

Draft Meeting Minutes.

MALEHA Environmental Health Forum
MALPH Office 426 Walnut St, Lansing
December 21 2017

Board of Directors:

Vern Johnson, Kalamazoo, President
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Sara Simmonds, Kent
Mike Krecek, Midland TC
Tanya Rule , Western UP TC
Mike Snyder, Delta Menominee TC
Scott Withington City of Detroit TC
Scott Kendzierski, NorthWest Health TC
Scott Smith, DHD#2 TC
Chuck Lichon, DHD #2 TC
Darrin Deyart, Dickonson Iron TC
Casey Elliot, Shiawassee , TC
Guests: (TC = teleconference)

Orlando Todd, MDHHS TC
Meghan Swain, MALPH
Dana DeBruyn, MDEQ
Matt ? (MDEQ)

Jeremy Hoeh, MDEQ
Sean Dunleavy, MDARD
Shane Green, MDARD

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Vern Johnson at 9:30am
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Matt Bolang, support by Chris Klawuhn. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of November 16, 2017 Minutes:** Sara Simmonds request amendment under Statewide Septic Code discussion to state with reference to Dr. Rose “This document is to be used as a tool to support local public health and to tell the story in a different way”

Motion to approve minutes with amendment of December 21 by Chris Klawuhn, support by Kevin Green. Motion carried.

Comment from Dana DeBryun DEQ noted that Draft minutes are not provided to State partners. President made note of this comment.

4. **Officer & Affiliate Reports**

a. **President’s Report:** Report previously sent out. Highlights include: Rick Ruiz DEQ Lab will attend January 18th meeting to discuss strategies to meet thermal preservation. A project Tracker sheet has been provided to members with the intent that all members are kept informed of what projected are being worked on and under what target dates and deliverables. Quarterly Meeting with State partners discussed Ag Wells and LQW wells. The DEQ & MDARD are at present having ongoing discussion with the intention of bringing our group on board next. Gillian Stollman is a private consultant who is working on a project under an MPHI grant on improving communication between LHD’s and partners. LHD are represented by a members from each of the following groups EH Directors (Tony Drautz), the Health Officer group (Ken Bowen) and also the Med Directors and Nursing group.

b. **Treasurer’s Report**

Motion by Chris Klawuhn, support by Matt Boland to approve December Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

c. **MALPH:** Meghan Swain. Recent leadership meetings with State Departments has been emphasizing getting ready for FY 2019 with working on budget being a priority. It is unlikely that anything contentious will move forward due to the election year. PFAS is a hot item with Carol Isaac (Governor’s Office) leading the PFAS Workgroup. Some potential or rumored legislation that may pop up include; Smoking on Patio that is being led by the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, Testing for Lead in Restaurants and Removing latex gloves from restaurants. The Summer Feeding Program is Dept of Education program (MDE) not an MDARD so further conversation needs to occur with the MDE. Another Fair survey is being worked on. The DEQ is working on a response to P16 EPA Public meeting recently held for the Lead/Copper Rule change. All information will be posted to the MALEHA page.

Continue to monitor Statewide Sanitary Code and the Onsite Wastewater Program Accreditation changes.

Meghan met with the Board of Directors of the Michigan Water Quality Association that represent water distribution and filtration companies – they are interested in improving relationships with LHD. Sara Simmonds mentioned that in Kent County, Wolverine has partnered with only one group (Culligan) for emergency water distribution and this may be a reason why the group wants to be involved.

Additional member discussion on Lead removal in restaurants: Tony Drautz expressed concern that any type of Lead program in restaurants would take a lot of resources and Vern Johnson mentioned that any new proposal needs funding as a primary function. LHD's cannot take on anymore programs without acceptable funding and this message needs to be conveyed to our State representatives. Scott Withington mentioned that the City of Detroit had obtained a grant to allow them to test for lead in schools and daycares and they follow a current model for testing

MEHA: Sara Simmonds stated that they are working on Amending the constitution. Calhoun County will be the site of the 2019 AEC. Encourage staff to become engaged in MEHA.

