

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH ALLIANCE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and among the Boards of Health of the Benzie Leelanau District Health Department, District Health Department #2, District Health Department #4, District Health Department #10, Grand Traverse County Health Department and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the "Boards of Health". All of which are organized under and by virtue of the Michigan Public Health Code, PA 368 of 1978, Part 24.

WITNESS:

WHEREAS, the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance, hereinafter referred to as the "Alliance", consists of public health agency representation from Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Wexford counties; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties to this MOU are authorized by the Michigan Public Health Code, PA 368 of 1978, Part 24 to contact one another and cooperate to provide public health services lawfully to each of the parties including the sharing of costs; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance mission is to develop, implement and sustain models of shared public health services that increase capacity, contain costs, maximize assets, and more effectively impact health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance's Practical Vision is: strategically structured services; specifically measured outcomes; strategically achieved health outcomes; purposefully engaged community; collaboratively advanced health and wellness and carefully developed practice; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties to this MOU have agreed to participate in the Alliance in order to promote health, prevent disease and promote the environment within each of the respective jurisdictions and the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual advantage and benefit of the parties hereto that the parties agree to cooperate among themselves for policy direction, program development, coordination of resources and the development of plans to serve the public health infrastructure of our respective jurisdictions and the region as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Health of the respective local health departments recognize that it is in the public interest of the citizens to cooperate in strengthening the public health within our respective jurisdictions.

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I) PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to recognize the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance and its mission.

II) MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The Boards of Health agree to strengthen the Alliance by:

- Supporting this MOU between the local health departments
- Encouraging attendance and participation in the Alliance
- Maximizing opportunities by developing regional contracts, agreements and funding streams for Alliance activities

III) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A) Term--This MOU will be in effect from October 15, 2014 to September 30, 2017 and will automatically renew each year. Every three years all parties agree to review the terms and conditions and make mutually agreeable revisions.

B) Non-Assignability--It is anticipated that all of the parties to this MOU are integral to its success, therefore, no part may be assigned to another party without the written consent of the other parties.

C) Severability--If any part of this Agreement should be held to be invalid, the remaining portions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

D) Termination--Any of the parties may terminate or change their participation in this agreement by providing thirty (30) days notice in writing to all other parties to the agreement.

E) Notices--Notice shall be deemed to have been received at the time of actual receipt of any fax.

I acknowledge that the provisions of this agreement have been reviewed, accepted and agreed to. I affirm that I have the authority to accept and sign this agreement.

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