

August 2023

SDOH Strategy Updates



Second Annual Social Determinants of Health Summit all for Presentations is Open

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Policy and Planning Office is excited to host the Social Determinants of Health Summit, From Roadmap to Reality: Implementing Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities for Lasting Change virtually on **January 23-25, 2024** and an in-person networking reception on January 26, 2024.

The goal of the Summit is to create a space for collaboration and alignment with Michigan partners. We hope to learn from each other and strengthen our partnerships for a greater impact in community. Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities, takes a focused approach to align efforts at the state and local level for a greater impact in communities.

We are looking for presentations that highlight innovative approaches to addressing social determinants of health and reducing health disparities as well as multisector partnerships to support sustainable solutions to support healthy communities.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, October 10, 2023** from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
MDHHS SDOH Partner Convening focus on Community Health Workers and Community Information Exchange Initiatives. [Click here to register.](#)

Community Health Worker (CHW) Subcommittee Update

The CHW Subcommittee convened for their seventh meeting on July 17 to identify meaningful measures of CHW work to demonstrate value and illustrate impacts. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 21. You can learn more about the Subcommittee and its priorities by visiting the website:

[SDOH Strategy – Community Health Workers](#)

Topics may include:

- Healthy equity- addressing root causes to impact racial and/or rural health equity
- Best practices to support community information exchange and/ or community health workers
- Innovative approaches and/or multisector partnerships to support food security and housing stability
- Strategies and programs to prevent or reduce chronic disease
- Private and public partnerships to address social drivers of health

[Please submit your session proposal by completing this form.](#)

Proposals must be submitted by September 1, 2023. Applicants will be notified by September 15th if your proposal was selected.

Please visit www.michigan.gov/SDOH for more information about the Social Determinants of Health Strategy for Michigan. We look forward to hearing about your work and how we can connect to better support Michigan communities.

Community Information Exchange June Meeting Summary

On Thursday, July 20, 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 final 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 July CIE Task Force meeting, the task force reviewed the CIE Task Force Final Report. Task Force members broke into small groups to discuss dissemination strategies and next steps for supporting implementation of recommendations. The Task Force closed the meeting with reflections and gratitude.

The CIE Task Force final report will be published in late August 2023. Recommendations from the report will be disseminated to impacted parties, including CBOs, health care organizations, health payers, and government agencies.

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

CHW Community Feedback Forum

On August 8, 2023, the CHW Community Feedback Forum convened for its inaugural meeting. The CHW-CFF brings together community members – including CHWs – as well as state and local community partners to provide input on policy and program recommendations to support CHW efforts in Michigan. During the meeting, an overview of the broader MDHHS Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy and its CHW Structural Intervention was provided, and attendees participated in a robust discussion to determine priorities and chart a path forward.

View a recording of the Forum here: [CHW Community Feedback Forum – Meeting 1](#)

CHW-CFF meetings will be held quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 from 10:00-11:30am. If you would like to attend, please register below:

[CHW Community Feedback Forum Meeting #2 Registration](#)

If you are interested in receiving additional opportunities to participate in the CHW-CFF, please fill out the interest form below:

[MDHHS CHW Community Feedback Forum Interest Form](#)

Please feel free to forward these links to CHWs and anyone who may be

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.

[Community Information Exchange Task Force](#)

[Community Information Exchange Task Force Interim Report](#)

Rural Health Equity Plan

The Rural Health Equity plan, led by the Michigan Center for Rural Health, MCRH, met with MDHHS staff to provide status updates August 03, 2023. MCRH is working alongside a diverse advisory group to draft short and long term recommendations to support the implementation of the [SDOH Strategy](#) to support and improve health outcomes for residents. MCRH is hosting regional engagement activities, with the goal to learn from anchor institutions and individuals, especially with lived experience in receiving and/or engage with State governed services. The engagement sessions begin in mid-August, with listening sessions in designated rural areas.

For more information about community engagement activities, contact Laura Mispelon, laura.mispelon@affiliate.msu.edu.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023.

