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CHW WORKFORCE EXPANSION OPPORTUNITY
FOR SMALL NON-PROFITS

Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance, with funding support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Policy and Planning Office, has the opportunity to support non-profit employers in training eligible employees as community health workers. This effort is a component of the statewide Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy launched by MDHHS to support health equity.

At no cost to the employer, eligible participants:

- will be enrolled in the MiCHWA Community Health Worker Certificate Program,
- graduate with a certificate,
- and enter into the MiCHWA registry.

Employer eligibility requirements include, but not limited to:

- 501(c)(3) status with less than $500,000 in annual revenue.*
- Employers must primarily serve in communities with long-standing health disparities related to race, income, geographic location, other sociodemographic characteristics, including incarceration and homelessness, or serve members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Organizations with a higher annual revenue may qualify if serving a special population, which includes but is not limited to: Native American Tribes and those whose primary

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM MDHHS SDOH Partner Convening 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

SDOH Food Security and Housing Stability Next Steps Survey

When the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) launched Phase 1 of the SDOH Strategy in 2022, we identified a broad range of initiatives to support housing stability, food security, and health equity. The Office of Policy and Planning has been tracking these initiatives with our various colleagues and partners across state government. Last month, we

language is either Arabic, Burmese, Bangla, Chinese, and Spanish.

[Click here to apply.](#)

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SDOH Strategy Updates
Community Information Exchange March Meeting Summary

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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 sixth 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.

At the March CIE Task Force meeting, Diane Bechel-Marriot from the Michigan Multipayor Initiative presented to the Task Force on the landscape of payor incentives for social care. Task Force members then reviewed and adopted Values and Principles statements that were submitted to the group for approval between the February and March meetings.

The group spent the remainder of the meeting in breakout discussions exploring the sustainability and governance of two key use cases – one use case involving data exchange from clinical-to-CBO and one from CBO-to-CBO. Groups considered ways that these capacities both support and undermine equity, and considered which components are best governed and funded at the state, local, and federal levels.

MDHHS published the [Community Information Exchange Task Force Interim Report](#) in early March,

administered a survey to assess progress, understand barriers, and identify growth opportunities. The progress report on these SDOH initiatives will be shared during our SDOH Partner meeting on April 18th.

As we move forward with next steps for food security and housing stability, we want to hear from you! Please complete this brief survey to share what your organization and/ or community is doing to support food security or housing stability. We will be collating these ideas and establishing workgroups to move this work along and prioritize which initiatives should be included in the next iteration of the SDOH Strategy. So share your ideas for innovative, multi-sector collaborative solutions to support healthy Michigan communities.

[Click here to fill out the SDOH Food Security and Housing Stability Next Steps Survey.](#)

Downloads

- [Phase II of the SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Phase I of the SDOH Strategy](#)

New $15M MI Impact Grant launched to help nonprofits lift Michiganders out of poverty

Today, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) announced the [$15 million MI Impact Grant program](#) available to Michigan's larger nonprofits that provide programming to lift people out of poverty.

"Michigan's nonprofits work every day to uplift their communities and bolster the economy," said **Susan Corbin, director of LEO**. "We are proud to administer this

and hosted a webinar on March 20 to talk through the interim findings and the results of a survey of CBOs conducted by MPHI in 2022 on capacity and interest in CIE.Click here to find the recording.

The CIE Task Force final report will be published in late summer of 2023 following the final Task Force meeting in June.

The 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.

CIE Pilot Scenario Survey

The CIE Task Force is seeking proposals for hypothetical 'pilot scenarios' for the development and testing of new or enhanced Community Information Exchange capacities in the state of Michigan.

Our goal is to demonstrate the potential to improve health and social outcomes by enabling health and human service providers to share information across organizational and technological boundaries – and to inform plans for future expansion of these capacities.

Prospective pilot objectives:

- Matching identities of clients across platforms to ensure individuals can be securely identified from one service context to another (i.e. healthcare patients who might also receive care from social service providers), among different information systems.
- Exchanging sensitive personal data across platforms using secure, standardized, non-proprietary protocols for the purpose of making referrals, sharing key information, and monitoring results.

grant program to strengthen Michigan's nonprofit ecosystem and deliver on our mission to close equity gaps and remove barriers to economic prosperity."

The grant program, which is designed to support the critical work of nonprofits that provide meaningful and sustained impact in the communities they serve, will prioritize partnerships with larger nonprofits that share the state's commitment to providing services that help lift Michigan residents out of poverty and above the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) threshold.

Get Started

Michigan's nonprofits who are interested in this grant funding are invited to share details regarding the innovative programming available to support the recommendations of the Michigan Poverty Task Force through the Request for Information (RFI) process. The information gathered may be used to assist the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity in developing program strategy.

Responses to this RFI are due at noon on Friday, April 21 to

LEO-PovertyTaskForce@michigan.gov.

It is not required to submit a response to this RFI to participate in a formal RFP nor will a grant be awarded as a result of this RFI. All applicants will be included in future communications regarding webinars for the final RFP.

Download the full RFI and response template here.

View the full press release.

$35M Relief Fund application to assist small Michigan nonprofits is live

- Aligning vocabularies across systems such that diverse and context-specific terminologies – such as LOINC and SNOMED-CT, and social care terminologies like the 211 Taxonomy – can be reliably translated and accountability clarified over time.
- Eliciting and preserving consent such that individuals, service providers, and communities have agency in the process of data collection, exchange, use and re-use – upholding rights to understand, refuse, revoke, and seek redress for harmful outcomes.
- Establishing systems of evaluation and governance for all of the above, such that representatives of key stakeholder groups are able to participate meaningfully in each phase of the lifecycle of CIE initiatives.
- Developing proposals for sustainability of the information exchange infrastructure.
- Exchanging directory information about human services – a system that maintains the directory information to a third party system that might use such information to support resource navigation.

