



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

COMMISSIONERS: Tom Matthew, Nicholas Derusha, Wayne McCullough, Vaughn Begick, Andrew Cox, Angulique Outlaw, Dana DeBruyn, Danielle Persky, Jennifer Bonsky, Wayne McCullough, Brenda Jegede, Nike Shoyinka

GUESTS: Laura de la Rambelje, Jessie Jones, Molly Cotant, Brenda Jegede, Maddy Davies, Jessica Nash, Jon Gonzalez, Amanda Garvin

Meeting convened at 9:32 AM, Chaired by Commission Co-Chair Derusha.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS

Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo was unable to attend today’s meeting. Brenda Jegede joined today for her first meeting. No other announcements were shared.

AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS

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

CYCLE 8 SPREADSHEET

Davies shared an update on the Cycle 8 Visit Schedule.

CYCLE 8 COMMISSION REPORT

Five different health departments have completed their site visit reports; DHD #10 is currently undergoing their site visit, and the report will be forthcoming. The overarching themes from Cycle 8 have not changed much from the report shared in the March meeting.

There have been no updates regarding new emerging themes among the additional health departments.

McCullough asked if there are some items that should fall off or are ongoing, which should we be paying the most attention to? Davies mentioned we are continuing to watch the themes over time, and they are confirmed as ongoing. The themes have been seen over the last year and hold true as we receive new reports. The report highlights any new themes in blue text to highlight these additions.

Derusha mentioned that for rural health departments, there continues to be an issue with staff turnover; for Food Service it can be difficult to gain access to a standardized trainer who does not need to be pulled away from their other duties. For Hearing and Vision training only being offered at certain times of the year, it can be difficult to wait until then to train their new employee. He noted it would be helpful to have dedicated trainers for these departments who can provide training when needed throughout the year.

Garvin shared there are ongoing discussions at the MALEHA Food Committee on how they may be changing requirements for training on Accreditation for the next cycle to make it easier.

De la Rambelje mentioned MDHHS team members are continuously working on improving access to training for Hearing and Vision and part of the training has been made available virtually and that has hopefully helped with accessibility.

MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING

Jones shared the ongoing TA bank of hours providing free virtual assistance for anything related to national public health, PHAB, or Michigan's Accreditation process. Health departments can apply anytime. In August, there will be a virtual Train the Trainer, and we have asked participants to sign up and attend all sessions. Save the Dates have gone out recently. The Michigan Network for Accreditation Coordinators meet quarterly, and the next meeting will be the week of the 24th. Email Jessie Jones if you are interested and she will get into contact with Dawn McCune at the state who handles the registrations. There will be a pre-session provided by MPHI at the conference in October on the MAPP process.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES:

De la Rambelje mentioned that Local Health Services is still documenting needs identified in the Site Visits and connecting everyone with programming, training, and funding opportunities as they are identified. If a request for a specific training comes up, local health services will bring it to the program area, along with other requests from the LHD.

OTHER:

DeBruyn mentioned that two weeks previous EGLE launched their loan program for folks to replace failing septic systems. Fifty-two loan applications had already been submitted and four septic systems had been replaced so far. This was made available due to a \$35 million dollar appropriation from the legislature. There is a website and flyers DeBruyn can share with the commission to be shared with their networks or community. Jones will distribute.

Derusha asked when the standards review process will be available for the next cycle. De la Rambelje mentioned it would be later this fall as programs will begin sending in their documents by Christmas time and finalized by March of 2025.

Begick asked about opioid dollars and how they are being spent. Persky is leading the VanBuren and Cass County process of opioid dollars disbursement. Persky shared the website where community members can apply and explained the process.

<https://www.casscountymi.org/1574/Opioid-Settlement-Funds>

In VanBuren County, they are working with MSU for an assessment. There will also be a community survey.

Jones shared a substance use needs assessment is occurring in Wayne County to help guide decisions about opioid funding. WCHD is also doing community and partner surveys along with key informant interviews and focus groups.

Motion for adjournment support by McCullough. Supported by Begick. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am by Co-Chair Derusha.