Local Health Department SDOH Planning Grant Update

On Monday, July 24, 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), convened the fifth Local Health Department (LHD) Planning Grant Status Bi-monthly Status Meeting.

The LHD SDOH Planning Grants are intended to support community driven solutions that address social drivers of health. Local Health Departments continue to use funds to improve their previous Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to better identify and address priority needs and populations. Grantees are distributing surveys to community partners and residents to gather feedback and input. To support their efforts, they continue to collaborate with community organizations, host community summits, and convene taskforces to support their efforts.

interested in providing input on CHW efforts.

Additional CHW updates:

- The Medicaid CHW Policy is currently open for public comment. You can review the policy by following this link: [Medicaid CHW Policy](#). Comments are due by August 18, 2023, and can be sent to Elizabeth Pitts at PittsE@Michigan.gov.
 - August is [Community Health Worker Appreciation Month!](#) This month, we recognize and celebrate the incredible work of CHWs across the state!
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Local Health Departments continue to use funds to implement and/or advance Community Information Exchange (CIE) initiatives. They are engaging stakeholders and community partners, providing trainings, and establishing focus groups to support their understanding of local CIE structures. Grantees are collaborating with 211, United Way, and other vendors to build and/or enhance their platforms. Grantees are also working with community health workers to advance both CIE and CHNA efforts.

During the July meeting, representatives from the MDHHS CIE Taskforce shared the Final CIE Report with the grantees to gather feedback and assure alignment. The Final CIE Report will be released in early Fall of 2023.

Poverty Task Force Webinar on MI Open Account Coalition

In case you missed it, you can now [watch the July 26 webinar on low- or no-cost banking options](#) for anyone currently without an account, hosted by LEO Deputy Director **Kim Trent**, key staffer to the Michigan Poverty Task Force.

The discussion featured **Ross Yednock**, financial services legislative liaison with the Department of Financial and Insurance Services. Yednock provided an overview of the MI Open Account Coalition, a partnership between banks and credit unions to offer low- or no-cost banking accounts to Michiganders to put them on a path to building stronger financial futures. Webinar attendees got answers to their questions about this program and how to access the benefits.

Event Resources

- [Event Recording](#)
- [Presentation Deck](#)
- [MI Open Account Coalition Toolkit \(English\)](#)
- [MI Open Account Coalition Toolkit \(Arabic\)](#)
- [MI Open Account Coalition Toolkit \(Chinese\)](#)
- [MI Open Account Coalition Toolkit \(Spanish\)](#)

Statewide Housing Plan - Equity Advisory Committee Opportunity

An opportunity to apply for or nominate someone to a seat on the Equity Advisory Committee (EAC), a new group being established in conjunction with the Statewide Housing Plan. The purpose of this body is to address historical exclusions and inequities and make recommendations to the Statewide Housing Partnership. The work of this committee will influence change within the housing ecosystem in Michigan to advance safe, healthy, affordable, accessible, and attainable housing for all.

The [Equity Advisory Committee Overview](#) provides more details about purpose, responsibilities, commitment, and attendance expectations. The [nomination form](#) has information about how and where to submit nominations. Individuals may self-nominate.

The nomination window opens August 1 and closes August 25. All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee of the Statewide Housing Partnership in September. After EAC members have been chosen, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will contact all nominees regarding the Partnership's decision. Those chosen to serve on the Equity Advisory Committee will receive further details and an appointment letter from me, as chairperson of the Statewide Housing Partnership, by mid-October.

An equity lens will be applied to the selection process with a focus on creating an inclusive committee that reflects a broad range of perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences. Anyone interested in being a partner in this important work to apply or nominate someone who has a collaborative spirit and can amplify the voices of the voiceless.

Bridges out of Poverty Instructor Training-Registration Open

Looking for a comprehensive framework to address poverty in your community? Aha! Process, a Ruby K. Payne company, offers a suite of programs and resources to help the community and a variety of institutions (education, healthcare, criminal justice, human service agencies) more effectively empower individuals from poverty. The framework sets forth a path to build resources for people in poverty. In a Bridges Community, people from all economic backgrounds work together to co-design community approaches to poverty.

