

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum
MPHI, 2436 Woodlake Dr. Okemos
July 19, 2018

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Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Sean Dunleavy, MDARD	Orlando Todd, MDHHS	Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ
Jeremy Hoeh, MDEQ	Matt Gamble, MDEQ	Laura de la Rambelie, MDHHS
Ian Smith, MDEQ	Andrew Brisbo, LARA	Allyson Chirio, LARA
Kory Groetsch, MDHHS	Shane Green, MDARD TC	

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vern Johnson at 9:30am
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Chris Klawuhn, support by Matt Bolang. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of June 21, 2018 Minutes:** Update Treasurer's Report from April to May. Motion to approve with changes by Matt Bolang, support by Ken Bowen. Motion carried.
4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**
 - a. **President's Report**

See emailed report.

Overview of NEHA AEC 2018 and recreational cannabis.

General discussion on the Statewide Sanitary Code.

Lower is still working on updated draft. Rumors that new draft should address pre-emption and time of sale, DEQ funding, and LHD funding. Jeremy Hoeh, DEQ, said that appropriation and

additional funding to support LHDs is supposed to be included in revision. On last phone call, there were questions regarding the estimated costs provided by Eric Pessell. Representative Lower was unable to speak to the numbers, but will work with the work group once draft is ready to share. Vern said once draft is shared, counties can work to estimate costs for his/her county.

Nominations needed for open positions. There will be three open Board positions, as well as Secretary, Treasurer, and President-Elect. Nominations should be submitted prior to the Director's Conference in September.

b. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Matt Bolang, support by Tony Drautz to approve the June Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried.

c. MALPH – Meghan Swain

PFAS funding update provided. \$4.5 million dollars for essential public health services, and \$4.7 million available for emerging public health issues (this will be utilized for PFAS response and Hep C). There will be a new funding formula utilized, but hasn't yet been released.

d. MEHA—Sara Simmonds

The 2019 MEHA AEC will be held in Battle Creek. Details will be shared as they are finalized.

5. State Department Reports

a. MDHHS – Orlando Todd, Steve Crider

Orlando Todd: Hep A—over 800 cases currently (highest in the US). Response continues.

KWR research firm will be assisting to develop a statewide Legionnaires response with MDHHS, MDEQ, LARA, and LHDs. Three volunteers are needed from LHD environmental health.

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 have been shared via listserv).

Steve Crider, Toxicology Response Section: New toxicologist will be coming on board due to increased number of PFAS and other contamination sites. My Well testing program will be looking for LHD volunteers to review fact sheets that have been developed for the program. MDHHS is working on statewide recommendations for testing frequencies for private water wells. Would like to have LHD volunteers to assist on developing these recommendations.

PFAS Update—A joint meeting with LHD, MDEQ and MDHHS has been scheduled for July 23, 2018 from 1-2:30pm to discuss testing in schools and communication. Due to short notice of the meeting, meeting will be rescheduled so more notice can be provided. Information will be shared via listserv.

Tony asked for clarification regarding meeting and communication to schools after test results are received. Steve stated it would be difficult to provide meetings to every district tested, and suggested combining districts for meetings. However, current recommendations are on the website and for those results under 70ppt, meetings with schools are not being recommend. Vern clarified that regardless of the result, if there are hits for PFAS at a school, communication will be needed regardless of the result being less than 70ppt as parents will have questions and want clarification.

Sara Simmonds said that Kent County has found small community meetings have been more successful for reaching the community versus town hall meetings as they are less likely to become political platforms. The challenge in Kent has been communicating risk to the public due to varying messages available.

ATSDR has released draft MRLs, and public comments are open until August. There are ongoing discussions about how response may be affected if MRLs change after public comments close.

Regina Young asked for clarification regarding the organizational structure around PFAS. The Drinking Water Unit in MDHHS was formed in March 2018. This was originally formed around lead and copper testing and environmental inspection. ATSDR unit is the lead unit for PFAS sites related to private water supplies. When there is a Type 2 or Type 3 well affected, they are moved to the Drinking Water Unit, as this unit focuses on public water. MDEQ is overseeing the water sampling at schools for PFAS. There was general discussion about agency roles and processes and how this could be clarified for LHDs.

Current hotline that can be provided to public: 1-800-648-6942

b. **MDARD**—Sean Dunleavy

Plumbing workgroup status—Sean Green will be the coordinator for MDARD.

Tribal equivalency discussion—will be reaching out to volunteers to begin discussion on this item. Volunteers are Liz Braddock, Kevin Green, and Vern Johnson.

General discussion regarding foodborne illness referrals/requests to MDARD and the memo shared via listserv. Sean clarified when a referral request is needed and suspect illness is linked to MDARD facility. Kristen asked for clarification on how MDARD is reviewing trends in unconfirmed illnesses to identify potentially linked illnesses when occur in different jurisdictions. Sean is going to look into this and follow-up.

Smoothie licensing will be handled like “You Buy We Fry” as food is being served for immediate consumption. Communication with the vendors will also be shared so that they are aware of this change in licensing. This will be shared once completed.

c. **MDEQ**—Dana DeBruyn, Matt Gamble, Ian Smith, Jeremy Hoeh

Ian Smith—PFAS/PFOS sampling started on May 29, 2018 with goal to complete sampling by December 2018. There are currently three sampling teams working to collect samples throughout the state. Maps and ranking of sampling priority have been shared via the listserv. Ranking priority was based on multiple factors including population, potential samples, potential sources, and geology. Communications to LHDs will be to the EH Directors. Changes have been made to the laboratory results in order to help make reports easier to read and understand.

Dana DeBruyn—Follow-up audit is being conducted by internal audit agency for Type 2 program. The counties who participated in previous EPA audit, may be asked to provide information again.

Jeremy Hoeh—MDEQ is looking for LHDs to host training for onsite soils training. Dale L. is still looking for volunteers for training for Fall 2018. Septic Smart Week (Sept. 2019) educational packets will be shared with LHDs. These will be shared at the August MALEHA meeting or will be mailed to LHDs.

Matt Gamble—Currently looking for one or two LHD representatives for the well construction review/well driller advisor committee. Request will be sent via listserv—let Vern know if interested in participating.

Discussion on chem-igation valves to occur this afternoon. MALEHA representatives are planning to attend to discuss issue and determine best practices.

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

Nominations for awards should be submitted to Don so these can be presented at the Director's Conference.

- f. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc

8. **MALEHA Member Reports (Non-MALEHA Committees)**

See attached spreadsheet for committee assignments and project updates

- a. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup
- b. Cross Jurisdictional Sharing
- c. Communication Workgroup
- d. Fentanyl/Carfentanil Workgroup

9. **Old Business**

10. **New Business**

11. **Items from Board**

12. **Items from Members**

- a. Tom Fountain—position open and Tom's retirement in September for anyone interested in moving up north.
- b. Regina Young—LARA is submitting request for well/septic inspection only and not full EH inspections. Perhaps can provide future update at MALEHA.
- c. Sara Simmonds—Attended IFP conference—some emphasis on heat resistant E.coli and impacts on food service operations.
- d. Kristen Schweighoefer—Any consideration for updating pool rules given the new release of the recreational water guidelines? Perhaps something DEQ and MALEHA should take a look at in the future.

13. **Future Agenda/Items**

- a. Vapor Intrusion Toolkit: Review and Comment at July or August forum meeting
- b. Update from LARA on Adult Care Facilities and EH Inspections

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Submitted by:

Adeline Hambley 8/15/18

Approved x-xx-2018

_____, MALEHA Secretary