
July 2024

Welcome to the latest edition of our SDOH newsletter. Our newsletter aims to provide you with updates on the initiatives and progress within this current phase, along with relevant partner updates, with the goal of fostering transparency and creating space for meaningful collaboration.

Phase III of the SDOH Strategy, which launched in January 2024, represents a significant progression in our commitment to holistic well-being. Building on the foundational achievements of Phase I, which prioritized critical areas such as food security, housing stability, and health equity, we now advance our efforts. Our latest phase synthesizes insights gained from our earlier efforts, incorporates feedback from Michigan's diverse partners, and employs a collaborative, community-driven approach to address emerging challenges.

[Click here to learn more about Phase III of the SDOH strategy.](#)

SDOH Strategy Phase III Updates



outreach.

Good Housing = Good Health Program Impact

Explore the impact of the Good Housing = Good Health program, where local health partners have made significant strides in connecting families to housing and social determinant of health (SDOH) resources.

The success of the program was achieved with the assistance of **Community Health Workers (CHWs)**. These dedicated workers act as housing navigators. They educate families, refer them to resources, and actively engage in community

Thanks to their hard work, many families now have better living conditions and access to health services.

For more information on the program's impact, check out the links to the infographics below, or visit Michigan.gov/SDOH.

- [Quarter 1 Highlights](#)
- [Quarter 2 Highlights](#)



Produce Prescription Pilot Program Update

July marks the start of Reporting Period #2 for the Produce Prescription Pilot Program (P4). P4 Project FY24-25 tribal partners include: [Bay Mills Indian Community](#), [Hannahville Indian Community](#), [Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi](#), and [Pokagon Band of Potawatomi](#).

P4 partners will meet regularly throughout the grant period to encourage alliance across the cohort and collaboration within P4 programming efforts. P4 Project FY24-25 status meetings will be quarterly; the first of these six status meetings occur on July 31, 2024. Status meetings will provide P4 partners an opportunity to share barriers and successes or pose questions for the group within a welcoming and dynamic environment.

Here are current updates from the P4 tribal partners:

- Bay Mills is currently hiring a Project Coordinator to oversee the P4 Project efforts within their tribal community, the position is expected to be filled by August 2024.
- Hannahville community members and high school students of the Nah Tah Wahsh Indian School accrued 600 lbs of buffalo meat during a traditional hunt in late May; the buffalo meat was then disbursed to the local food pantry for community distribution.
- Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, NHBP, recently completed infrastructure planning at their Pine Creek Farms to identify auxiliary buildings to further support farming activities, provided site plans for zoning approval, sought bids for concrete work, restored the irrigation well to operational status, and successfully repaired the wiring in one of their tractors.
- Pokagon Band partnered with MSU this quarter to host a series of healthy cooking classes; participants cooked traditional meals alongside the instructor and, upon completion of the class, were provided cooking kits to replicate the meals at home for their families.

Stay tuned for more updates from our tribal partners in August's newsletter following the first status meeting on July 31, 2024.

SDOH Hub Update

All cohorts of the [SDOH Hubs Pilot](#) are up and running! We are working with SDOH Hub partners to support collaboration and alignment of SDOH activities.



The MDHHS SDOH Hubs team held the third Advisory Council meeting on June 27, hosting a great conversation about measurement and evaluation, both of the Hubs Pilot, and future iterations of the Hubs. On July 9, the team held the third Learning Community meeting with hub lead organizations, discussing Community Information Exchange (CIE) with MDHHS colleagues and partners at Michigan 2-1-1. Conversations were centered around identified CIE barriers that Hubs sites shared during status updates.

Additionally, the MDHHS SDOH Hubs team is coordinating an in-person SDOH Hubs Gathering, planned for later this year, to bring together Hub lead organizations, Advisory Council members, and community partners. The event will serve as an opportunity to connect with everyone to highlight the successes of the Hubs pilot and discuss the future of this work.

To learn more about the SDOH Hubs, including an overview of each hub site, please visit www.Michigan.gov/SDOH:

- [Cohort One Overview](#)
- [Cohort Two Overview](#)
- [Cohort Three Overview](#)



CHW - Community Feedback Forum Update

The CHW-CFF brings together community members – including CHWs – as well as state and local community partners, to inform policy and program recommendations to support Michigan's CHW workforce. Our next CHW-CFF will take place August 13, 2024, from 10:00 – 11:30 am. If you are a CHW or CHW Ally in the State of Michigan, we want to hear from you! If you're interested in participating, [click here to register](#).

Please feel free to forward the above link to CHWs and anyone who may be interested in providing input on CHW efforts in the State of Michigan.

Community Health Worker Advisory Council Update

To support implementation of recommendations from the CHW Subcommittee, the MDHHS Office of Policy and Planning recently seated the Community Health Workers Advisory Council (CHW-AC).

The most recent CHW-AC meeting was held on June 24, 2024, during which council members discussed various statewide CHW certification options and possible requirements to consider should a CHW certification policy be recommended.

The 20-member Council will meet again on July 22, 2024, from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.



