

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum
MPHI, 2436 Woodlake Dr. Okemos
May 17, 2018

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Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Kevin Besey, MDARD	Orlando Todd, MDHHS	Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ TC
Dan Dettweiler, MDEQ TC	Gary Kohlhepp MDEQ	Aaron Parker, MDEQ
Rhonda Oyer, MDEQ	Rodney Blanchard, MDARD	Steve Crider, MDHHS
Laura de la Rambelje, MDHHS	Alex Rafalski, MDHHS	

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vern Johnson at 9:30am
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Regina Young, support by Matt Bolang. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of April 18, 2018 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Ken Bowen. Motion carried.

4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**

a. **President's Report**

See emailed report

Discussion around the MALPH request to create language for the Statewide Sanitary Code that MALEHA would support.

General discussion regarding the current response provided on behalf of MALEHA and responding to the request of MALPH. General consensus around not working to edit the

language of the existing bills, and that the previous written response encompasses the main barriers that need to be addressed to support this type of legislation.

Regina Young stated that MALEHA is the expert on Environmental Health and has the opportunity to have a voice and try and build consensus around this issue. She expressed disappointment that MALEHA would not embrace this opportunity.

b. **Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Tip MacGuire, support by Matt Bolang to approve the April Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.

c. **MALPH** – Meghan Swain

Not in attendance

d. **MEHA**—Sara Simmonds

Annual planning meeting will be held soon, additional updates will be provided at later date.

Tom Fountain—Northern Michigan EH held spring conference that was well attended.

5. **State Department Reports**

a. **MDHHS** – Orlando Todd, Steve Crider

Orlando Todd—provided a general overview of current hepatitis A outbreak and numbers have shown slight increase recently. They are expecting numbers to rise throughout the spring/summer.

Public Health Law Training 201 will be held in 2018, first will be in June in Traverse City. Others to follow in July in other parts of the state (dates/locations will be shared soon via listserv). A survey was sent via listserv to request information on training needs and specific cases/questions.

Steve Crider, MDHHS, Drinking Water Unit Manager in Toxicology Section. Point person for PFAS in public water supplies. Information is currently being reviewed by the Governor's Office. Once approved, additional information and communication will be shared. There is a tool kit with word editable docs that water operators can utilize to communicate results (for T1 and T2 water supplies). This is to help assist with communication to residents/customers the results of testing and what results mean. There may be a press release statewide to explain the process. There is also a press release template in the tool kit that can be utilized by communities or school administration. DEQ communication letters will also communicate with LHDs regarding the dates that sampling will occur in their area. The state will be providing the sampling for free. Additional information will be available once approved. Sara Simmonds requested involvement and communication with LHDs as T2 operators look to LHDs for information and guidance, and that it is clear any/all exceedances still need to be communicated to LHDs and not only to DEQ.

Dana DeBruyn, DEQ--Lois Graham, DEQ, will be the person who reaches out to LHDs regarding communication and sampling. In order to complete sampling by the end of December, three teams will be working to sample these supplies. A press release will be sent on Friday, May 18, 2018 regarding the sampling. This will request contacting the DEQ to schedule sampling. Dana will try and provide a copy of the press release via listserv.

Kevin Green requested a copy of the toolkit be shared as soon as possible as these supplies will be contacting LHDs once letter is received. Steve Crider stated that he is unable to share until approved by the Governor's Office. As soon as he is able, he will share with MALEHA.

Tony Drautz expressed concerns with the disjointed nature of the communication and sampling and LHD involvement. Press releases, letters, and sampling is occurring with little to know

notification to LHDs. However, LHDs are responsible for the follow-up and response to those supplies with MCL exceedances. How is this going to be addressed by state agencies? As these concerns have been raised previously, what can be done to change the lack of communication between state departments and with LHDs? Orlando stated that he is aware of the issues LHDs are running into, and MDHHS has attempted to address this issue. However, it continues to be an issue that is difficult to resolve, but they will continue to work to communicate concerns LHDs have raised.

