



Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission Meeting Minutes –
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Michigan Public Health Institute - Zoom

COMMISSIONERS: Nick Derusha, Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo, Joe Coyle, Angulique Outlaw, Wayne McCullough, Andrew Cox, Nicholas Derusha, Kathryn Macomber, Danielle Persky, Dana DeBruyn, and Nike Shoyinka

GUESTS: Jess Nash, Jessie Jones, Laura De La Rambelje, Brenda Jegede, Tanya Rule, and Molly Cotant.

Meeting convened at 9:34am, Chaired by Dr Sarah Lyon-Callo.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS

The Commission officially welcomed Brenda Jegede to the team of Commissioners. No other announcements were shared.

AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS

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

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS-ALL MEMBERS

The Commission thanked Derusha for his time as Vice Chair over the past year. Dr Sarah Lyon-Callo proposed that the Commission reappoint Derusha as the Vice Chair. Cox supported the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Derusha abstained from voting.

CYCLE 8 SPREADSHEET

Thirty-two Site Visits have been completed so far for Cycle 8. The Berrien report will be going out later this month to have shared all 32 with the LHDs. 13 more Site Visits will occur this year.

CYCLE 8 COMMISSION REPORT

Jones shared Cycle 8 Site Visit Summary slides for this quarter, which can be found in the Accreditation Commission meeting binder. There have been no updates to the overarching themes among the additional health departments since the last meeting in June.

Derusha commented that it proved to be helpful when Reviewer’s mentioned whether the LHD would have met or not met certain MPRs. Jones shared that this is encouraged; however, some programs are unable to make this statement for certain reasons due to the structure of Cycle 8.

CYCLE 8 SITE VISIT SUMMARY

Davies presented the Overarching Program Themes to the Commission. The report for this meeting included six additional Site Visits to the report with similar overarching themes that we have seen this Cycle 8. Some new themes that emerged in the Powers and Duties area were shared. They included partnerships with local hospitals and Health Equity Councils. Needed supports mentioned included easier ways to share data, how data they provide the state has been used, technical assistance in community outreach for vulnerable populations, and for MDHHS to continue to reach out to the LHDS for educational opportunities to ensure they match the needs of the community.

CYCLE 8 SITE VISIT EVALUATION

Since the last commission meeting, several new health departments have shared evaluation responses. Jones presented the 22 health departments that have completed evaluations and their response rates. Responses generally fall between agree and strongly agree for most of the programs. Derusha suggested increasing the response rate numbers by requiring the evaluation to release the report or confirm accreditation. De la Rambelje added that they are working with Norm to discuss ways to increase evaluation response rates. Jones suggested that MPHI can continue to remind the local health departments to complete the reports.

MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING

Jones shared that the FY25 Spring Train-the-Trainer workshop will be occurring in February. The link was provided in the chat for Commissioners to share among their networks. Registration is open until January 31st. Dr Lyon Callo asked if Great Lakes Tribal Epi Center would be an appropriate group to participate in the training, and Maddy confirmed they have participated in the past. Jegede asked if community-based organizations are not officially included in the public health realm. Jones mentioned it had not been shared with community-based organizations but would confirm with OPIM if they could be added to the distribution list. De la Rambelje added that state staff were recently invited to the training, and it has been found to be very valuable in their work.

Jones mentioned that MPHI has the mini-grant program open for building capacity to meet national quality standards. The announcement was shared in December and can be shared among the Commissioners if needed.

Jones mentioned the TA Bank of Hours that are available for consulting and providing information, resources and coaching for local and tribal health departments. This is open on a rolling basis. Please reach out to Jones for more information.

The State Health Improvement Plan will be completed soon. Jones thanked all those involved in the process and asked that Commissioners keep an eye out for that report when it comes out.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES:

Jones mentioned that Standards Review is convening soon, and we will have documentation ready by summer or early fall. De la Rambelje added that the Standards Review process will be extended this year.

De la Rambelje acknowledged Dr. McCullough's retirement from the Commission.

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has a new CEO, Dr. Khaldun, who was previously the director of MDHHS.

OTHER:

Derusha inquired about the Cycle 9 Standards Review process timeline; details were discussed among the Commissioners. De la Rambelje mentioned the plan was to begin acquiring tools from programs at the end of January. However, there would be a delay/extension, especially for Onsite Wastewater. We can expect the Standards Review process to be longer than in previous years. Meetings to complete this review and begin Cycle 9 will continue monthly. Cotant added that they have the members previously in place on the Standards Review Committee, continuing on with their role on the committee.

Motion for adjournment supported by McCullough. Supported by Derusha. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am by Chair Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo.