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LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING TESTIMONY

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KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

- Public Health for the past 33 Years
- All of which has been within Local Public Health Department
 - Mid-Michigan District Health Department, (Montcalm, Clinton & Gratiot)
 - Barry-Eaton District Health Department
 - Calhoun County Health Department
 - Kalamazoo County Health Department
- Environmental Health 16 Years
- Health Officer 16 Years

WHAT IS PUBLIC HEALTH?

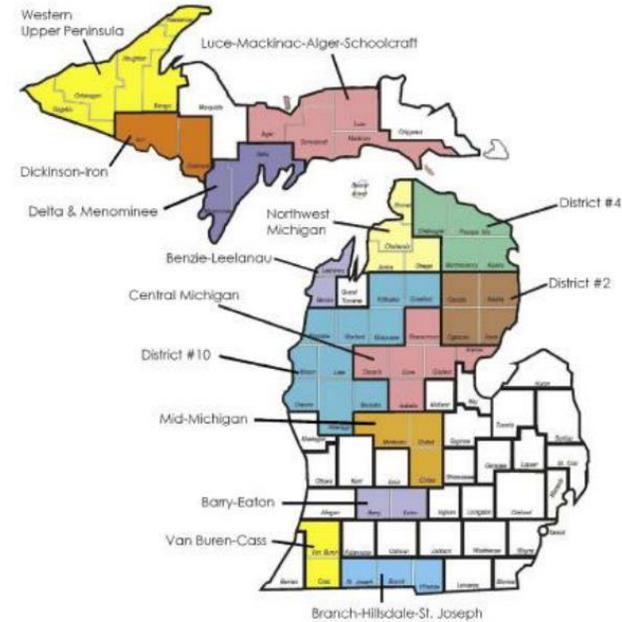
Public health protects us all. Broader than healthcare access or affordable coverage alone, public health is central not only to the health of individuals but also the health of their communities. Public health encompasses infectious disease control, environmental safety, health behavior change, quality food and water in addition to social determinants of health, or non-medical factors influenced by the conditions in which people are born, work, age, live and die. Broadly, public health prevents disease from occurring in the first place; promotes physical, social and environmental health; and protects entire communities through sound policy and programs.



LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH IN MICHIGAN

- 45 Local Public Health Departments in Michigan
- Consist of both single county HD's and Regional HD's
- Each LHD is required to have a Health Officer and a Medical Officer
- Every LHD is required at a minimum to provide the 8, (Mandated) Essential Local Public Health Services:
 - Food Protection
 - Private Groundwater/Public Water Supply
 - On-Site Sewage Disposal Management
 - Hearing Services
 - Vision Services
 - Sexually Transmitted Disease Control & Prevention
 - Immunization
 - Infectious Disease Control
- Every LPHD is accredited for performance measures every three years by the MDHHS.

