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To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners

From: Matt Bolang

Re: Plan of Organization – State Accreditation

The Livingston County Health Department is scheduled for our state accreditation review the week of July 7, 2025. Typically, these reviews happen every three years, but due to the pandemic, the accreditation cycle was paused. LCHD was scheduled in 2020 and had our last accreditation in 2017. The resolution before you is specific to meeting the minimum program requirements in the Powers and Duties section of accreditation, which is accomplished by having an approved Plan of Organization.

For a little background, the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program was established in 1998 to assess and improve the performance of Michigan's local public health departments. It is a collaborative effort involving the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), and other state and local partners. The program evaluates local health departments based on established public health standards, ensuring they meet the needs of their communities effectively.

The key objectives of the accreditation program include:

- 1. **Quality Assurance:** The program identifies strengths and areas for improvement within local health departments, promoting the implementation of best practices.
- 2. **Capacity Building:** Through site visits and evaluations, the program supports workforce development and helps departments meet minimum program requirements.
- 3. **Public Health Improvement:** By maintaining high standards, the program contributes to healthier communities across Michigan.

The following LCHD programs are evaluated during the site visit:

- Powers and Duties
- Food Service
- General Communicable Disease Control
- Hearing
- Immunization
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment Management
- HIV/AIDS & STIs
- Vision
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Children's Special Healthcare Services

Attached is the supporting documentation that is required to be provided as evidence of our Plan of Organization and meet the minimum program requirements. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this resolution or the accreditation program.	to