Community Information Exchange Professional Learning Community invites CIE professionals to join for peer-to-peer learning

The Community Information Exchange Professional Learning Community (PLC) invites professionals working on CIE initiatives to join them on July 18, 2-3 p.m. The CIE Professional Learning Community (PLC) aims to create a collaborative space for professionals working on CIE initiatives by fostering knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning. The group will focus on learning opportunities, including the CIE Task Force findings and recommendations, project presentations from across the state, and best practices for CIE. The PLC will meet monthly through 2024. You can register for the July session and all future sessions [here](#).

SDOH Partner Updates

Michigan extends the \$11 million Climate Justice Challenge to support Community Change Grant Applicants

The Michigan Infrastructure Office and Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has extended the deadline of the Climate Justice Challenge to **August 1, 2024**. Under the Climate Justice Challenge, the State of Michigan has made available up to \$11 million in grant and technical assistance funding to maximize federal investments in Michigan from the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's \(EPA\) Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants](#) (CCG) for applicants submitting prior to the Challenge's deadline.

These funding opportunities will support addressing environmental and climate justice challenges in communities across the state. The EPA's CCG program makes unprecedented funding available to community-based organizations to implement projects that combat

climate change, increase resiliency in communities, and address historical environmental injustices.

The Climate Justice Challenge will break down barriers to accessing the CCG by helping eligible applicants access and navigate the grant application process. The EPA's CCG is a \$2 billion funding opportunity that represents a significant opportunity for community-led projects to receive funding between \$10 million and \$20 million. However, many community-based organizations lack the necessary capacity to contend with the application requirements.

The Climate Justice Challenge seeks to address that barrier by offering up to \$10 million, in addition to an extra \$1 million designated for MIO Technical Assistance Center (TAC) to assist successful recipients of the EPA's CCG with federal grant management, compliance, and reporting. Interested applicants to the EPA's CCG opportunity can request access to the Climate Justice Challenge funding by [completing this form](#) prior to submitting their official application and prior to **August 1, 2024**. Find more information about the Challenge and the Community Change Grants opportunity at [EGLE's webpage on EPA Community Change Grants](#).

Through the Make it in Michigan Competitiveness Fund's Climate Justice Challenge, these resources support the implementation of the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#) while empowering community-based organizations to lead transformational initiatives and ensure that communities have the resources needed to drive meaningful change.



MIHI BEAD and Digital Equity Grants Webinar

MIHI recently hosted a webinar to share updates about Michigan's Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program as well as Michigan's Inclusive Training, Technology and Equity Network (MITTEN).

We'd like to extend a thank you to those who were able to attend live! If you were unable to attend, you can [view a recording of the webinar here on YouTube](#).

For more information about the MITTEN program or to apply to be a host site, please visit the [MIHI website under Digital Inclusion Resources](#).

MIHI to Host BEAD Pre-Registration Training Next Week

The Michigan High Speed Internet Office (MIHI) will be hosting a [virtual Pre-Registration Training for all BEAD sub-grant applicants](#) on Wednesday, July 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This is a live event and registration is not required.

During this training, we will show you how to navigate EGrAMS and how to submit the necessary pre-registration documents and information as a BEAD sub-grant applicant. The event will also provide an opportunity for attendees to submit written questions pertaining to pre-registration.

In addition, **BEAD Program pre-registration is now available.**

- For more guidance and information about BEAD pre-registration, view the [BEAD Program Preregistration Guidance on MIHI's website](#). This document will be updated periodically with frequently asked questions based on feedback and questions we receive during the pre-registration period.
- When you are ready to begin the pre-registration process for BEAD, [the application can be accessed here on EGrAMS](#).

If you encounter any issues when creating an account or working in the EGrAMS platform (whether for MITTEN or for BEAD), please contact the Help Desk at LEO-EGrAMS-HELP@michigan.gov or 517-284-4007.

If you have any additional questions about BEAD pre-registration or the MITTEN program please feel free to email the MIHI team at LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov using the subject "Preregistration" or "MITTEN".

A banner for Michigan Digital Inclusion Resources. On the left, a dark teal background contains the text "Michigan Digital Inclusion Resources" in white. On the right, a photograph shows a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard.

Michigan Digital Inclusion Resources

MIHI Announces Virtual MITTEN Grant Office Hours

MIHI is also pleased to announce [virtual office hours for the Michigan Inclusive Training Technology and Equity Network \(MITTEN\) grant](#). The MITTEN grant aims to improve digital adoption and skills in underserved communities across Michigan by establishing regional resource hubs and host sites for Regional Digital Coordinators.

The next office hour will be held via Microsoft Teams on [Thursday, July 18, from 10 to 11 a.m.](#)

These drop-in sessions are designed to answer questions applicants may have before the application period ends on July 24, 2024. Registration is not required, and participants can join at any time during the stated hours.

To learn more about the [MITTEN grant and access the application form, visit the MIHI website](#).

For further assistance, contact MIHI at LEO-MIHighSpeedInternet@michigan.gov with the subject line "MITTEN."

If you encounter any issues when creating an account or working in the EGrAMS platform, please contact the Help Desk at LEO-EGrAMS-HELP@michigan.gov or 517-284-4007.