



Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission Meeting Minutes –  
Pending Approval  
June 9, 2022  
Michigan Public Health Institute - Zoom

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**COMMISSIONERS:** Dr. Alexis Travis, Nick Derusha, Orlando Todd, Dr. Wayne McCullough, Tom Matthew, Dr. Angelique Outlaw, Dan Hale, Vaughn Begick, Lisa Stefanovsky, Joe Coyle, Dana DeBruyn

**GUESTS:** Laura de la Rambelje, Jessie Jones, Haley David, Jon Gonzalez, Molly Cotant, Jennifer Bonksy, Becky Vought

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Meeting convened at 9:31 AM, chaired by Dr. Alexis Travis.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS**

Dr. Travis shared that we have a new Commissioner joining today, Joe Coyle from MDHHS. Coyle introduced himself to the Commission. Dr. Travis also shared there is a new vacancy on the Commission as Ken Bowen has stepped down from his position.

**AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS**

Derusha moved to accept the agenda as written. McCullough supported. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS**

McCullough moved to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting as written. Derusha supported. The motion passed unanimously.

**UPDATE OF ON-SITE REVIEWS AND CORRECTIVE PLANS OF ACTION STATUS – JESSIE JONES**

Jones provided an overview of the Cycle Spreadsheets/Update of CPA Status.

Jackson County Health Department– October 2019

- 2 missed indicators – CPAs fully implemented
- Did participate in QIS
- No repeat Missed Indicators Cycles 6 & 7

Motion Derusha: Recommendation for Accreditation, McCullough support, motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE – JESSIE JONES**

There are no letters to share due to the Accreditation Pause.

**MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING – JONES**

Jones updated the Commission on the current activities for capacity building in public health. Jones shared with the group the State Health Assessment report is being updated. There are upcoming listening sessions with community members. MPHI is working to update data on the

current SHA report. Jones shared there will be more opportunities for health partners to provide support on the updates. Jones shared that Train the Trainer, a quality improvement training, is coming up in August. At least one employee from each local health department has participated in Train the Trainer. Jones shared that mini grants and technical assistance bank work is still on going for capacity building support. Derusha asked if there is a potential to designate time to general accreditation assistance and not just national accreditation assistance? Jones shared that it would depend on the topic. If the topic is more programmatic local health departments should reach out to a state program. Jones shared she is happy to talk with Derusha if he has any additional questions. De La Rambelje shared it is a part of the Accreditation Restart to provide this type of technical assistance to local health departments. Derusha shared this would be helpful, many of his colleagues lack the trainers needed for health departments. Dr. Travis shared she and De La Rambelje have been visiting local health departments to better understand their needs. Dr. Travis thanked the Commission for their work in the State Health Assessment process.

#### **ACCREDITATION PAUSE DISCUSSION:**

Jones shared that MPHI and LHS have been in communication with MALPH to rebuild and restart Cycle 8. Next step is to speak with MALPH, MALEHA, and State Program staff. Once all partners have been engaged, the Commission will hear what Cycle 8 will look like. De La Rambelje shared that the tool for Cycle 8 will be same to Cycle 7. The only changes will be federal changes, two programs have been identified to have had federal changes. De La Rambelje shared that this upcoming cycle will focus on training new local health department staff. The original intent of Accreditation is capacity building. De La Rambelje shared she appreciates Derusha's involvement as the MALPH president to help everyone better understand the impact of COVID-19 on health departments and Accreditation. Dr. Travis shared that many health departments have been very receptive to the plans for Cycle 8.

Dr. Travis shared with the Commission, her and De La Rambelje's visits to Local Health Departments. They are taking notes from these meetings and looking to make changes and updates to better support health departments. Dr. Travis shared that case inspecting for COVID etc., has slowed down. MDHHS is asking for staff stories about their experiences and also, they are hiring for a Pandemic Response Director at the state. Dr. Travis asked that the Commission share this new posting.

Derusha thanks De La Rambelje and Dr. Travis for meeting with local health departments. Derusha asked that the State Programs are more understanding and helpful during programmatic reviews for local health departments. He asked that the programs reviewers are as constructive as can be and not negative as that can change the perception of the Accreditation program. De La Rambelje shared that she and Jones have spoken about this and have plans to share this with state programs. Todd shared that program areas and need to continue to be conscious about this and will be conveying this to managers and staff. Stefanovsky shared she is appreciative of Derusha's comments. Stefanovsky shared it is validating to approach from a supporting perspective. Dr. Travis agreed and shared that Coyle and Todd will be working on this with their programs. Hale shared his congratulations and thanks to everyone on the Commission whose work brought them into response for the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Travis shared her thanks and appreciated for his words of support. DeBruyn shared that EGLE is holding discussions within

their program as well. Vought shared that MDARD staff are conducting many consultation support visits and are in the process of rebuilding. Vought shared that staff will be receiving training on supporting local health department staff with burnout and pandemic fatigue. Begick shared that at his health department has had new hires lately and support and training would be beneficial.

**NEW BUSINESS – GOOD OF THE ORDER**

There was no announcement made for the good of the order.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by McCullough, seconded by Stefanovsky. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am by Dr. Travis.