

Weekly Update for the Section 298 Initiative

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has developed this weekly Update to provide progress on recent activities, and information about upcoming events for the Section 298 Initiative. The following Update is for the week of [March 12, 2018](#).

Implementation of the Pilots

- On March 9, 2018, MDHHS announced the pilot sites for the Section 298 Initiative. MDHHS used a Request for Information (RFI) process to select the pilots. Based upon this process, the following three sites were selected:
 - Pilot #1: Muskegon County CMH (dba HealthWest) and West Michigan Community Mental Health
 - Pilot #2: Genesee Health System
 - Pilot #3: Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority

Implementation of the Demonstration Project

- MDHHS received a draft proposal from the Total Health Collaborative (TTHC) in Kent County.
- MDHHS has provided TTHC with a formal set of comments on the draft proposal.
- TTHC will be submitting a detailed project plan to MDHHS within the next few weeks.

Implementation of the Policy Recommendations

- MDHHS has reviewed and analyzed all of recommendations from the final report of the 298 Facilitation Workgroup.
- MDHHS is preparing to publish a progress report on implementing the workgroup recommendations next month.

Evaluation of the Pilots and Demonstration Project

- The University of Michigan (UM) evaluation team has been working on identifying performance metrics for the evaluation of the pilots and demonstration project.
- MDHHS and UM are also reviewing current reporting requirements for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, and Community Mental Health Service Programs to identify how information from these current reports can be used during the evaluation process.
- MDHHS and UM are also developing a process for soliciting input on the performance metrics from representatives of the current system and external technical experts.

Stakeholder Engagement

- MDHHS will be providing the following updates this week:
 - No presentations are scheduled for this week.

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