

MAPPP/Physicians Forum Notes
October 26, 2017

- A.** Attending: T. Frankovich, A. Mercatante, J. Knoche, R. Schrimmer, M. Miller, W. Nettleton, J. Marshall, J. Morse, D. Woodall, M. Hall, R. Sharangpani, P. Hackert, L. Wile, J. Meyerson, L. Power, S. Lowhim, R. Johansen, M. Polverento,
- B.** Local Jurisdiction Updates:
- a. Dr. Hackert provided an update on water main break this past Monday. They had 12 communities under a Boil Water Alert or had no water, which included several hospitals. Hospitals were closed and diverting traffic to other facilities.
 - b. Dr. Mercatante shared they had a local restaurant closure due to Hepatitis A. She voiced concern regarding the availability of vaccine and immunoglobulin. They have had a great response from community, but had so many people show up that they ran out of vaccine and had to turn people away. They have another event scheduled to take care of those who did not get vaccine, but she is worried about what happens in another restaurant outbreak or for their clinics. Concerned that a healthy adult will not get IG the next time because they have to prioritize high-risk exposures. She also noted the concern of wasting IG because of how the vials are packaged with more than the dosage needed.
 - i. Dr. Hackert stated that her department had some of the same concerns during a nursing home outbreak a few years ago. She also discussed the need to determine how to address possible restaurant exposures that also involve possible IV drug use. Dr. Sharangpani noted the need to figure out how to better screen for marijuana use.
 - ii. Dr. Mercatante recommended that MAPPP member share information on how to approach and prioritize populations given shortages in vaccines and immunoglobulin.
 - iii. Dr. Sharangpani provided a summary on the ACIP Conference, including decisions related to Hepatitis A, 3rd dose of MMR, and inactive Zoster. Meningococcal B was not on the schedule this time. It is hoped that Merck will ramp up production for Hepatitis A vaccine soon and GSK has also identified that supplies are low.
 - iv. Dr. Nettleton reported their second case of acute Hepatitis A in the county jail in the past few months. They made the decision to go ahead with pre-exposure prophylaxis for jail personnel, but have not done the same for health care personnel since outside outbreak area.
 - v. Dr. Marshall shared that her department sent notifications to organizations with at-risk staff before being in an outbreak area recommending vaccination per MDHHS recommendations

- vi. Dr. Hackert shared that at least one hospital system in her county is voluntarily vaccinating their staff for Hepatitis A.
 - vii. Dr. Mercatante will share the list from MDHHS of locations where IG is available and Molly will distribute this to MAPPP members. It is important for MAPPP members to communicate with local physicians regarding the limited IG supply so that they do not tell their patients that they will get IG.
- c. A request was made to discuss discordant results from a recent measles case recently with Eden and the representatives from the state laboratory during an upcoming meeting.
- C. Update: FY 2018 Cross Jurisdictional Sharing Grant (VanGills/Miller)**
 - a. Linda sent out the final report and documents and posted these to Basecamp
 - b. Linda is drafting a letter to MDHHS regarding the recommendations that came out of the project.
 - c. Mark provided an overview of the new CJS project that he will be helping with, focused on mentorship and training for local public health leadership. They will produce a manual for local public health leaders that will be housed on the MALPH website and are planning regional public health leadership trainings in 2018. There will be a workgroup to help plan the activities and he will likely ask for at least one MAPPP member to participate.
- D. Discussion: 2018 MAPPP Officers**
 - a. Dr. Frankovich wants to identify back-up who could attend MALPH meetings regularly before she officially takes over as President since she is based so far away. She states this is important as MAPPP rebuilds its connection with MALPH.
 - i. Dr. Mercatante recommended that Medical Directors take turns representing MAPPP at MALPH meeting. This will lessen the burden on one member and also introduces Health Officers to more of the Medical Directors. A schedule could be determined by the MALPH Subcommittee.
 - ii. Dr. Lowhim offered to attend when needed since she is local.
 - b. Molly will ask for volunteers for President-Elect and then a vote will be held in November. Dr. Schirmer confirmed his willingness to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer.
- E. Discussion: MAPPP Membership and Bylaws**
 - a. Proposed changes to the Bylaws drafted by Molly were discussed by the members.
 - i. It is important for the new language to make clear that a designee to the MALPH meetings will need to be identified if MAPPP President is not a MALPH member.
 - ii. MALPH Subcommittee meetings could be tacked on to end of regularly MAPPP meetings when needed.
 - iii. Dr. Mercatante will check in the rules regarding who represents a forum at the MALPH Board meetings and let Molly

know so consistent language can be incorporated into bylaw revisions.

- b. We will keep at 2018 dues at \$100, but provide a way for members to make additional donations. Molly working on a membership form with financial staff at MSU to get it out soon.
- c. Molly will send out the MAPPP description for MALPH Website with the meeting notes and ask for revisions.

F. MALPH Update (A. Mercatante)

- a. We have held an initial meeting to discuss forming Public Health Ethics committees. This meeting included Health Officers, Medical Directors and MSU Ethics faculty. Dr. Mercatante will keep this group posted on progress made on this project.
- b. Bills related to waiver education and student exclusion are moving again in the legislature. Dr. Mercatante will send the bills to Molly to send out to MAPPP members. Dr. Sharangpani will send information to Molly regarding upcoming legislative meetings to share with members.

G. MDHHS Update (O. Todd/E. Wells)

- a. Dr. Wells and Orlando were unable to attend the meeting, so no update provided.

H. UM PMR Update (L. Power)

- a. They are still waiting to hear on funding, but no other updates.

I. MSU Update (M. Polverento)

- a. Spectrum Hospital has established a new family medicine residency program and it has been approved by the ACGME. This program will join the MSU Family Medicine Residency Network soon.
- b. Molly is working with faculty at the Sparrow Hospital family medicine residency program to develop an environmental health curriculum.
- c. The Department continues to work on its Population Health Research Agenda.
- d. Molly will send out the date for 2018 Epidemiology Conference.

Next meeting: November 16, 8-9am