Community Information Exchange Task Force Kick-Off Meeting:

On Monday, September 19, 2022, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), with the support of the Michigan Public Health institute (MPHI) and Open Referral Initiative, convened the first Communnity Information Exchange Task Force meeting. Members of the task force include representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs), health care organizations, health payers, health IT, consumers, and governmental entities.

Participants were provided an overview of how the work of the Task Force is interwoven through other strategic State priorities. The session kicked off with a talk by Representative Tommy Stalworth about the findings of the COVID Racial Disparities Task Force, and how Community Information Exchange is essential to realizing many of the goals articulated in their report. The Task Force also heard from MDHHS Policy Planning Director, Ninah Sasy, about the MDHHS Social Determinants of Health Strategy, highlighting the importance of the work ahead in building an infrastructure for collecting and acting on social determinants of health data. Lastly, Digital Equity Director at the Michigan High-speed Internet Office, Allie Herkenroder, presented on the initiatives to expand broadband access and support digital literacy, to promote patient agency in accessing and mediating their health and social care data.

Following the opening remarks and discussion, the Task Force established norms and expectations of the task force and initiated the iterative process of establishing a CIE Task Force Charter to guide the group's efforts.

The task force meets the third Thursday of each month through at least June of 2023

About the CIE Task force: The Community Information Exchange (CIE) is a localized effort to create and sustain the technology and relationships required to support the social needs of both individual and community. CIE maximizes a person-centered approach by ensuring social care information is collected only as needed and is stored safely. CIE also promotes streamlined access to health enhancing non-clinical services (e.g., social services and supports), helping to coordinate care across a variety of clinical and non-clinical partners, while using data on existing community resources, needs, and gaps to drive policy change.

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