State Department Reports

- a. MDHHS Report: Orlando mentioned that the PFAS group mentioned will include other stakeholders with an EH Director being added next to the group. Supplemental funds of \$7.8 million available for emergency response to environmental issues such as Vapor intrusion, PFAS or other issues. Disbursement is being discussed but portion will go to the DEQ and counties involved with PFAS Training LHD 101 that is being organized by Mark Miller will emphasize succession and future management in LHD. The idea is that a presentation will be delivered to up to 5 different meetings around the state. Kevin Green is representing MALEHA on this project. Hepatitis A outbreak region is affecting 13 jurisdictions. Continue to hold weekly calls with outbreak LHD's and biweekly calls with non-outbreak LHD. Response is through the CHEC.
- b. DEQ Report: Dana in reference to the supplemental funds mentioned by Orlando. Some of the money will go to the DEQ lab for PFAS testing and some monies will be dispersed from DEQ to affected communities. In response to the EPA Audit there will be some immediate changes specific to staffing, there is an IT proposal that is not ready yet and monthly calls with the EPA to review long term goals. In addition there will be a workload analysis and Dana is reviewing model that is in place by the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. The model will reviews workload of community and non community water staff and a survey will go out to LHD to review how much time is spent in the program. Lead and Copper Rule – on December 12 met with MALPH to discuss. Public comment will be delayed past January. Some staff changes include Mike Westra being the replacement for Karen Beauchamp for the UP Region Non Community Water and Secondary treatment review. In Lansing, Montana is a permanent move to the Contamination Investigation Unit. Kevin Holdwyck is leaving in January. This gives the DEQ an opportunity to rewrite the engineering job descriptions. Two positions will be ½ non community and ½ secondary treatment engineering review. There will be a Secondary Treatment System Program administered by the unit

and the new hires will be working in this program. Currently the DEQ is working with DHSS on any Secondary treatment issues coming in as a complaint. As an estimate there are over 6000 facilities on an inventory list. Dana stated that food service facilities that use secondary treatment was not on her radar but will review the issues raised. Sara Simmonds indicated some restaurants in Plainfield Township are adding RO's to improve consumer confidence in the water supply serving the food service locations. Additionally Tony Drautz expressed concern that if restaurants are using secondary treatment for water treatment and the food service inspections require approval of the water source this raises questions that need further clarification.

Matt (DEQ) reported that over 130 inspectors participated in the Well Construction training and there are 3 more trainings coming in 2018. With regards to the Kent County dump/burn sites the regional RRD office and Kent County continue to discuss the situation via weekly meetings. Recent issues regarding uncertain sites has led to a review of 90 dump sites and did temporarily place a hold on issuing private water well permits. Collaboration between LHD and the District RRD office continues along with other partners to work through this issue. Currently there is no special well construction requirements for wells being drilled in known PFAs areas. MDARD & MSUE will discuss issues with regards to chemigation valves (reduce pressure and high pressure valves) and a review of appropriate application for central pivot style irrigation systems. This will move forward to further discussion on larger Agri Well issues that will include LHD's and the Well Committee that should occur before the Spring. Discussion will also include BMP's for chemical storage isolation distances and further GAMPS discussion. Geothermal legislation public meeting was not well attended and proposed language will be circulated soon. DEQ and MDHHS are coordinating on a Well Owner Tool as part of the Be Well Informed website. A survey will be sent out to LHD's to discuss existing well owner outreach and to identify gaps.

Jeremy (On Site Wastewater) Both the Office of Waste Management and Office of Community Affairs are working on guidance for Funeral home and Dentist offices. Regarding State Wide Septic Code, Jeremy will request via Sara House a copy of a draft code and will provide it to MALEHA. Once this is provided it will lead to a formal workgroup to review the proposed code. Jeremy's group is close to completing a review of all Self assessments and will call together a work group to move forward on future Cycle 7 SA. Christine is working on adding information to the website (EPA Septic Smart Website). Jeremy noted that information regarding Planned Unit Developments are approved at the township level and may not have any LHD approval. Dave is working on developing a worksheet for Township or Building Department Boards to clarify when LHD approval may also be necessary for this type of Development. The Unit has received a request from LHD for a review of what methods for GPS/GIS capture is acceptable per the MPR's as it related to septic points on a viewer. The DNR has a GIS unit and Jeremy will discuss their application and will likely form a workgroup to further discuss this.

