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SDOH Strategy Updates



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2024 SDOH Summit Registration is Open

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Policy and Planning Office is excited to present the [Social Determinants of Health Summit](#). *From Roadmap to Reality: Implementing Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities for Lasting Change*, the 2nd Annual Social Determinants of Health Summit will be held January 23- 26, 2024.

Important Dates

- **January 23- 26**
The 2nd Annual Social Determinants of Health Summit will be held January 23- 26, 2024. The live virtual session will take place January 23-25 with a half day in-person reception on January 26.
[Click here to register.](#)

Local Health Department Planning Grant Update

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) convened the final Local Health Department (LHD) Planning Grant Status Meeting on September 25, 2023. Grantees shared their

We are applying for CE for the following professions: CHW, SW, Nursing, CHES. All other attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

Register now to get early bird pricing. **The deadline for early bird pricing is November 24, 2023.**

All-Access Pass (Includes Virtual Sessions & In-Person Luncheon): January 23-26, 2024
Early Bird Price: \$100!
After November 24th: \$150

Virtual Only Event Admission: January 23-25
Early Bird Price: \$50
After November 24th: \$100

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Community Health Worker (CHW) Efforts Update

To support recommendations developed by the [CHW Subcommittee](#), the MDHHS Policy and Planning Team will be convening a CHW Advisory Council to promote, support, and advance the role of CHWs by advising on the development of policies impacting the CHW workforce. This council will serve as a platform for collaboration, information exchange, and advocacy. It is dedicated to creating a supportive environment for the CHW workforce to thrive and make a significant impact on improving health equity and enhancing community well-being. Members of the council will be compensated for their time and input.

If you are interested in applying for the CHW Advisory Council, please fill out the following application by December 14, 2023:

[CHW Advisory Council Application](#)

CHW Community Feedback Forum

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. The next CHW-CFF meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 from 10:00-11:30am. If you would like to attend, please register below:

[CHW Community Feedback Forum Meeting #3 Registration](#)

successes as well as lessons learned during the one-year grant period. In addition, representatives from the Community Information Exchange (CIE) Taskforce shared updates on the CIE recommendations and next steps for implementation.

Throughout the duration of the grant, local health departments utilized funds to improve their community health needs assessments and community information exchange infrastructures. Many local health departments were able to conduct community needs assessments, while others used their time building the infrastructure to advance previously conducted needs assessments or community health improvement plans. We were pleased to see the collaborative efforts, with grantees hosting summits and fairs within their respective regions.

Local health departments leveraged the SDOH Planning Grant opportunity to initiate and/or expand community information exchange (CIE) efforts in their communities. CIE is a localized effort to create and sustain the technology and relationships required to collect and act-upon the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) needs of both the individual and community. Local health agencies examined CIE readiness and viability by conducting meetings, summits, and other gatherings with key stakeholders and community partners in order to better

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 interested in providing input on CHW efforts.

understand CIE and identify opportunities for advancement.

Final progress reports were submitted in October 2023. The Office of Policy & Planning will compile this information into a final report. A summary of the grant achievements and next steps will be shared during [January 2024 SDOH Month](#).

Social Determinants of Health Hub Pilots

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Office of Policy and Planning will launch five Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Hub pilots in January 2024. These pilots will bring community members, health care professionals, social service providers, government partners, and business leaders together to improve the health and social outcomes for Michigan residents.

The Office of Policy and Planning is also seeking participants to serve on the SDOH Hub Advisory Council. This Council will guide the implementation of the SDOH Hubs pilots, support alignment with SDOH Strategies, and develop recommendations for scaling, replicating, and sustaining SDOH Hubs.

[Click here to apply for the Advisory Council by 5 pm on Monday, December 11, 2023.](#)

Preview the Advisory Council application here: [SDOH Hub Advisory Council Application Preview.pdf](#)

Download Advisory Council Charter to learn more about the Council: [SDOH Hub Pilot Advisory Council Charter.pdf](#)

[Click here to learn more about the SDOH Hubs.](#)



SDOH Accelerator Plan Launch

The MDHHS Office of Policy and Planning recently published the [SDOH Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease](#). The SDOH Accelerator Plan aims to reduce disparities in health outcomes related to chronic disease, with a particular focus on populations disproportionately impacted by chronic disease. It employs system thinking to help *close the gap* in chronic disease outcomes.

The SDOH Accelerator Plan was developed through a three-pronged approach: informed through community engagement work, with direction from the Leadership Team, and shaped by promising practices and policies scans. The Accelerator Plan Leadership Team brings together community members and State Program Leadership with other state & local community partners including: community-based organizations (CBOs), health care providers, and government agencies. This process increased collaboration and engagement across multisectoral partners.

The SDOH Accelerator Plan will be used to tackle health disparities upstream for all Michiganders. It offers suggested policies that support systems-level changes to support chronic disease prevention, including both new opportunities and current policies that may need to be reassessed to remove barriers. It also provides promising interventions to address SDOH that impact chronic disease prevention that can be adapted to meet regional priorities, including Technological (Community Information Exchange planning and implementation), Human (Community Health Worker training, hiring, and integration), and Organizational (community-led interventions to support key SDOH factors).

The Policy and Planning Office hosted a luncheon with partners in Lansing on November 1. The Accelerator Plan Luncheon served as a wrap-up to the Community Engagement component of the Accelerator Plan, while providing an opportunity to share feedback

from the Regional Listening Sessions and plans from implementation of the SDOH Accelerator Plan recommendations.

The MDHHS Office of Policy and Planning deeply appreciates the expertise provided by this esteemed group of partners (some members are photographed above) in developing the SDOH Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease.

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