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Hello MEHA Members!

Our Minnesota autumn will soon surround our senses. The summer always escapes before our best intentions are fulfilled. Indeed, time is precious, as are you.

Your MEHA board and committee members have made you a priority with their time. Our hard-working volunteers spend countless hours keeping our state organization running and membership costs low. Why? Because YOU are important, worthwhile and deserving.

Environmental Health professionals recognize value among each other. With critical skill sets, we make life better for all of humanity. We recognize complex environmental intersections that impact health. We break it down with language for others to understand. That job is tough, and MEHA is here to support you as an integral professional organization.

- MEHA strengthens your network with 300+ statewide members.
- MEHA advocates with you *and* for you.
- **MEHA provides** training and resources.
- MEHA **connects** you through relaxed and fun opportunities.
- MEHA informs you with E-Blasts and newsletters.
- MEHA encourages your growth/ educates through scholarships.

YOU can make MEHA even stronger – invite a student or colleague to join today. As your president, I guarantee it will be time well spent.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Lisa Schreifels, REHS

MEHA President

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Enhanced Asthma Care Services

Submitted by Angie Wheeler

A new bill was passed during the 2021 Minnesota legislative session to expand medical assistance to provide “enhanced asthma care services.” Services include home visits and allergen-reducing products. Children who have poorly controlled asthma, as defined in the statute, and who are on medical assistance are eligible for these benefits.

Home visits will only be covered if provided by “a registered environmental health specialist or lead risk assessor currently credentialed by the Department of Health or a healthy homes specialist credentialed by the Building Performance Institute. Products will be covered if “identified as needed and recommended” by the professionals authorized to perform the home visits or by health care professionals providing asthma care for the child.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is working to establish procedures for implementing the new law. Details will be provided at a later date.

The new provisions, in MN Stat. section 256B.0625, subd. 67, take effect on January 1, 2022 or the date of federal approval, whichever is later.

The “enhanced asthma care services” bill can be found at: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2021/1/7/laws.1.16.0#laws.1.16.0>

MEHA's Amy Saupe wins at the State Fair!

It was wonderful to see MEHA member Amy Saupe doing a fabulous job representing public health at the Minnesota State Fair. She entered a spectacular piece into the crop art competition with her father, Steve Saupe.

Amy shared the following:

We have a great time with it; it's always a fun father/daughter project. We tend to pick topics that are both scientific and educational (and therefore the most fun, of course). The fact that both of the past two fair closures (of only 6 total!) were due to viral epidemics just had to be immortalized in seed. My Dad is the true artist on our team, but I like to say that I'm the more precise in my seed placement, so I always end up with the fiddly parts like the letters.

Congratulations to Amy and Steve!



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January 27, 2022



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MEMBER UPDATES

Our Sympathy to MEHA President, Lisa Schreifels on the loss of her father.

Our Sympathy to Solvei Wilmot, City of Edina, on the loss of her father.

Congratulations to Callie and Ian Harrison (MDH) on the birth of their daughter.

Congratulations to Tom Wilfahrt (MDH Mankato District) on his retirement.

Congratulations to Mark Peloquin (MDH) on his retirement.

Congratulations to Julie Isenberg (MDH Mankato District) on her retirement.

Congratulations to Loreena Hilton, City of Bloomington, on the birth of her son.

On the Move – Michelle Leitinger (Aitkin County) to MDH Health Regulation Division.

On the Move – Sharon Carlson (MDH FPLS Fergus Falls District) to MDH Health Regulation Division.

On the Move – Ryan Miller (Brown-Nicollet) to MDH Mankato District

Welcome to Trevor McCliment, MDH Rochester District

Welcome to Josie Schmit to the City of Minnetonka

On the Move– Stephanie Stark from Anoka County to Washington County

Request From The Editor

An important part of the newsletter is the human element—what is going on with MEHA members. Please let the editor

know about any comings and goings, births, weddings, honors...

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