Michigan Public Health Departments



MDCH Local Health Services
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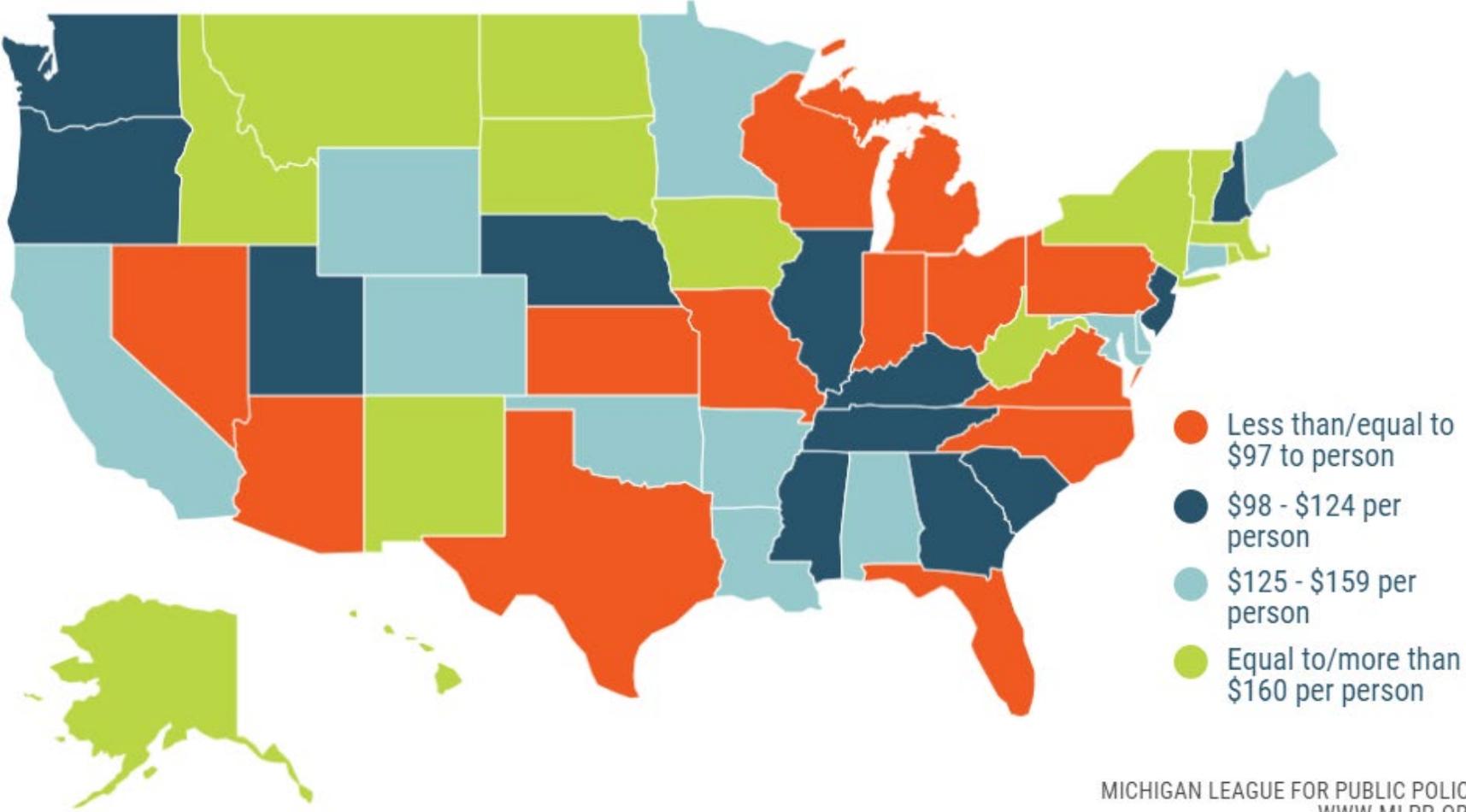
VARIATIONS IN LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN MICHIGAN

- **Administration & Operations Division**
- **Personal Health Division**
 - Clinical Services (STD/HIV, Imms, CD, TB, Lead, Hearing and Vision)
- **Environmental Health Division**
 - Food Service Facility Inspection
 - Groundwater Protection
 - Wastewater and Septic Systems
- **Maternal & Child Health Division**
 - HBHS, HFA, NFP, 4Dad Fatherhood
 - CSHCS
 - BCCCNP
- **Women, Infant & Children, (WIC) Services Program**
- **Epidemiology Division**
 - Michigan Immunization Registry, (MICR)
 - Data Collection & Dissemination
- **Health Education Division**
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
 - Opioid & Marijuana
 - Overall Health Education
- **Emergency Preparedness Division**
- **Area Agency on Aging Division**
 - OASAC
 - Senior Millage
 - Elder Abuse Prevention
- **Veterans Services**
- **Laboratory Services**
- **Medical Examiner Program**
- **Household Hazardous Waste Facility**
- **Animal Control Services**
- **Lead Abatement Program Services**
- **Healthy Homes Programs**

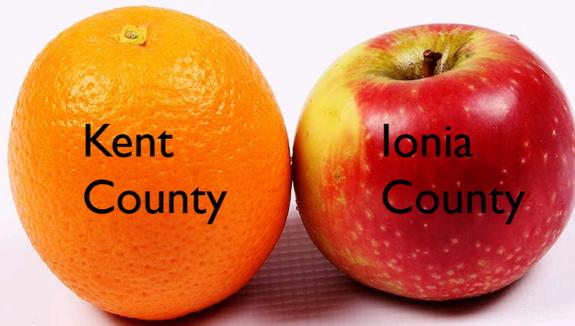
FUNDING NEEDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH IN MICHIGAN

- Continue to maintain recent increases in spending for key state and local health functions like laboratory services, epidemiology and some local health services. The funding that has been invested in both child and adolescent health services and prenatal care outreach and support needs to continue.
- Essential Local Public Health Services (ELPHS) funding has remained fairly flat for decades despite consistent increases in overall public health funding.

**Michigan ranks 40th for per-capita public health funding, at \$83, which is below the national average of \$116
(Figure 2)**



MICHIGAN LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS...



- Local public health needs and priorities can vary from one LPHD to another LPHD.
- In essence, if you have seen one LPHD, you've seen one LPHD
- Funds should be disbursed as a block grant to local public health to meet the intended flexibility to address local health department needs.

IN KALAMAZOO COUNTY.....

Block Grant Funding would be utilized:

- To help address Gun Violence in our community
- To hire additional Public Health Educators
- To enhance our programs services and support with the newly created Family Planning Program
- To enhance our programs that address Infant Mortality

QUESTIONS?

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