

**MINUTES OF MIS FORUM MEETING**  
**September 20, 2017**  
**Michigan Association for Local Public Health**

**Members Present:**

- Bethany Jacques, Saginaw County
- Jennifer Brassow, Washtenaw
- Keith Mangold, Washtenaw
- Mark Weber, Central Michigan DHD
- Rich Estill, Ingham County HD
- Theresa Fisher, Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph

**Teleconference:**

- Bob Avery, Kalamazoo County HD
- Chase Lofland, Calhoun
- Shaunta Bosanic, LMAS
- Steve Lane, Kent County HD
- Terri Curtis, Jackson County HD

**Others Present on Teleconference:**

- Ed Hartwick, MDHHS
- Jon Gonzalez, MDHHS-LHS

**Call to Order:** Keith Mangold called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of July 19, 2017 were reviewed. There were no objections or corrections. Motion by Rich Estill to approve support by Keith Mangold. Motion carried. Minutes will be posted on the MALPH website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Theresa Fisher reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Currently have a balance of \$1,282.25. There were no deposits and 2 withdrawals for January and July room rental for \$121.56.

**Department Reports:**

MDHHS: Jon Gonzalez – No update.

MDHHS: Ed Hartwick –

The MDSS release originally scheduled for today has been rescheduled for a month from now so some bugs could be fixed.

Still in the midst of pilot for digital bridge project working with Netsmart. By the end of the month we should be able to enter case reports from insight to MDSS on a test basis. We are only testing 5 conditions at the moment and there is currently no go live date. There was a presentation at the Admin Conference last week and it was considered very helpful to hear more information about the digital bridge project.

After the pilot is complete and the bugs are worked out with the 5 conditions that are being tested it will be relatively easy to expand it to include all 80 reportable diseases. They are pushing for a nationwide standard for EICR (Electronic Initial Case Report). The information learned by this pilot and the standards that come from it should make it easier for all vendors to participate.

**MALPH Update: Keith Mangold**

The MALPH meeting schedule for next year is out and has been shared with the forums.

Board of directors meeting updates – Keith Mangold

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> strategic planning session meeting a committee was formed to help guide and steer the future state of public health, including the data side of it. The planning session was a full day that started with the presentation of a survey prepared by Jessie Jones of MPHI, titled, *where public health organizations have gaps and see opportunities*. The presentation focused on funding, workforce development, health promotion, and health equity.

Participants then broke into 3 smaller groups

- 10 essential services
- Data management -Keith
- Developing workforce

Keith attended the data management group and reported discussion on the need for consistent interoperable data systems, the silo effect at the state level, and at the LHD level. There appears to be a disconnect between local organizations and the state. A recommendation was made to form a workgroup to help work on this issue. Most LHDs had some form of representation at this meeting and there were also individuals present from DHHS, MDHHS, DEQ, and other state agencies. Keith will continue to provide updates to the group.

There was additional discussion about the silo effect and how sometimes even on the local level we don't use available EH data when making public health decision. Ingham County does routinely check with their EH department when they have an outbreak. The computer systems do not interoperate but they seek out the data when necessary. Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph has a health alert team that is triggered by events which includes EH staff, and all data is shared within the team. Saginaw has a similar system. GIS mapping may be helpful in bridging the gap between multiple departments and eliminate some of the silo effect for data. GIS could potentially bring a long-term linkage to health outcomes to specific EH items. A layer for EH and for EPI could indicate this.

### **Committee Reports**

Premier Public Health Conference Planning: - Scheduled for October.

### **Old Business:**

Membership Update: Dues notices were sent out via email to the listserv and other identified individuals on March 8, 2017. We currently have 19 paid members. The membership list has been updated and shows paid members in black, 2016 paid members in orange, and historical information in grey. See attached membership list.

### Election of Officers:

Bethany Jacques motioned to approve the slate of officers: Keith Mangold as Chair, Rick Estill as Chair-Elect, and Steve Lane as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Theresa Fisher and the motion carried.

### Other Discussion:

There was discussion about making all 3 officers signers for the bank accounts so that the forum is always covered if someone leaves or is not available. There should also be a notation on the bottom of each month's financials that indicates who has access to the account and the bank information.

### Joint RFP for EMR:

Members on this project are at the point where they are going to move forward to the interview stage. Three vendors will be invited for interviews. After the interviews, short demos can be set up. After which, the 4 counties will schedule individual more in depth demos and begin negotiations.

### New EHR Implementation Updates:

Terri – Jackson county –Went live on Epic on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The first week was very hectic. The vendor did not have extensive experience and did not seem to be that familiar with unique challenges of public health data systems. Registration and scheduling went without issues. Ordering things in the STI clinic and vaccines was an issue and the vendor responded immediately to the call for assistance. Things seem to be running smooth at this time.

Pategonia – CMDHD – implemented in January. The ticketing system is good. They usually respond within an hour of entering a ticket. CSHCS and MIHP are hoping to go live soon.

Melissa Bowerman from mid-Michigan spoke at the accounting conference and she commented that there is no release processes for billing. Claims are automatically pushed out to billers. This makes it impossible to do claim scrubbing before the claims are released. Pategonia doesn't batch release claims.

There was discussion about how we can move public health information back and forth electronically to the state. For example, the state sends us paper food licenses and it would be more efficient for us to be able to receive the data electronically and print our own. This would allow us to correlate the data and merge it with local data that is necessary. We should be able to leverage technology to improve efficiencies.

**Adjournment:** Moved to adjourn by Theresa Fisher supported by Keith Mangold, the Motion Carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Fisher  
Secretary/Treasurer