



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Social Determinants of Health Strategy

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Social Determinants of Health Strategy Launch

MDHHS recently launched Phase I of the Social Determinants of Health Strategy, *Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities*. If you missed the MDHHS Social Determinants of Health Strategy Launch Webinar, you can watch the recording here:

[SDOH Strategy Launch Webinar](#)

The Policy and Planning team compiled questions from this webinar and included the answers in a document:

[SDOH Strategy Q & A](#)

If you have additional questions related to the SDOH Strategy, please email MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov.

We want your input!

Please fill out the following survey by Friday, May 20 to share feedback about the SDOH Strategy and ways we can support future engagement and implementation efforts:

[SDOH Strategy Survey](#)

Important Dates

Wednesday, June 8, 2022
1:30-3:00 PM

Social Determinants of Health Partner Convening: Intersecting Social Determinants

[Register to Attend](#)

Health Equity and SDOH Data Strategy meetings will be scheduled soon. We will announce meeting dates and registration through this newsletter and on the website.

Focus Area Updates

Three focus areas establish the foundation for the 2022 Overarching Social Determinants of Health Strategy; health equity,

housing stability, and food security. Below describes a high-level overview of some of the initiatives being implemented in each focus area.



Health Equity

The Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Grant Request for Proposals was published on April 15, 2022. The funding will support efforts toward a regional collaborative Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), a readiness assessment for implementing, improving, or expanding a Clinical Community Linkage (CCL) model, and will enable greater partnership with a grassroots organization who will lead efforts to empower residents as they pursue community change. Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the EGrAMS program by 3 PM, May 27, 2022 and the project period will begin August 1, 2022.

[Click here to apply for the Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Grant.](#)



Housing Stability

On Wednesday April 13th, 2022 the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Policy and Planning team hosted a Housing Stability Convening. More than 90 people representing organizations that lead and support housing stability efforts contributed to the meeting. Participants provided input on strategies for three domains including; supporting populations made vulnerable to housing instability, holistic approaches to healthy housing, and addressing homelessness housing access. Policy priorities across these strategies, identified through work with partners across departments within and without MDHHS, provided the foundation for discussion. These policy priorities include:

- Streamlining cross-enrollment
- Alleviating barriers to MSHDA housing voucher utilization
- Expanding access to recovery housing



SDOH Partner Highlights

Communication and collaboration are key to the success of the SDOH Strategy. Each month, the Policy and Planning Team would like to highlight ongoing efforts from SDOH partners throughout the state.

If you would like to share highlights from programs, policies, and/or initiatives that address the social determinants of health, please email MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov. These efforts will be shared in future newsletters and on our website.

Downloads

- [Full SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Overview of SDOH Strategy](#)
- [PDF of the April Housing Stability Convening Slides](#)

[Click here to watch the webinar](#)

[Feedback from each breakout session was captured and compiled.](#) Input will be synthesized and incorporated into the overarching strategy.



Food Security

The Food Security focus area is currently working on these three priorities for 2022:

- Moving the discussion of Food Security forward from an area surrounding emergent need, to a focus on sustainability and how we get there
- Identifying policy barriers to the expansion of food related sustainability work.
- Collaboration between internal and external partners, and the relationship between food and housing.

The Food Security Strategy Partner Convening was held May 11th to discuss these policy priorities for food security in Michigan. More than 70 people representing organizations that lead and support food security efforts contributed to the meeting. More details, including meeting notes and a link to the webinar will be included in the June newsletter and added to the SDOH website: www.Michigan.gov/SDOH.

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