



Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission Meeting Minutes –
Approved
March 13th, 2025
Michigan Public Health Institute - Zoom

COMMISSIONERS: Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo, Nicholas Derusha, Adenike Shoyinka, Angulique Outlaw, Brenda Jegede, Joe Coyle, and Vaughn Begick

GUESTS: Jessie Jones, Madeline Starr, Laura De La Rambelje, Molly Cotant, and Amanda Garvin

Meeting convened at 9:33 am, Chaired by Dr Sarah Lyon-Callo.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS

No general announcements were shared.

AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS

Begick moved to accept the agenda as written. Shoyinka supported. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS

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

MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING

Jones shared updates on several different supports being provided via MPHI and MDHHS to support Local Health Departments' abilities to meet national accreditation standards. Each year, the Office of Performance Improvement and Management through MDHHS provides a mini grant opportunity to local and tribal health departments. Proposals were due in January, and three health department's proposals were selected to receive the \$10,000 award: Barry-Eaton District Health Department, Ottawa County Department of Public Health, and Van Buren-Cass District Health Department. Awardees are working on a variety of projects and will provide updates through the Michigan Network for Accreditation Coordinators (MI-NAC).

Additionally, MPHI just wrapped up one of the annual Quality Improvement Train-the-Trainer workshops. The workshop was well-attended and will be offered again in August of this year.

Finally, Jones reminded the Commission about the rolling bank of technical assistance hours available to provide support and consultation to local and tribal health departments who are working on capacity building. Starr shared the link to the TA request form in the chat (<https://miophi.org/resources/technical-assistance-request/>). Please reach out to Jones or Starr for more information.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES

Cycle 9 Progress

Jones shared that MPHI and MDHHS Local Health Services are busy preparing for Cycle 9 of Accreditation to begin in 2026. Jones reminded the Commission that Accreditation occurs in three-year cycles, during which all 45 health departments in Michigan are scheduled for review. Cycle 8 of Accreditation differed from traditional cycles as there was a major focus and emphasis put on capacity building following the COVID-19 pandemic, and all the unique challenges and changes this brought local and tribal health departments. During Cycle 8, LHDs retained their Accredited status from the previous cycle, and worked with Reviewers to determine areas of strength and needs for improvement and support. Moving into Cycle 9, we will revert to a traditional cycle with formal On-Site Reviews and Accreditation determinations.

Jones shared that Accreditation Programs are wrapping up State-Local Work Groups and drafting their updated (if necessary) Minimum Program Requirements. Following which, the updates MPRs will go to the Standards Review Committee for review, questions, suggestions, and approval. Following approval, MPHI will update Reviewers' and Users' guides and post them to the Accreditation website so LHDs may begin preparing for their Cycle 9 On-Site Reviews. de la Rambelje and Jones shared the tentative Cycle 9 Review schedule.

de la Rambelje also shared that in the Powers and Duties program section, there is a Quality Improvement Supplement (QIS) they are looking to update in Cycle 9 for further alignment with PHAB Accreditation standards, based on the work from the previous Accreditation Quality Improvement Initiative (AQII) workgroup. The QIS is open to all LHDs to participate in; however, it is not an Accreditation requirement. Jones shared that the MPHI team serve as the Reviewers for the QIS and that we have allotted time for each LHD to participate in the QIS, should they choose.

Derusha shared about his experience during the Luce-Mackinac-Alger-Schoolcraft District Health Department site visit in Cycle 8, particularly regarding a their Site Visit experience with EGLE and the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Management program. The Commission discussed where Onsite Wastewater is in the process of making updates for Cycle 9 and decided to reconvene this conversation in June following the SRC.

Other

Next Accreditation Commission Meeting will be held on June 12th, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment by Derusha. Supported by Shoyinka. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 am by Chair Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo.