



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

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**COMMISSIONERS:** Tom Matthew, Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo, Vaughn Begick, 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, Tanya Rule, Molly Cotant, and Jon Gonzalez

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Meeting convened at 9:30am, Chaired by Dr Sarah Lyon-Callo.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS**

No announcements were shared.

**AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS**

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

**CYCLE 8 SPREADSHEET**

26 site visits have been completed so far this year. Kent County Health Department’s Site Visit report is in progress, and Allegan County Health Department’s Site Visit is occurring this week.

**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.

**MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING**

Jones shared that the August Train-the-Trainer workshop wrapped up at the end of the month and there was a group of 23 who participated in this workshop.

Jones mentioned that MPHI will soon be providing an Equity in Action training, as well, and she can be emailed for more information.

Dr. Lyon-Callo asked if there have been any funding issues with the equity trainings? Jones mentioned she would look into any potential barriers and reach back out to Dr. Lyon-Callo.

Shoyinka asked about the Train-the-Trainer workshop and how they handle providing this when there is high turnover. Jones shared that there is generally a wide reach for health departments.

### **ACCREDITATION UPDATES:**

De La Rambelje shared that we are prepping for Cycle 9 next year. Standards Review is convening this winter and will have documentation all ready by summer or early fall. The LHDs are prepared to start off the Cycle 9 review in January of 2026. Sites are looking at MPRs and suggesting any changes that should be made to them.

Cox asked about the potential for the State to apply for PHAB Accreditation? Dr. Lyon Callo mentioned the state has received the readiness tool and is beginning to go through the process; however, they are looking at which programs are working towards it and which are not.

### **OTHER:**

DeBruyn mentioned the governor has declared next week the Septic Smart Week and shared the following webinar link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) to register to join.

In two weeks, there will be a conference in Novi celebrating the 50 years since the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Debruyn also shared there has been a lot of interest in the loan program for septic replacement. This loan program is based on income and there has already been over 50 loans that have been approved. \$50 million has been allocated already in the two months since the program began.

Cox asked if the presentation at the Premier Public Health conference if there will be any data on who is utilizing the loans? Are there any gaps as we grant these loans and if there are ways we can advocate for it more? Rule mentioned that will be shared at the conference and can also go out in an informational email. On the website, it can be seen if there are any counties where there are no contractors that are participating with the program.

Begick shared that the Van Buren County Health Department is moving into their new building, which is providing more space and allowing for more programs to be close in proximity and more easily accessible for the county residents.

Matthew shared that he is retiring from his role as Branch County Commissioner this year and that this will be his last meeting. Matthew thanked the commission for their work and the opportunity to work alongside them

Motion for adjournment support by Begick. Supported by Mathew. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am by Chair Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo.