemental funding, but will not know until December if funding is approved.

DHS payments—Orlando has been working with Patricia Knightman to determine where issues are occurring and improve the process. Patricia's contact will be shared to contact with any payment issues.

Funding Formula Committee for ELPHS funding. This was a recommendation from committee and the committee will be reviewing funding formulas and potential changes to the formula calculations. Committee has representation of LHDs and state agencies. Committee is charged with getting a formula recommendation to the legislature by February 2019. Emerging health threat funds approved in 2019 (\$4.7 million, with just over \$3 million designated for PFAS response). Remaining funds were set aside for improvements to the state lab, vector control at LHDs, and vapor intrusion.

Marijuana update—LARA is leading agency for licensing facilities. MDHHS will be focusing on human health concerns/questions. This will be posted on website and will be shared. If recreational marijuana passes, the website would go live.

Steve Crider—PFAS update. There have been two meetings held with local emergency managers to review potential plans for community supplies with PFAS issues (e.g. Parchment). If assistance is needed by LHDs for PFAS results received, feel free to reach out to MDHHS for assistance with interpretation and communication.

State health department fact sheets for nitrate, nitrite, copper, lead, and bacteria are in the final approval states. Once approved, these will be shared. Also in development is a statewide recommendation for sample frequency for homeowners. MPART is also reviewing fact sheet on biosolids, but Steve will follow-up and determine where in the review process this document is.

7. Committee Reports

a. Food

Liz Braddock—would like to request a co-chair for the committee. Tony Drautz volunteered to be co-chair. Pending tasks for the committee:

Food transportation from restaurants to client (e.g. grub hub, uber eats, etc.)

Food Accreditation Cycle 8

b. Drinking Water

Tip MacGuire—no current pending items. Future items include Cycle 8 Accreditation review.

c. On-site & Land-use

No items currently in process

d. Legislative

No items currently in process. New committee chair to be assigned.

e. Technology & Training

No items currently in process.

f. PFAS

Committee is being formed and chair will be assigned

g. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc

8. MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees)

a. Medical Waste Pilot Program-none

- b. Harmful Algal Blooms
Meeting to be held next week to review summer season.
- c. Local Inspection at Fairs-none
Will continue in 2019—Sean will provide update at future meeting
- d. Cross Jurisdictional Sharing-none
- e. Communication Workgroup-none
- f. Fentanyl/Carfentanil Workgroup-none
- g. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup-none

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Accreditation Quality Improvement Initiative
On Oct. 4, 2018 an email was shared via the listserv with a presentation on this item.
These have not yet been approved by MALPH or the Standards Review Committee. It would be beneficial to invite someone to attend the November or December MALEHA meeting to present on potential changes.

11. Items from Board

12. Items from Members

13. Future Agenda/Items

- a. Rhonda Page, DEQ IT updates
- b. Matt Blakely—presentation on FAQs if medical marijuana passes
- c. Accreditation Quality Improvement Initiative presentation

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Westover to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 10/18/18

Approved x-xx-2018

_____, MALEHA Secretary