



Washtenaw County Board of Health

A Resolution Recognizing Washtenaw County Environmental Health Program Administrator Jaclyn Bates for Receiving the Samuel M Stephenson Sanitarian of the Year Award

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April 22, 2022

WHEREAS, Jaclyn Bates, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Program Administrator, was honored with the Samuel M. Stephenson Sanitarian of the Year Award at the Michigan Environmental Health Association's 76th Annual Education Conference on March 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Samuel M. Stephenson Sanitarian of the Year Award is presented to recognize outstanding service to the Michigan Environmental Health Association and the Environmental Health Profession within the last three years; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn was promoted from Sanitarian to Program Administrator in late 2019 after learning multiple environmental health programs, including food service, body art, pollution prevention, well and septic, public swimming pools, child and adult care facilities, time of sale, and type II water supply, and transitioned to supervising former peers with consistency, technical expertise, empathy, and patience which has made her respected by all who work with her; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn quickly pivoted to support COVID-19 response work after just a few short months in her new Program Administrator role, including answering calls from the public, facilitating emergency environmental health response to homeowners who were left without water and failing septic systems, and putting new processes into place to continue to assist customers safely when stay home orders were in place, and supporting mass vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn championed a massive software change for the Environmental Health Division which included participating in countless planning meetings, performing beta testing, and training staff; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn has learned the technicalities of the court system working with lawyers for non-compliant sites and facilitating environmental health appeals through the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn has served on the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Water Committee and the Onsite Sewage and Land Use Committees since 2019, as well as the City of Ann Arbor's Water System Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Jaclyn is proactive and passionate about environmental health and strives to provide her team with all the tools to succeed in their protection of health and the environment; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Health hereby honors and expresses its most sincere appreciation to Jaclyn Bates for her public health service and congratulates her for receiving the 2022 Samuel M. Stephenson Sanitarian of the Year Award.

