



October 2023

SDOH Strategy Updates

A graphic with a dark blue top section containing the text "SAVE THE DATE!" in white. Below this is a teal section with the text "2024 Social Determinants of Health Summit" and "January 23-25, 2024 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE + IN-PERSON RECEPTION". To the right is a photograph of two women, one younger and one older, looking at a document together. At the bottom is a green section with the text "FROM ROADMAP TO REALITY" and "Implementing Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities for Lasting Change". At the very bottom, there is a small text box: "For more information, please visit www.Michigan.gov/SDOH" and the MODHHS logo.

Register for the 2024 SDOH Summit Early and SAVE!

Virtual Summit: January 23-25, 2024

Early Bird Price \$50!

After November 1st: \$100

Networking & Luncheon: January 26, 2024

Important Dates

CHW Community Feedback Forum Tuesday, November 14, 2023 10:00-11:30am
Virtual [Register to attend](#)

Community Health Worker (CHW) Subcommittee Update

The CHW Subcommittee convened for their ninth meeting on September 18 to review refined recommendations and next steps. A final CHW Subcommittee report will be published in the coming weeks. You can learn more about the Subcommittee and its priorities by visiting the website:

[SDOH Strategy – Community Health Workers](#)

CHW Community Feedback Forum

Eagle Eye Golf Club and Banquet Center, Bath, MI

Early Bird Price \$100

After November 1st: \$150

Mark your calendar to register on October 23, 2023.
Registration link will be live on the [event website](#).

Community Information Exchange (CIE) Task Force Final Report

The Policy and Planning Office in partnership with the Community Information Exchange (CIE) task force at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) released its final report with findings for the development of a statewide community information exchange strategy.

The task force final report details thirty-three recommendations for the development of statewide CIE capacities and infrastructure which were presented to the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission (MHITC) and adopted at its September 2023 meeting. In addition to adopting the report, the MHITC approved the creation of a community information exchange advisory committee charged with effectuating the recommendations detailed in the final report and supporting the MHITC in optimizing use of existing social care systems and services. The MHITC seeks interested members to serve on the advisory committee and support its work to the commission.

[Click here to read the final report.](#)

[Click here to submit an 'Application of Interest' for the CIE Advisory Committee.](#)

Rural Health Equity Plan Update

The Rural Health Equity plan, led by the Michigan Center for Rural Health, MCRH, met with MDHHS staff to provide status updates October 5, 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 listening sessions began in mid-August, in designated rural areas and will continue until December 2023. In September MCRH hosted an advisory group session with representatives from the

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, 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 interested in providing input on CHW efforts.

MDHHS SDOH Housing Stability Partner Survey

In 2022, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) launched Phase I of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy. During Phase I, housing stability was identified as a key focus area. We identified a broad range of goals and initiatives to support housing stability. The Policy and Planning Office has diligently monitored these initiatives with our various colleagues and partners

Community Information Exchange Task Force. The CIE Task Force representatives shared best practices on closed loop referrals and how they can be modified to uniquely address the needs of rural communities. Further community engagement will include surveys disbursement and additional listening sessions.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023.

Michigan Center for Rural Health Survey Announcement

Does your organization connect community members to resources or assist individuals in applying for State Assistance programs? We Want to Hear From Your Organization!

As part of our Rural Health Equity Plan, Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are working together to provide a rural lens to the Social Determinants of Health Strategy. Within this work, we want to connect with rural stakeholders at an organizational level to better understand state assistance programs and the utilization of 211 to promote resources in rural communities.

[Please take a moment to fill out our survey](#) if your organization helps connect community members with community resources or assists them in applying for state assistance programs. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

We are looking for organizations that support their community in Alpena, Kalkaska, Newaygo, Montcalm, Sanilac, Iosco, Hillsdale, Chippewa, Schoolcraft, Baraga, and Iron County.

[Click here for the Michigan Center for Rural Health Survey Flyer.](#)

For more information and/or to express interest in participating in the listening sessions or completing a survey, contact Laura Mispelon, laura.mispelon@affiliate.msu.edu.

across state government. Also, we have convened partners meetings to explore existing initiatives, understand barriers, and identify opportunities for growth.

As we move forward with next steps for housing stability, we want to hear from you! [Please complete this brief survey](#) to share what your department, organization and/ or community are currently undertaking to support housing stability. We will be utilizing this feedback to foster next steps for the SDOH Strategy, specifically in Phase III, focusing on housing stability recommendations.

[Please complete this survey by October 26, 2023](#), to support healthy housing in Michigan communities.

MDHHS Lead Abatement contractor RFP event November 2nd

MDHHS staff within the Lead Services and Certification sections will be hosting and providing an information session on **Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, from 1 to 3pm**. The event will focus on the processes for applying to the State of Michigan's (SOM), Lead Abatement **"Request for proposal" (RFP)**.

The event will also include multiple guest speakers who will share valuable information and walkthroughs on important web portals and resources available to you.



Division of Environmental Health
**Michigan Climate and
Health Adaptation Program**

Fall and Winter Climate Health Education Resource Packet



MDHHS Fall and Winter Climate Health Education Resource Packet

Over the past year, the Michigan Climate and Health Adaptation Program (MICHAP) developed a variety of health education materials that will help Michigander's plan for and respond to the health impacts of climate change.

The Fall and Winter Climate Health Education Resource Packet (link below) pulls together seasonally relevant health education resources that you can use in communications, trainings, or to share in your networks. The packet includes factsheets and social media from MICHAP and other State partners on how to protect health and safety from climate hazards. Specifically, this resource packet provides more information on cold-related illness, ticks, and how to prevent carbon monoxide poisonings.

[Fall and Winter Climate Health Education Resource Packet](#)

As much as possible, we would like to create resources that support the changing public health needs where you are. For that reason, we invite you to email us about the climate-related public health changes you're seeing and how we can support your work in addressing them. Please reach out to the MICHAP Health Educator, Stephanie White, at whites35@michigan.gov.

Please plan to attend and learn how you can get your company in the position to apply for the RFP when it becomes available. The SOM has multiple projects available, and we need your help to make Michigan homes lead free and safe for our children to thrive.

Registration ends Friday October 27th, 2023. [Click here to register.](#)

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