



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# Social Determinants of Health Strategy

November 2022



## October Partner Meeting: SDOH Chronic Disease Accelerator Plan

On Tuesday October 11, 2022 the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Policy and Planning team hosted a partner meeting titled: Social Determinants of Health Accelerator Plan for Chronic Disease. More than 100 people representing organizations that lead and support Health Equity, Food Security and/or related work contributed to the meeting.

Participants were provided a SDOH Strategy update, and an overview of what to expect in Phase 2, including a focus on Health Equity and aligning and expanding CHW related efforts, and the development of a SDOH Chronic Disease Accelerator Plan. There was a focus on key features of the Accelerator Plan as well as breakout sessions with topics including, effective engagement in communities and networks, unique opportunities and community assets, and barriers and challenges.

[Click here to watch the webinar.](#)

[Feedback from each breakout session was captured and compiled.](#) Input will be thoroughly reviewed and incorporated into the overall strategy as it is refined.

## We want your input!

This January will be designated 'Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Month' to educate and inform people about the importance of working together to improve health and wellbeing by addressing social factors.

Please provide your input on SDOH month by completing the [SDOH Month Survey](#).

## Important Dates

- November 18, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA) 10th Annual Meeting [Click Here to Register](#)
- January 24-26, 2023 SDOH Virtual Summit: Call to Action [Click Here to Register](#)



# Affordable Housing Rental Development & Racial Equity Statewide Town Hall Meetings



Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is currently conducting a Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) on its affordable housing rental development practices. Public input is an important part of the assessment work, and we need to hear from you about your experiences, ideas and feedback.

**Date:** November 16, 2022

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:00pm

**Link:** [CEDAM - All Regions - QAP REIA Town Hall Meeting \(Virtual\) \(wildapricot.org\)](https://www.wildapricot.org/cedam-all-regions-qap-reia-town-hall-meeting-virtual)

## Who should attend?

All are welcome to participate in these statewide town hall meetings and we hope key partners will attend.

- **People With Lived Experience**
- **Developers and Contractors**
- **Financial Partners**
- **Advocates and Community Organizations**
- **Service Providers**
- **Local leaders**
- **Tribal Nations**
- **Municipalities**

## **Background Information:**

MSHDA is conducting a REIA on the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), known as "MSHDA QAP REIA". The QAP sets forth the criteria for evaluating projects within the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits program, which is how MSHDA builds affordable housing throughout Michigan.

MSHDA is partnering with **Enterprise Community Partners** and **CEDAM** to explore how the introduction of an equity lens, and potential changes to the 2024-2025 QAP, can expand equity in communities where Low-Income Housing Tax Credits are utilized for development. After information is collected and research is finalized, Enterprise Community

## Stay Engaged with the MDHHS SDOH Strategy

For more information about the SDOH Strategy and additional resources, please visit [Michigan.gov/SDOH](https://Michigan.gov/SDOH).

If you have additional feedback regarding the SDOH Strategy, or if you'd like your organization to be highlighted in future issues, please send us a message at [MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov)

## Downloads

- [Full SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Overview of SDOH Strategy](#)

Partners will provide preliminary recommendations to MSHDA on how it can increase equity within the QAP.

As part of the information collection process, we are hosting town hall meetings. During these engagements we will seek to understand how you currently engage with the QAP or the housing that it creates, as well as your perception of equity in the QAP process and affordable housing development. Whether you are a developer, community member, community development/nonprofit organization, funder, or have another affiliation, you are welcome to join. To learn more about the REIA process please visit this webpage at [QAP Racial Equity Impact Assessment \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/qap-impact).

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## October Community Information Exchange (CIE) Task Force Meeting Summary

On Thursday, October 20, 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 second Community 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 government entities.

The CIE Task Force meeting kicked off with presentations from three local Community Health Innovation Regions, CHIRs: Jenifer Murray with the Northern Michigan CHIR, Janée Tyus with the Greater Flint Health Coalition, and Kelly Stupple with the Washtenaw Livingston CHIR. Each CHIR shared their best practices, technology systems, and answered questions from members of the Task Force. After the presentations, Task Force members brainstormed questions that will need to be answered as they develop recommendations for statewide CIE. Questions centered on privacy practice, equitability, governance, sustainability, participation, and architecture. For more information about the Task Force and to review meeting summaries visit:

[Community Information Exchange Taskforce](#)

The CIE Task Force meets the third Thursday of each month through at least June of 2023.

**About CIE:** 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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