We welcome submissions of proposed pilots that apply these generalized goals and objectives to a specific scenario in which organizations work together to leverage data sharing, technology, and organizational policy change to better coordinate care and improve outcomes.

Please provide an overview of your proposed pilot idea in 400 words or less which addresses the objectives above. In your scenario please specify which organizations using which disparate information systems would exchange information related to which needs about the individuals they are serving.

This IS NOT a request for proposals, but information collected may be used to inform investment in future CIE pilots.

[Please click here to submit your proposed CIE pilot scenario.](#)

The survey will close April 30, 2023.

Local Health Department Planning Grant Update

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) announced the $35 million MI Nonprofit Relief Fund application is now live. The MI Nonprofit Relief Fund will get funds into the hands of Michigan small charitable nonprofit organizations that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The $35 million MI Nonprofit Relief Fund, which is being administered by MNA, is designed to provide aid and recovery to nonprofits with annual revenues of less than $1 million that can demonstrate necessary expenditures and/or losses incurred after March 3, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Small nonprofits could receive one-time grant funds from $5,000 to $25,000 in Spring/Summer 2023 to continue or expand their services to areas hit the hardest by COVID-19 and to populations that are underserved and underrepresented. The impact of the ongoing pandemic has been particularly hard on nonprofits located in rural areas and those led by, and serving, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

"LEO is proud to join this effort to provide much-needed support to Michigan's nonprofit ecosystem," said **Kim Trent, Deputy Director for Prosperity of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity**. "Nonprofits who are committed to lifting Michiganders out of poverty and removing barriers to economic prosperity are invited to apply for aid that will help them further serve hard-hit communities."

Nonprofits can apply, find additional resources and frequently asked questions on the grant website at MINonprofitRelief.org. The application phase will close on May 5, 2023. For additional questions, nonprofits can email relieffund@mnaonline.org. Nonprofits are required to complete the application to be considered, regardless of whether they previously filled out the "intent to apply" form. Nonprofits do not have to be

On Monday, March 20, 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), convened the third Local Health Department Planning Grant Status Update meeting for grantees. The local health department meet bi-monthly to provide updates, receive technical assistance, and share resources. Grantees continue to utilize funding to develop strategies that close data and policy gaps identified in previous Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA). They are also using funds to advance SDOH initiatives identified in their current CHNA, host community summits, and establish taskforce to drive efforts forward. CIE efforts included examining the viability of local CIE structures and connecting with vendors to support the technology component of CIE.

In addition, SDOH Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease lead, Jerin Philip, shared an opportunity for local health departments to participate in regional listening sessions to identify community strengths and barriers related to food security and the built environment that will help close the gaps between social determinants of health and chronic illness. Molly Welch- Marahar, CIE lead, provided an update on the CIE taskforce's milestones and highlighted findings from the CIE interim reports to ensure alignment with grantees and to promote efforts around the construction of a statewide CIE by incorporating feedback from local health departments. The next status update meeting will be held in May 2023.

Racial Health Equity Plan Update

The RFP for the Racial Health Equity Plan opened February 24 and closed April 11, 2023. A diverse team of MDHHS staff will convene to review and score applications, with applicants will being notified of award/denial by May 10, 2023. The purpose of the program is to fund resources supporting implementing the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy and the development of the next iteration of the Michigan Health Equity Roadmap by examining marginalized groups impacted by longstanding System barriers to achieving health equity along with stakeholders, and diverse residents in Michigan.

Rural Health Equity Plan Update

The Rural Health Equity Plan is a key structural intervention to address health equity within Phase II of

members of MNA to apply for/receive grant funding.

An additional $15 million MI Nonprofit Impact Grant program will be administered by LEO and is designed for larger nonprofits to support programs that lift people out of poverty and above the ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed) threshold. This program is expected to launch in Spring 2023.

Click here to view the full press release.

the Social Determinants of Health, SDOH Strategy. The Michigan Center for Rural Health, MCRH is the lead partner in developing the plan and creating partnerships to advance health equity. MCRH, alongside a broad group of rural stakeholders will convene to form an advisory group to guide the process. The Rural Health Equity Plan will assess the current rural landscape and engage with rural residents and stakeholders to develop short-term and long-term rural-specific recommendations that align with the MDHHS SDOH Strategy. In March of 2023, the rural health equity advisory group identified key activities, created a charter, and reviewed the group's handbook and workplan.

The Rural Health Equity Advisory Group priority activities will include the following: 1. Provide guidance on the current MCRH Rural Health Equity work plan and identify opportunities for improvement. 2. Assist in identifying gaps in the current MDHHS SDOH strategy pertaining to rural-relevant data and stakeholder engagement. 3. Provide appropriate data sets and valuable information to enhance the Rural Health Equity Plan and fill gaps in rural relevant data within the MDHHS SDOH Strategy. 3. Develop recommendations and guidance on appropriate questions and focus areas that can be utilized during focus group/listening sessions/surveys. Formulate best practices for focus groups/listening sessions and provide insight on how to best engage with end users/individuals with lived experience. 4. Provide support and guidance on connecting with rural stakeholders, anchor institutions, and end users/individuals with lived experience that utilize or promote assistance programs. 5. Provide feedback and approval on the Rural Health Equity Plan written report.

The Rural Health Equity Advisory Group meets bi-monthly, with the next meeting being held in May 2023.

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