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Asset Mapping Regional Forums

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

LISA HADDEN, MA

PRESIDENT AND CEO, HEALTHY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

PROJECT DIRECTOR, HEALTHY FUTURES PROGRAM, ST. MARY'S OF MICHIGAN

Ms. Hadden serves as President and CEO of Healthy Community Partners holding that position for the last thirteen years. The non-profit community based organization has received funding from Michigan State University, Saint Mary's of Michigan, and a variety of regional foundations. For the last ten years Ms. Hadden has worked as a community organizer in the Cathedral District neighborhood surrounding St. Mary's of Michigan and was the first person to bring the Asset Based Community Development approach (known as ABCD) to Saginaw. She facilitates neighborhood participation in a local Capacity Inventory and Asset Mapping projects, to identify the gifts, talents and skills of neighbors and connect them by common interests resulting in community building initiatives. Additionally, Ms. Hadden coordinates the Community Defined Health program bringing together nursing and occupational therapy students from Saginaw Valley State University and medical students from Michigan State University to work with families in identifying assets that create and sustain health in the neighborhood. As a result, neighbors discover their own resources and become co-producers of health, moving far beyond the idea of a patient as a mere consumer of health.

Furthermore, Ms. Hadden has served for 7 years as the Project Director for Healthy Futures, a countywide coalition of seventeen member organizations supporting access to health care for the homeless and uninsured in Saginaw County, Michigan. Healthy Futures is a network of six, free, street clinics serving the target population. A pool of over 140 volunteer physicians, family nurse practitioners and nurses provide medical care. Care coordination is provided by Healthy Futures Guides, residents hired from the neighborhoods served to coordinate and navigate patients through all aspects of non-medical care and community resources. Over 7,500 patients have been served to date, 4,388 patients have been connected to a medical home, over 1,700 patients have been enrolled in a health plan and plans are underway for a 7th and 8th clinic site.

Ms. Hadden has extensive experience in the development of primary care systems and community and economic development. She has an undergraduate degree in Secondary Education with emphasis in English and Spanish and a Master's degree in English Composition and Communications Theory, both from Central Michigan University.

Ms. Hadden was awarded a "Creating Healthier Communities" Fellowship from the prestigious Health Forum, an International Leadership program affiliated with the American Hospital Association. Her project entitled "Community Defined Health" is recognized nationally for its innovative combination of Asset Based Community Development and the education of health professions students. Five years ago John McKnight invited her to become adjunct faculty of the Asset Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Ms. Hadden also serves as adjunct Instructor for the College of Human Medicine, Department of Family Practice, at Michigan State University and as an Instructor in the College of Nursing at Saginaw Valley State University. She has published several articles detailing her work in Saginaw's neighborhoods. These include, "The Community as Co-Producer of Health" in the Jan/Feb 2000 issue of the Health Forum Journal and "Community Defined Health: Thinking From the Inside Out" in the Fall 2000 issue of Metropolitan Journal. Three years ago Ms. Hadden was awarded the "Woman of the Year" award in Saginaw by the Zonta Club for her work helping young women in the city's neighborhoods realize their potential by identifying and connecting their assets with community work. Ms. Hadden is nationally recognized as a leader and trainer in Asset Based Community Development