



Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Commission Meeting Minutes –
Approved
September 11th, 2025
Michigan Public Health Institute - Zoom

COMMISSIONERS: Nick Derusha, Adenike Shoyinka, Angulique Outlaw, Jennifer Bonsky, Dana DeBruyn, Vaughn Begick, Katie Macomber, Andrew Cox, Sarah Lyon-Callo, Brenda Jegede, Joe Coyle

GUESTS: Jessie Jones, Amanda Garvin, Tanya Rule, Laura De La Rambelje, Molly Cotant, Sahil Bhatia, Rachel Baker

Meeting convened at 9:31 am, called to order by Chair Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS – ALL MEMBERS

No general announcements were shared.

AGENDA APPROVAL – ALL MEMBERS

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – ALL MEMBERS

Lyon-Callo mentioned a typo on Adjournment in previous minutes. Jones mentioned MPHI will make that edit.

Begick moved to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. DeBruyn supported. The motion passed unanimously. Abstention from Lyon-Callo on this vote due to missing previous meeting.

CYCLE 8 SPREADSHEET:

This week is the last review for Cycle 8. Wayne County is in process of their review currently. This is a very exciting milestone for Cycle 8!

The health departments that have been through their Site Visit since the last Commission meeting have been updated in the spreadsheet.

At the next Commission meeting MPHI will provide updates on communications going out to start Cycle 9. Kalamazoo is the first local health department for review in Cycle 9.

Lyon-Callo expressed gratitude for the flexibility in Cycle 8 and the creativity and collaboration of those who worked to make Cycle 8 a success after recovery from the pandemic.

COMMISSION REPORT:

Jones shared that no changes to overarching themes are anticipated for the remainder of Cycle 8. Jones shared that a final update on Cycle 8 will be shared at the January meeting. Lyon-Callo expressed the importance of reviewing the feedback and themes provided in the Cycle 8 report as we go into Cycle 9.

MEETING NATIONAL STANDARDS: CAPACITY BUILDING

Jones shared updates on the Train the Trainer session held in August of this year. This training was a success and saw a wide array of attendees. The next Train the Trainer will be held in early 2026. Jones shared that MPHI received feedback from participants sharing they would like to have the option of a basic QI training. MPHI provided a QI basics training this fall and plans to continue offering this training.

Jones provided updates on the Mini-Grants available to local health departments. Those Mini-grant applications will be coming up again in January and asked commissioners to share this opportunity with local health departments.

A capacity building survey will be sent out in early 2026 in partnership with OPIM. Be on the lookout for this.

Jones reminded the Commission about the rolling bank of technical assistance hours available to provide support and consultation to local and tribal health departments that are working on capacity building. Baker shared the link to the TA bank of hours in the chat.

(<https://miophi.org/resources/technical-assistance-request/>). Please reach out to Jones or Starr for more information.

Jones also shared that if local health departments are not able to participate in the quality improvement supplement as part of Cycle 9, local health departments can request an un-scored review or participate in the TA bank of hours.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES

Cycle 9 Updates:

Jones shared that Cycle 9 is almost completely launched. All MPR and Indicator guides are posted to the Accreditation website. We will be sending invitations out shortly for a Kickoff meeting and Reviewers and Managers meeting. The state and MPHI teams are finishing up several documents in preparation.

De la Rambelje shared that the MPHI team has been updating the Accreditation 101 video and shared the process for preparation for Cycle 9. This preparation is “one big quality improvement process.” The Standards Review Committee finished their process in July. De la Rambelje shared that communications will be going out to remind all staff who participate in the Accreditation process that Cycle 9 will no longer be a capacity-building cycle, but that technical assistance being offered will still be expected from reviewers.

Other:

Lyon-Callo discussed challenges with support for public health funding for the state. There have been changes in federal support and funding, including some positive wins and some uncertainty. The Federal budget is still up for negotiation. The state budget is still in process, with negotiations starting next week to finalize. Some concerns with October 1st deadline. If there is a shutdown and the state budget is not set, there will be a reduction in services for some period. The hope is that this will not occur, but state and local governments are planning for this what-if. Expecting there will be changes as far as support to public health programs from federal and state budgets once they are approved.

Jones mentioned that future Commission Meetings will be held via Teams rather than Zoom.

DeBruyn shared that next week is Septic Smart week, and EGLE will be doing a webinar next week. DeBruyn shared a link for this webinar. DeBruyn also shared information about the upcoming MI Environmental Justice conference on September 29, 2025.

Cotant shared that Jim Rutherford will be joining the team at Local Health Services at the State. Rutherford will be coming from the Health Officer position at Kalamazoo County Health Department. Rutherford will be starting on September 29, 2025.

Begick shared that this term will be ending as a Commissioner and this is his last meeting. There will be a new member joining the Commission from the MI Association of Counties (MAC) Board as he retires. The Commissioners wish Begick all the best!

Next Accreditation Commission Meeting will be held on January 8th, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment by Shoyinka. Supported by Cox. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am by Chair Dr. Sarah Lyon-Callo.