



Social Determinants of Health Strategy

Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities

October 2022

2023 Social Determinants of Health Summit

A CALL TO ACTION

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

January 24-26, 2023

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EACH DAY



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 address SDOH and improve health and wellbeing.

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

Important Dates

- November 1, 2022 SDOH [Call for Presentation proposals](#) due.
- November 1, 2022 Community Health Worker [CHW Subcommittee Survey](#) due.
- November 18, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA) 10th Annual Meeting [Click Here to Register](#)

SDOH Summit Call for Presentations and Exhibitors

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services- Policy and Planning Office is excited to host the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Summit.

During the Summit, we will launch phase 2 of the SDOH Strategy as well as discuss strategies to support multi-sector collaboration at the community, local, and state level.

Share your work at our upcoming virtual SDOH Summit as a [presenter](#) or an [exhibitor](#). We are looking for presentations that highlight best practices for supporting health equity, food security, housing stability, community information exchange, and/or community health workers.

[Click here to submit your session proposal.](#)

Proposals must be submitted by November 1st, 2022.

Applicants will be notified by November 30 regarding if the proposal was selected.

- January 24-26, 2023
SDOH Virtual Summit:
Call to Action
[Click Here to Register](#)

Stay Engaged with the MDHHS SDOH Strategy

For more information about the SDOH Strategy and additional resources, please visit 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

Digital Inclusion Program Inventory

The state of Michigan recently created the [Michigan High-Speed Internet Office](#) (MIHI), with a goal of becoming more intentional about closing the digital divide. This goal aligns with a recommendation of the [2021 Michigan Poverty Task Force](#) report and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which dedicated resources towards this goal. MIHI has been tasked with leading Michigan's digital equity efforts, but it needs the help of institutions like schools, libraries, senior and community centers, non-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations, community groups, volunteer organizations, or other similar facilities and entities.

MIHI wants to foster greater cooperation and sharing of information among organizations that engage in digital inclusion activities across Michigan, such as digital skills training, public computer access, public- Wi-Fi, helping people sign up for the Affordable Connectivity Program, etc. MIHI wants to raise awareness of these services, share ideas, and encourage collaboration for advancing digital inclusion in Michigan.

MIHI requests that you follow [this link](#) and complete a brief survey about your organization's current digital inclusion activities. [Please consider sharing this email](#) with other affiliated organizations that also support digital inclusion. This information will ultimately be included in an online resource to help Michigan communities address the digital divide. This will serve as a resource so that communities can share best practices.

Downloads

- [Full SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Overview of SDOH Strategy](#)
- [SDOH Talking Points for Partners to Advocate on behalf of MDHHS](#)

Community Health Worker (CHW) and CHW Collaborators Needed!



To advance health equity, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

Over the next 12 months, MIHI will engage with stakeholders across Michigan to inform the development of a state digital equity plan. Subsequently, it will look to active digital equity and inclusion partners to continue, create, or scale up digital inclusion activities using funding from the Digital Equity Act.

[Please fill out the survey to begin the journey!](#)

The Michigan High-Speed Internet Office is Hiring

The Michigan High-Speed Internet Office is looking for a Digital Equity Program Manager to join our growing team of staff that are working to create a more digitally equitable state.

[Click here to apply.](#)

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy aims to expand and align sustainable Community Health Worker (CHW) efforts across Michigan. We need CHWs and CHW Collaborators (those working with CHWs) to weigh in and guide our efforts.

If you are interested in serving on our CHW Subcommittee, or our CHW Community Feedback Forum, [please fill out an interest form](#) by **November 1st, 2022**.

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Information Exchange (CIE) Planning Grant Awards

Through *Michigan's Roadmap for Healthy Communities*, robust engagement at the community, local, and state level has led to the development of a framework that supports a) targeted strategies with measurable goals, b) better alignment of social and clinical programs, and c) exploration of policy and funding levers to better support community driven solutions.

As a next step, MDHHS Policy and Planning Office awarded \$986,500 in planning grants to local health departments and public health alliances. These grant awards will advance the implementation of CHNAs, planning for CIE, and implementation of community-driven initiatives to address social determinants of health priorities. The CHNA and CIE planning grants are part of a larger effort through MDHHS' SDOH Strategy to support and advance SDOH efforts to improve health outcomes and advance equity. The planning grants will begin November 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

These planning grants will build up on the existing local efforts while we work together to establish a long-term statewide framework that supports addressing social determinants of health. We will share opportunities for you to engage with these efforts and inform our next steps.

CHNA and CIE Planning Grantees:

Allegan County Health Department

Barry Eaton District Health Department

Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion

Ingham County Health Department

Kent County Health Department

Mid-Michigan District Health Department

Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance:

Benzie Leelanau District Health Department

Central Michigan District Health Department

District Health Department #10

District Health Department #4

District Health Department #2

Grand Traverse County Health Department

Health Department of NW Michigan

Ottawa County Department of Public Health

Public Health Muskegon County

Saginaw County Health Department

Saint Clair County Health Department

Thumb Alliance:

Huron County Health Department

Lapeer County Health Department

Sanilac County Health Department

Tuscola County Health Department

MSHDA Increasing Home Energy Efficiency Event

Join Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Neighborhood Housing Initiative (NHID) for a virtual event you don't want to miss.

This event is designed to encourage and facilitate energy-efficiency

focused on residential housing repairs and upgrades. All owner-occupied homes, non-owner-occupied single-family homes, and multi-family properties could qualify. Join local NHID experts and guests to examine the MI-HOPE programs. Registration for this event is **FREE!** [Click here to register.](#)

Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA) 10th Annual Meeting

Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA) 10th Annual Meeting, November 18, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This year's theme and call to action is: [*Elevate CHWs in Michigan! Expanding and Sustaining the Community Health Worker Workforce.*](#)

Join to discuss ongoing efforts to advance Michigan's Community Health Worker (CHW) Workforce through training, coordinated policy change and our long-term goal of CHW sustainability. Hear from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on its Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy and Medicaid on its policy development strategy as a component of CHW expansion and sustainability.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Contact info@michwa.org for more information.

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 [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 governmental entities.

Participants were provided an overview of how the work of the Task Force is interwoven through other State strategic priorities. The session kicked off with a talk by Senior Advisor of Legislative and External Affairs in the Executive Office of the Governor, 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 for the group and initiated the iterative process of establishing a CIE Task Force Charter to guide their efforts.

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



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