Ready to begin a Bridges Community initiative? Start by becoming a Bridges out of Poverty instructor. On September 13, 14, and 15 national trainers will be coming to Caro, Michigan! [Click here for more information](#). If you live or work in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, or Tuscola county, the cost of your certification may be covered by grant funds. For details, contact Kay at thumbhealth@gmail.com.

[Click here to register](#). **Early Registration Deadline: July 31, 2023; Final Deadline 9/1/23**

Not ready to become an instructor, but want to learn more? [Consider attending a one day Bridges out of Poverty Workshop- August 23, 2023 in Caro, Michigan](#). This workshop meets the pre-requisite for becoming a Bridges out of Poverty Instructor.

MDARD's Office of Rural Development Launches Second Request for Proposals for Funding to Help Communities Bring Shovel-ready Projects to Rural Michigan

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring announced the release of a second round of request for proposals competitive grants through the Office of Rural Development's (ORD) Rural Readiness Grant Program (RRPG). This reimbursement grant program empowers community-specific solutions that build capacity and readiness in Michigan's rural areas.

“MDARD and Governor Whitmer are committed to programs that assist in developing and supporting innovative solutions to real, immediate, and future problems facing Michigan’s rural communities such as broadband expansion, affordable housing and more,” said **Tim Boring, MDARD Director**. “The Office of Rural Development’s grant program allows us to work side-by-side with local leaders to help our rural businesses and communities thrive.”

“We know these dollars will give our rural communities the tools they need for new investment and initiatives that address their biggest challenges,” said **Sarah Lucas, MDARD’s ORD Director**. “We’re thrilled to be able to work as partners with local and regional leaders in planning for prosperity in rural Michigan.”

The second round of RRPB grants will provide funding of up to \$50,000 to support collaborative planning and capacity initiatives in Michigan’s rural communities. Grants will help invest in underserved rural areas and populations by providing reimbursement grant funding for planning, capacity building activities, development readiness initiatives, and building collaboration and partnerships across communities and sectors.

Round two grant guidelines mirror round one, but with an expanded definition of eligible rural communities. Details on eligibility can be found on www.michigan.gov/ord.

Interested communities and organizations must submit a Letter of Intent outlining a summary of the proposed project, how it meets the parameters of the Rural Readiness Grant Program goals and include the total estimated project cost to Matt Wiitala at wiitalam@michigan.gov no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

For more information about MDARD’s Office of Rural Development, visit their website at www.michigan.gov/ORD.

Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Seeking Public Input on Agricultural Management Practices

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), announced the annual review period for the proposed drafts of the 2024 Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). Comments will be accepted via email, U.S. mail, and a virtual public meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on August 25, 2023.

The GAAMPs are reviewed each year by committees comprised of various experts and revised or updated, as necessary. Any proposed GAAMPs changes are reviewed and approved by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development.

All eight GAAMPs are available for public comment: Manure Management and Utilization; Care of Farm Animals; Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities; Farm Markets; Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control; Nutrient Utilization; Cranberry Production; and Irrigation Water Use.

MDARD will forward all comments received by the due date to the respective GAAMPs Task Force Committee Chairpersons for consideration before final review and presentation to the Michigan

Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development at their September 13, 2023, regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposed draft GAAMPS will be available for public review and comment until 5 p.m. on **Friday, August 25, 2023**, at www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm. Comments can be submitted by:

- **Email** to MDARD-RTF@Michigan.gov; must be received by no later than 5 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023.
- **U.S. Mail** to MDARD's Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 and must be received by no later than 5 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023.
- **Call** into the public input meeting at 1 p.m. EST on August 25, 2023 [Click here to join the meeting](#) or call 248-509-0316 and enter Conference ID: 857610684#.

For a copy of any of these GAAMPs including the proposed revisions, please visit www.Michigan.gov/RighttoFarm, or contact the MDARD's Environmental Stewardship Division at (517) 284-5619, or toll free at (877) 632-1783

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