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# Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Michigan Public Health Association's (MPHA) new peer-reviewed journal, the *Michigan Journal of Public Health* (MJPH). It is the hope of the members of the MJPH Editorial Board, all of whom are members of MPHA, that you will find this journal of great value. It is designed to provide MPHA's membership and the broader community of public health in Michigan a source of and an outlet for articles related to the practice of public health in Michigan and the Great Lakes region. We also hope this journal will serve as a neutral forum for the discussion of ideas and issues that are important to the current and future of public health practice in Michigan.

We live and work in a state with a long and strong tradition of public health practice at all levels of governance, and for excellence in public health research and workforce development. The MPHA has determined that this tradition is overdue for the development of a peer-reviewed journal that both celebrates the best of this tradition, and also encourages further growth.

Going forward MJPH will be published in an electronic format twice a year. We invite all in the field of public health in Michigan, from local public health, state public health, academia, and the myriad of other organizations that engage in public health activities, to consider submitting practice articles, commentaries and letters to the editor for publication. This journal is first and foremost a journal dedicated to the practical, day-to-day practice of public health in our state.

Both the Board of MPHA and the Editorial Board of the MJPH are seeking funds to move the MJPH to a true on-line journal format. We hope to have this process completed prior to the publication of our fourth issue, which will occur in June of 2008. Until that time, we will publish this journal in the format as you see it today.

We encourage you to share this copy of MJPH with your colleagues. This issue and all future issues will be posted on the MPHA website, and will be available to all. This access will change slightly when we move to a true on-line format. At that time the MJPH will move behind into a new members only web page behind the MPHA main page. Be assured you will still be able to share articles of interest with non-MPHA members at that time by e-mail links to specific articles to colleagues.

Lastly, please take notice of the feedback form at the end of this issue. Please consider copying this form into a new document, filling it out and e-mailing the completed form to [mijph@hotmail.com](mailto:mijph@hotmail.com). We would greatly appreciate your input!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season, and we look forward to hearing from you