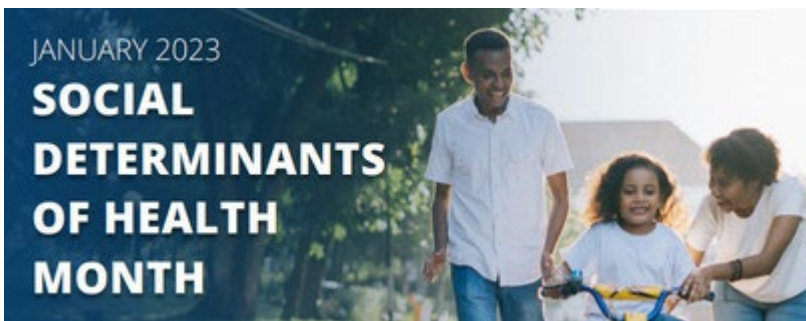




Social Determinants of Health Strategy

Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities

January 2023



This January has been proclaimed Michigan's first Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Month. Throughout the month of January, efforts have been shared from organizations across Michigan that are working on improving health by addressing SDOH. Information and activities that support awareness and promote collective action around SDOH have also been shared on all MDHHS social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#)).

Please join us in observing [SDOH Month](#) during the last half of January by sharing efforts that address SDOH in your community on social media using the hashtags: #MISDOHMONTH #MichiganRoadmaptoHealthyCommunities



Important Dates

- January 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM Live Webinar: Applying Lessons Learned in Nepal to Support Community Led Initiatives in Michigan by Dr. Keidan [Click here to register.](#)
- January 24-26, 2023 SDOH Virtual Summit. **Registration is closed.** SDOH summit sessions will be recorded and released in future newsletters.

Seeking nominations for the statewide SDOH Accelerator Plan Leadership Team

We are seeking applications for a statewide Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease Leadership Team that will launch in March 2023. The Leadership Team will bring together community members and MDHHS program areas, alongside other state and local community partners to guide the development of the implementation ready Accelerator Plan.

Please apply using this link: [SDOH Accelerator Plan Leadership Team Application](#)

The deadline to apply is February 14, 2023.

SDOH Month Highlight: Healthy Housing

In phase one the SDOH strategy, the focus was on improving and aligning existing programming both within and without MDHHS, and identifying opportunities for innovation. Some key successes to highlight to support housing stability include:

- MDHHS made IT improvements to better coordinate care for individuals experiencing homelessness through CareConnect 360, a state-owned care coordination platform for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Another key success was partnering with MSHDA to better align state resources to support safe, healthy housing. The Mi-HOPE program builds on MSHDA's Neighborhood Enhancement Program, which provides funding to local agencies that provide grants to residents to make necessary improvements to their homes. In Mi-HOPE, MSHDA worked with MDHHS to align criteria around weatherization. Many homes are deferred for weatherization services due to essential repairs that compromise the safety of the resident and of the contractors that would work in the home. Through Mi-HOPE, Community Action Agencies will be able to prioritize homes in need of weatherization for funding for repairs so that these residents can avoid deferral and get both the essential repairs they need, as well as weatherization to keep them safe and reduce their energy burden.
- Additionally, MDHHS has partnered with MSHDA to expand access to recovery housing for individuals leaving substance use treatment. MSHDA's recovery housing program provides funding to support the expansion of recovery housing to providers across the state. Building on this, MDHHS hopes to leverage funding from the opioid litigation settlements to provide loans and/or tax credits to support the development of new recovery housing and incentivize more recovery housing providers.

Laying a foundation of supportive housing policies will ensure equity in housing and opportunity. Some examples of this include:

- Strengthening enforcement of fair housing laws, including the [Fair Housing Act](#) and other state and local regulations prohibiting racial discrimination in housing markets.
- Alleviating barriers to access housing programs and services.
- Addressing adverse or disproportionate social, economic, or environmental impact upon disproportionately burdened communities.

Community Information Exchange December Meeting Summary

We need your feedback to support Community Health Worker efforts!

Help support healthy Michigan communities by participating in the Community Health Worker (CHW) Community Feedback Forum. [Click here to fill out the interest form.](#)



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

Live Webinar: Applying Lessons Learned in Nepal to Support Community Led Initiatives in Michigan

Dr. Richard Keidan shares his expertise around community engagement and addressing health disparities in underserved communities. During his presentation, Dr. Keidan will discuss his experience abroad, and how he has applied lessons learned from Nepal to shape community engagement frameworks in Detroit. In 2010, the Detroit 2

On Thursday, December 15, 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 third [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 December CIE Task Force meeting we reiterated the goals of the Task Force, including its relationship to the broader goals of the MDHHS SDOH Strategy, intended deliverables, and next steps toward achieving them. The Task Force also discussed potential working definitions of CIE to help guide continued discussion of endpoints and generate answers to outstanding questions.

Much of the meeting was utilized reviewing the Miro Board and generating answers to the questions identified in prior task force meeting. The task force prioritized three topics: key capacities, privacy and ethics, and participation. Individually, each task force member provided answers to questions to begin the process of crafting recommendations. The CIE Task Force identified what success would look like for each topic and identified what could go wrong. The next prioritized topics the task force will discuss are governance and sustainability.

MDHHS plans to publish an interim report of the CIE Task Force's progress and findings in March 2023. A 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.

[MPHI CIE Survey and Key Informant Interviews Methodology Report](#)

[CIE Charter](#)

Nepal (D2N) foundation was established to provide sustainable support to grassroots, community-based programs in Detroit neighborhoods and remote villages in Nepal.

Please Join Dr. Keidan during the live virtual webinar to learn more about how his abroad experience shaped Community Health Workers (CHW) efforts in Michigan on January 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM. [Click here to register.](#)

The graphic is a dark-themed poster for 'Social Determinants of Health Month Highlight'. At the top left is the 'Social Determinants of Health Strategy' logo with the tagline 'Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities'. At the top right is the 'MDHHS' logo with the tagline 'Michigan Department of Health & Human Services'. The main title in the center is 'SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH MONTH HIGHLIGHT'. Below the title is a circular portrait of Dr. Richard Keidan. To the right of the portrait, his name 'Dr. Richard Keidan' is written in bold, followed by his title 'Director of the Beaumont Multidisciplinary Melanoma Clinic'. Below this, a paragraph describes him as the founder of Detroit 2 Nepal (DSN), a non-profit organization focused on health and education for children, and as a surgical oncologist at Beaumont. At the bottom left is a calendar icon with a green checkmark. At the bottom right, text invites the audience to join Dr. Keidan for a live virtual webinar on January 19th, 2023, at 10AM.

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