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## About the Initiative

In 2015, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded the State of Michigan \$70 million over 4 years to test and implement an innovative model for delivering and paying for health care in the state. A major focus area has been strengthening connections among providers of clinical care and community-based organizations that address social determinants of health through the creation of Community Health Innovation Region (CHIRs).

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Welcome to the November edition of the SIM Community Health Innovation (CHIR) Newsletter. The newsletter provides updates on SIM activities and highlights regional CHIR work and successes. It also provides resources to inform the continued development and implementation of CHIR work. In this issue, we highlight the work of the Jackson Community Living Room.

## Upcoming Action Items

### CHIRs

- ❑ **Monthly Status Report**-CHIRs are to submit their status report by **November, 14**. Please use the following [template](#) when completing your status reports.
- ❑ **EGrAMS Progress Report**- CHIRs are to submit their final Narrative Progress report by **November, 15**.
- ❑ **QPR Metrics**- CHIRs are to complete the QPR Metrics for the time period 8/1/2017-10/31/2017 by **December, 1**.

### State SIM CHIR Team

- ❑ **Individual Data Request Sessions**-The SIM team is in the process of holding meetings to discuss data requests and provide assistance with needed forms.
- ❑ **Reschedule Monthly Meetings**- In order to allow for discussion of the monthly Status Report, the SIM Team will work with BBO Staff to reschedule the monthly individual CHIR calls.

### October TA Session

Thank you for attending the October technical assistance session on the SIM Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (MiBRFSS). The presenter provided an overview of the MiBRFSS, the 2016 Michigan BRFS, and the MiBRFS SIM oversampling. A recording of this call can be found at the following [link](#). The BRFS Data Tables have also been made available and can be accessed [here](#) on SharePoint.

CHIRs are able to request the raw data, however to do so they must sign a Data Release Agreement (found [here](#) on SharePoint). After signing the agreement, there also will be required a detailed study protocol that includes all of the information asked for within Sections II through V of the data release agreement. You will also need to provide curriculum vitae for the principal investigator and all relevant contributors. Please feel free to contact our team with any questions about this process.

## **SIM Executive Leadership Team Announcement**

Chris Priest will be stepping down as the State's Medicaid Director to take a position in the private sector effective November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chris served on the executive leadership team for SIM, specifically responsible for overseeing the efforts of the Care Delivery component. Please join us in wishing Chris the best in his future endeavors and thanking him for his tireless dedication to serving Michigan residents.

Going forward, Kathy Stiffler will step in as Acting Medicaid Director. Kathy held this position previously and is a true leader in state government. Kathy has also been involved with SIM, serving as the Program Lead for the Care Delivery component. She will assume the same SIM leadership role previously held by Chris Priest.

## **MPHI Coaching Update**

MPHI Coaches are in the process of setting up either in-person meetings or calls with each CHIR to develop a coaching action plan. This meeting is meant to serve as an opportunity for CHIRs to get to know their respective coaches better, and specify what areas of support each CHIR would find most helpful. The coaching action plan will be individualized for each CHIR, and will be used to guide coaching support over the coming months.

## **Bright Spot**

The National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) is a nonprofit organization that focuses on building effective change strategies that align partners and engage stakeholders, specifically, for children and families, to achieve better outcomes. NICHQ strives to build partners up for success by assisting them with identifying a shared aim and building trust at the individual and organizational level. A free online course is available that focuses on "how to produce positive population health outcomes through effective collaboration." More information and resources provided by NICHQ can be found [here](#).

## **CHIR Spotlight**

As of August 1, there are three "Community Connections" HUBs in the Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region, each operated by a different local health department to serve the 10-county region. The HUBs achieve efficiencies by utilizing central oversight and common policies, procedures, staffing models, and orientation and training, based on the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's experience in operating different clinical community linkages models over the past several years.

Community Connections combines features from three evidence-based clinical community linkages models: 1) Pathways from the Pathways Community HUB Model provide structure, documentation (through the electronic medical record), and accountability. 2) Business Associates Agreements and memoranda of understanding with physician practices modeled from the Children's Health Access Program (CHAP) allow HUB staff to work on behalf of practices and exchange personal health information in adherence with HIPAA regulations. 3) Screening for social determinants can be completed with pen and paper or a web-based version that is under development (pilot is currently underway at six patient-centered medical homes).

In addition, a robust web-based directory of community resources is in the final stages of development. Designed with 211 taxonomy for professionals (not the general public), its search process is very simple and easy to use and can create a custom list of resources for clients by print, email, or text.

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## **Resources**

### **Intersection of Housing and Health- CSH**

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) began with the desire to give the most needy men and women on our streets a home and surround them with the care they need. After seeing firsthand the success of an

integrated approach to aid, one that combines quality housing and support services, CSH was founded. 20 years later, CSH is a national leader in housing reform and advocacy and works nationally to provide training, education, and consultation to organizations desiring to bring about solutions to homelessness in their communities. For more information on CSH, or to visit some of the resources and toolkits they have made available, you can visit their [website](#).

In the following [report](#), CSH demonstrates how safe, quality, affordable housing is one of the most basic and powerful social determinates of health and examines the strategies needed to bring housing solutions to improve the overall health of the most vulnerable and build strong, healthy communities.

### **Beyond Medical Care- HPIO**

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that seeks to partner with policymakers and other stakeholders engaged in the policymaking process to provide the independent and nonpartisan analysis needed to create evidence-informed state health policy.

In their recent report, [Beyond Medical Care](#), Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) provides actionable steps to improve Ohio's commitment to upstream prevention through a balanced portfolio of health improvement activities both inside and outside the healthcare system. The main report and a series of fact sheets provide policymakers and health leaders with a roadmap to expand the health policy agenda in Ohio to include a more balanced focus on the factors that shape our health both inside and outside the clinical care system. The report also investigates potential sources of funding in order to ensure sustainability for community health endeavors.

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## **November Meeting Information**

### **All CHIR Calls**

Nov. 20, 2017 2:00-3:00pm: CHIR Backbone Organization Cohort Collaboration Call

Nov. 28, 2017 3:00-4:30pm: CHIR TA Call

Nov. 21, 2017 2:30-3:30pm: Northern

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