



Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission Meeting Minutes –
Approved
September 14th, 2023
Michigan Public Health Institute - Zoom

COMMISSIONERS: Orlando Todd, Tom Matthew, Dr. Nicholas Derusha, Nike Shoyinka, Vaughn Begick, Dana DeBruyn, Danielle Persky, Katie McComber, Andrew Cox

GUESTS: Laura de la Rangel, Jessie Jones, Jon Gonzalez, Molly Cotant, Adrian Zeh, Jennifer Schuette, Jessica Nash

Meeting convened at 9:30 AM, Co-Chaired by Derusha.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS

None were shared by the commission members.

AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS

Persky moved to accept the agenda as written. Matthew supported. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS

Begick moved to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting as written. Persky supported. The motion passed unanimously. Macomber abstained from voting because she was not present at the last meeting.

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

Jones provided an overview of the Cycle Spreadsheets/Update of CPA Status for Cycle 7, which has not changed since the last meeting. Two local health departments, Saginaw, and Ingham, are still in the process of their Corrective Action Plans. Calhoun through Wayne were not reviewed through Cycle 7 due to the Accreditation pause.

Jones shared a Site Visit Summary Report for the seven Local Health Departments that have completed a Cycle 8 Review thus far. Tuscola and Grand Traverse will be receiving their report soon, and Huron will have their Site Visit this week.

Jones shared the Cycle 8 Site Visit Summary document containing qualitative report data from the evaluation. Overall findings were that this process was helpful for health departments to go through to gain feedback and have their staff be acknowledged for their hard work and for new staff to gain knowledge and experience. Themes for Areas of Strengths were that services are continuing through the pandemic with high quality. Needs seen overall were staffing shortages, high turnover, and increased funding to hire new staff. Overall, staff have good knowledge of the MPRs, and the majority of hypothetical “met” or “not met” designations were due to circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Derusha asked if many departments are completing the survey after the Site Visit, and Jones responded that the majority of the local health departments have completed the evaluations for the programs.

Derusha commented on Hearing and Vision Program funding issues and infrequent trainings offered for newly hired technicians. Todd commented on the need and mentioned that there is work being done to improve the funding for this program and that the training for the technicians has been changed to twice yearly rather than only once.

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING UPDATES:

De la Rambelje shared that her team is following up on the Needs identified from the Accreditation process. These needs are reassessed at each visit and are either being followed up on by local health services, or they are reaching out to the appropriate program, who has the ability to affect the outcome of what is being asked about. Local health departments have also identified changes they would like to see in the MPRs for the next Accreditation Cycle to discuss in state-local workgroups.

De la Rambelje shared an announcement regarding increased funding to support local health departments in fulfilling their duties through the essential local health services in the FY24 budget, and the state-local workgroups are working on how to allocate those funds. Census and percent poverty numbers will also be updated. The results of the three scenarios will be presented in two weeks, and funding will be implemented and submitted into Egrams. Additionally, in the FY24 budget, language is appropriated for the CDC Infrastructure four-year grant for broad and flexible funding. Local health departments have been submitting their FY24 plans for funds, and those funds will be pushed out shortly.

OTHER:

Jones shared the Cycle 8 Site Visit Evaluation Data that was presented at the Reviewers and Managers meeting. Jones presented overall Site Visit evaluation data (both quantitative and qualitative.) These data and each program's individual data will be shared with each program soon to focus on quality improvement of their processes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55am by Co-Chair Derusha.