

MAPPP Conference Call

April 28, 2010

4:30 – 5:30 PM

MEETING NOTES

Attending: D Torres-Burgos; G Johnson; R Bush; J Phillips; J Wilson; M Dixon; T Danish; E Wells; K Lokar; R Schirmer; M Hall; R Johansen; G Holzman; J Meyerson; J Vaishampayan.

Announcements – Julie Vaishampayan

As stated in the email, we are restarting the process for election of our new president. Please follow the timeline outlined in the email and reiterated here: Please email all your nominations for president to Molly and myself by Tuesday, May 4. We will contact the nominee(s) for their willingness to serve and confirm the nominee(s) by Tuesday, May 11. The ballots for voting are due back by Tuesday, May 18.

Administrative Rule Change – Greg Holzman

At a MAPPP meeting in 2006 which consisted of 19 members, there was a unanimous vote that an MPH was needed for the Medical Director. The question that remained to be addressed was the number of hours and the population size. Representatives from MAPPP and Health Officers from MALPH put these recommendations together. Janet Olszewski and MALPH both signed off on these rules. The hearing is set for May 17 at the Capitol View Building. Diana asked if this applies to Health Officers as well and Greg replied no. Diana asked if there was a time period for Medical Directors to get their MPH; Greg answered that the process doesn't change, they will be provisional for 3 years while they work on their MPH. The 24 credit hours in 3 years was put in at the last administrative rule change to help grandfather in. Bob S asked if MAPPP is going to state their support either for or against this rule change. Gary J made motion that MAPPP support the administrative rule change. Greg seconded. A vote was taken and this passed 13 in favor, 2 against. This will take the form of a written letter of support.

MAPPP Survey - Julie Vaishampayan

Reviewed the summary of the survey—please see your email copy for a full summary. The survey showed that the majority of the respondents think that MAPPP should continue. Our priorities: (1) Advocacy/policy (2) Information sharing (3) MAPPP infrastructure. Six members stated that they were willing to work on the bylaws. Julie will contact these 6 so that they can begin the process.

MDCH Update – Greg Holzman

- No Budget as yet; unsure when we will have one.
- Smoke free law goes into effect May 1. We will see many challenges and it will be bumpy at first. Gary J asked about the fines, whether the owner or the individual must pay and who will enforce at 2 am. Greg answered that the goal is not to fine, the goal is to educate. Food Service is under MDA, public buildings are under MDCH. For questions please go to the 1-800 number MDCH has set up. Greg will get the tobacco people on the next call.
- There is a bill (House Bill 4900) to amend the public health code to create an enforcement mechanism for local Health Officer orders. This parallels the enforcement for state Health Officer orders and allows LPH to regulate and enforce. As things currently stand, there is no provision for enforcement of local Health Officer orders. A violation would not be a 6 month misdemeanor.
- HIV testing consent bill passed the House and is sitting in Tom George's health committee.

LHD Update – All

Julie started out with an update of syphilis in Oakland County. They are seeing an increase in primary and secondary syphilis from 4 in 2008 to 18 in 2009 and 9 in the first 3 months of 2010. This is almost universally seen in MSM and there appears to be a high incidence of co-transmission with HIV. There also appears to be an increase in anonymous sex and finding partners on the internet, making partner treatment, education, and outreach services more complex. Julie has heard that there is an increase all over the state, most specifically in Detroit, Ingham County as well as Kent County. Gary stated that syphilis in Genesee appears to still be on the decline after their large outbreak. Jeff stated that St. Joe saw their first case in 5 years. Washtenaw has seen 5 cases and is noting an increase in HIV in these as well. Mark stated that Kent had 33 cases last year, 11 so far this year, primarily an MSM population. What worked best in Kent was finding a champion within the MSM community to get the message out.

Diana gave an update of *E. coli* outbreak in Washtenaw. Nine confirmed cases out of 20 or so reported of *E. coli* non-O157 shiga-toxin II positive with PFGE match. There has now been a similar outbreak reported in OH and now NY. This is currently thought to be a supplier/distributor contamination. There was a narrow period of time for disease presentation, between April 10-15. Similar dates were reported in OH. One important issue is testing—if plated on agar, this *E. coli* is missed. They are looking at lettuce, cilantro, but have no food from that time to test.

Other Business - All

Talat stated that Wayne County is looking for an HIV manager.

Bob S brought up an email sent out today regarding the value of LPH operations and recommended that everyone should read it as he has some concerns about the information contained, especially as it relates to the value of a lumbar puncture in the diagnosis of meningitis. Greg clarified that MALPH contracted a public sector consultant to create this book to hand to legislators and shares some of the same concerns.

Greg put a motion on the floor that since Molly doesn't get paid for the work she does for us, we should acknowledge this with a card and gift basket. Rick Johansen amended to a card and dinner. Julie seconded. The vote was unanimous in approval.

Julie stated that many people had liked changing the meeting to later in the day. She will send out an email poll regarding the time change.

Future Meetings

May 26, 8 AM (Conference Call)

June 23, 8 AM (Conference Call)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.