



Michigan Association for Local Public Health  
2010 Candidate Questionnaire Cover Sheet

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Candidate's Professional Credentials/Certifications \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Complete and Return by Friday, September 10, 2010**

Question 3: What do you believe is the most efficient and effective way to administer Michigan's public health system and to assure that the public health remains a matter of primary public concern as stipulated in the state constitution?

HM, not sure how a Constitutional vs. statute affects "efficiency" and "effectiveness". This is not an area of my expertise, so I will need to consult with other experts in the field.

I am interested in your proposals on how the system can be more effective and efficient, other than "just send more money".

Question 4: How will your representation help the front line local public health agencies carry out this Michigan Public Health Code mission?

I am open to input to hear and evaluate the issues and concerns

## Questions

**Question 1:** Are you in agreement with the Michigan Constitution in that the public health is a matter of primary public concern? How will your representation demonstrate that the public health is of primary importance?

Yes

Fully consider the needs of the system, along with the needs of other issues of "primary" importance, such as education, and other elements of public safety, such as law enforcement and adequately maintained roads

**Question 2:** Since the adoption of the Public Health Code in 1978 Michigan has only met the 50% funding for required services once, in FY 1996-97. If the public health of Michigan is a priority, what will your representation do to assure that Michigan funds its fair share (50%) cost of required services for Michigan residents?

Seek to put in place cost control measures in all areas of government so we can adequately fund our essential programs