Member discussion mentioned that Sara is working on a draft from the Piwecki Bill and previously Angela Ayers was the contact at the Governor's Office. Vern Johnson stated that MALEHA & MALPH must be at the table for any discussion regarding Statewide Septic code and he continues to repeatedly convey this message to our partners.

c. MDARD Report from Sean. Calendar will be sent out with all upcoming MDARD trainings. Plan Review training is upcoming and moving past 2018 there will be annual PR training/table top exercise. Plan Review documents are being updates to reflect a PR manual. There will be no MPR 1 changes as a result of the above. Barb Coy is transitioning to a different role, her Standardization expires soon and she will take on a role of reviewing MDARD programs and LHD against the Voluntary National Retail Standards. There is an additional Fair Pilot Program survey to the LHD's. Food Code/Food Law update – FDA has stalled on Food Code 2017. Recent memo stated that Kevin Bessey is moving to the Governor's Office and Jim Boze will take his position in the interim. MDARD will make a request to our Executive Board for the Food Committee to review the interpretation and function of the Michigan Plumbing Code and Chapter 5 Plumbing of the Food Code. MDARD shared a list of future priorities as follows; Food Code 2017/Food Law, Processing and Licensing for Special Processing and Wholesale, Plan Review training, Media Training, VRNS, Fair Pilot Project.

d. Lead Copper Rule Changes—No Discussion

6. Committee Reports

a. Food – Liz and Kristen mentioned they are working on 3 tasks. A conference call was set up recently to discuss assignments related to one of the tasks - Reviewing and updating the MDARD EAP. A follow up Food Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12th to bring together the results of the EAP review and to further discuss Task 2 – MDE Summer Feeding Program. The 3rd task Culture of Food Safety Training has been assigned to Amy Amouck and Brandon Morrill.

b. Drinking Water – Tip mentioned they are waiting for Parjana info and Geothermal review

c. On-site & Land-use – No report

d. Legislative – No report

e. Technology & Training - Don. Any request for Director Conference speakers or ideas. Matt Boland will bring his recent DEQ requests and experience with software applications to this group.

f. Vapor Intrusion Ad-hoc – Don. This is still developing. Members mentioned that the level of knowledge varies between district offices. EH Directors feel that they are caught between DHHSS and DEQ District Offices opinion on the severity of the public health issue at hand. There is an upcoming webinar that is more for the technical aspect of vapor intrusion. Don mentioned that he has signed up for it.

7. MALEHA Member Reports (non-MALEHA Committees)

a. Medical Waste Pilot Program—Discussion and Program Recommendations to be submitted to MALPH. Vern sent a letter to Rhonda to request # of registered facilities, fee issues and issues raised in previous MALEHA meetings.

b. DEQ Septic Code Workgroup – No discussion

8. Old Business. Tony Drautz participated in a Harmful Algal Bloom Workgroup that included DHHS Toxicologist, DEQ. An MDARD rep will be invited to the group due to the questions relating to pets & livestock drinking surface water. Working on identifying the needs of LHD's, what needs to be done in advance of the 2018 season, and working on a 2018 response plan. Kevin Green is working on the cross-jurisdictional with Mark Miller.

9. New Business. Tom Fountain mentioned that he will represent MALEHA at the upcoming Onsite Wastewater Conference on a State Wide Septic Code Panel Discussion. The panel will include Dave Cotton, Ken Golkhe, Larry Stevens and Angela Ayers. This is a conceptual discussion on the pros & cons since no draft code has been provided. Contact Tom if you have a comment that you would like him to add/share an idea during the panel discussion.

10. Items from Board. Reminder of the MALPH log in information sent out by Jodi. MALEHA Board voted to be autonomous from MALPH and will act as their EH committee. Board is reviewing Liability coverage.

11. Items from Members

12. Future Agenda Items

Motion to adjourn by Matt Bolang and 2nd by Sara Simmonds. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:55.

Minutes submitted by Liz Braddock on January 2nd 2018 .

Next MALEHA meeting Thursday, January 18, 2018, MPHI Okemos