Vern requested a meeting be schedule with MDEQ, MDHHS, and LHD representatives to review and discuss process and response expectations—work to create a FAQs reference.

Orlando will communicate LHD concerns and requests at the next MPART meeting. The PFAS response is new for the State of Michigan and communication and response has been inconsistent. As this is a new program/process, continued evaluation of actions and methods is needed in order to improve the process moving forward.

b. **MDEQ—Dan Dettweiler & Rhonda Oyer**

Rhonda Oyer, Solid Waste Section, Waste Management & Radiological Protection Division. Provided a brief update on the Medical Waste Inspection Program. At this time, law would not be introduced in 2018, but they are hopeful to try and move forward in early 2019. Current draft document was shared via listserv. A stakeholder meeting is being scheduled for this summer to review the draft and consider any additional changes. There is information available on the state website including year-end reports and educational materials. Additional information, contact Rhonda: oyerr@michigan.gov (517) 284-6591

Dan Dettweiler—Jeremy Hoeh has some updates to share due to questions raised at the Monday MALPH meeting. This will be shared via listserv.

c. **MDARD-Rodney Blanchard**

Position Updates

Still working to fill the Director position previously held by Kevin Besey. Barb Coy has announced retirement on July 6, 2018 and Sandra Walker will be retiring the end of May. These positions are posted, or will be posted soon for refill.

Training Opportunities (registration links and information will be shared via listserv)

- Food Law Food Code Training: June 21 & 22, 2018 in Gaylord.
- Option 2 Accreditation Training: September 19, 2018 in Lansing
- FD312 Course, December 5 & 6, 2018 in Lansing

A brief update on marijuana regulation as related to food safety, and potential impacts if recreational marijuana passes in Michigan. The Food Committee is currently tasked with working with MDARD to evaluate this issue.

6. **Harmful Algal Bloom Presentation**—Alex Rafalski, MDHHS & Aaron Parker, MDEQ

Will request presentation slides to share via listserv

7. **Committee Reports**

See attached spreadsheet for committee assignments and project updates

- a. Food
- b. Drinking Water
- c. On-site & Land-use

- d. Legislative
- e. Technology & Training
- f. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc

8. MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees)

See attached spreadsheet for committee assignments and project updates

- a. Harmful Algal Blooms
See above
- b. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup
- c. Cross Jurisdictional Sharing
- d. Communication Workgroup
- e. MPART PFAS Workgroup

Remove this workgroup, no position available for MALEHA

Motion by Tony Drautz, support by Ken Bowen:

MALEHA President to submit a FOIA request on behalf of MALEHA to request information and correspondence (agendas, minutes, updates) related to MPART activities.

General discussion regarding issue and LHD participation, and what specific information should be requested. Regina Young stated it would be good to mention cost of FOIA be disclosed prior to completion and perhaps a date range specified. Vern stated that a line could be added that requests any costs be disclosed prior to completing FOIA request. Kevin Green suggested first step could be to send an official request from MALEHA to MPART to attend future meeting. Kristen Schweighoefer stated that the MPART committee was created by executive order on behalf of the Governor, so any changes to the membership of that committee would likely require another executive order and could be difficult.

General discussion on what actions would be taken with the information obtained via FOIA. Suggestion that a letter specifying the role and impact to LHDs and issues caused by lack of advanced notice be sent to MPART, MDHHS, MDEQ, etc.

Roll Call Vote, motion doesn't carry

Motion amended by Kevin Green, support by Paul Andriacchi:

MALEHA President write letter addressing statewide surveillance and communication/transparency needed with LHDs. Request meeting minutes and state impacts to LHD and community.

Motion carried

- f. Fentanyl/Carfentanil Workgroup

9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Items from Board

12. Items from Members

13. Future Agenda/Items

- a. Steve Crider, MDHHS, to attend June MALEHA meeting to provide PFAS update (criders1@michigan.gov)

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Liz Braddock to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48pm

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 5/17/18

Approved x-xx-2018

_____, MALEHA Secretary

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