**Talking Points FY 2019**

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**CONTINUED RESTORATION ofEssential Local Public Health Services (ELPHS).**The public health system provides tangible results to Michigan citizens on a daily basis. Drastic cuts to drinking water safety, immunization capacity, food safety, infectious disease investigation/reporting, sexually transmitted disease control, groundwater safety, and on-site sewage monitoring/control services have occurred in the last two years. We have made great advances in restoration of funding from continual cuts the past decade. ***However, State funding levels are still lower than 16 years ago.***

***The Governor*** maintains FY 2017 funding levels for FY 2019.

***The House*** maintains FY2017 funding levels for FY 2019

*The need for local public health service delivery has never wavered. Yet, funding has been cut or never fully funded according to the Public Health Code. To date, there has been no discussion by the legislature/administration about how to effectively fund critical, essential local public health services to Michigan’s 9.9 million residents.* ***How can we facilitate this conversation?***

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION**

**Sustainable Funding at the Consumer Price Index Rate (Headlee):** If the State will not fund ELPHS at the 50/50 cost share rate, we are requesting that local public health have sustainable increases that are commensurate with the Headlee Amendment or the Consumer’s Price Index rate. This eliminates year after year of uncertainty with regard to funding levels, yet leads to planned budgeting for local health departments and the State of Michigan. The cost of service delivery goes up each year including, but not limited to, transportation, operations, equipment, staffing, supplies, etc.

**SUPPORT the Governor on** **per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) ($8M)** which includes lab capacity and distribution to local health departments to address.

**SUPPORT the Governor on PFAS, infectious and vectorborne disease, and other environmental contamination issues such as vapor intrusion, drinking water contamination, and lead exposure as emerging public health threats up to $4.8M**.

**SUPPORT** the recommendations of the **Public Health Advisory Council** including continuing and expanding collaboration locally and between state departments, investing in Michigan’s public health system, specifically that of local public health departments as “boots on the ground” stakeholders, to study issues, problems, and programs to make recommendations from a perspective of health (Health in All Policies).

**SUPPORT revenue sharing.** We support full funding and constitutional protection for county revenue sharing. That the state fully and promptly honors its obligation to restore revenue sharing to counties. We support a more secure and reliable funding mechanism and an equitable distribution system for county revenue sharing.