



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Social Determinants of Health Strategy

August 2022



Policy and Planning staff give presentation on need for recovery housing

The Strategic Alignment and Engagement Team of the Policy and Planning Office, along with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), recently gave a presentation at the Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Summit in Gaylord that focused on housing for those recovering from a substance use disorder (SUD).

Recovery housing is a shared priority of the two departments and is part of the [MDHHS Social Determinants of Health Strategy](#) and [Opioids Strategy](#). The presentation, “At the Intersection of MDHHS Strategic Priorities: Recovery Housing,” emphasized the importance of supporting recovery and recovery housing. An individual in SUD recovery needs supports that help their initiation and maintenance of recovery and housing has been identified as a primary need following treatment. Surveys issued to Michigan stakeholders for both the Opioids Settlement and SDOH planning efforts indicated that recovery supports and housing were a top-ranking priority.

We want your input!

Please fill out the following survey by Friday, August 26 to share feedback about the SDOH Strategy and ways we can support future engagement and implementation efforts:

[SDOH Strategy Survey](#)

Important Dates

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:30-3:00 PM

MDHHS SDOH Partner Convening- SDOH Chronic Disease Accelerator Plan

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Recovery housing is a type of recovery support that provides safe, healthy, community-based, substance-free, structured living environments to support individuals in recovery from SUD/OD. Opioid overdose, much like overall health, is driven by social factors like poverty, race, and built environment. This is why a holistic, wrap-around approach to serving Michiganders must be consistent across strategies.

As highlighted in the presentation, part of MDHHS' work under the SDOH and Opioids Strategies is to infuse more resources into recovery housing to address existing barriers. MDHHS and MSHDA are exploring potential programming options to increase these services.

While the state is working on fostering recovery friendly spaces, the teams encouraged support at the local level from conference attendees as both state and community-level backing will be necessary to move this work forward. Looking ahead, the team is excited to continue sharing this important message by providing similar presentations to more local-level stakeholders.

Pictured above from left to right are Nicole Beagle and Christina Soulard, both of MSHDA, and Molly Welch-Marahar and Jared Weledhosky, both of Policy and Planning.



August 2022: Community Health Workers Appreciation Month

Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation declaring August 2022 as Community Health Worker Appreciation Month in Michigan. During this month, we honor and thank community health workers who create bridges between health and human service providers and community members.

Food Pantry Grant Opportunity

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Cross Complete and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan and are proud to [partner](#) to address food and nutrition insecurity.

These organizations have come together to offer a grant that will increase the capacity of local food pantries to provide nutrient-rich fresh food options that require refrigeration, such as dairy products, fruit and vegetables. [Click here for information on the Food Pantry Grant.](#)

[Click here to apply](#)

The application deadline is September 30, 2022.

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

Downloads

- [Full SDOH Strategy](#)

There are more than 1,630 community health workers that serve Michigan residents, helping to connect them to services and programs to manage their health. The Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance, along with 37 community partners and more than 900 participants have partnered to recognize and honor the vital impact of community health workers in the state of Michigan.

- [Overview of SDOH Strategy](#)

[Click here to view the full proclamation.](#)

Community Information Exchange (CIE) Task Force Member Announcement

The Office of Policy and Planning at MDHHS announces the formation of the Community Information Exchange Task (CIE) Task Force. Community Information Exchange (CIE) is a localized effort to create and sustain the technology and relationships required to support Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) needs of both individuals and communities.

The CIE Taskforce brings together community-based organizations (CBOs), health care, health IT, and governmental entities whose aligned work and interests are best served by a coordinated approach to CIE. This taskforce will develop a statewide blueprint for CIE, honoring that coordinated care and health equity, supported by electronic exchange of information, is vital to improving the overall health and well-being of individuals.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Policy and Planning launched the (CIE) Task Force in August 2022. Below is a list of members, their professional affiliations, and the domain they were selected to represent.

Domain Represented	Name	Organization
211	Bob Kreha	Michigan 2-1-1
Behavioral Health	Joyce Fetrow	Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC)
Consumer	Patrick McNeal	North Flint Neighborhood Action Council
Consumer	Ammar Alzuad	Molina Healthcare
Health Care	Steven Grulke	Mid-State Health Network
Health Equity	Janee Tyus	Greater Flint Health Coalition
HIT Commission	Renee Smiddy	Michigan Health & Hospital Association
HIT Commission	Marissa Ebersole-Wood	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Implementing CIE (CHIR)	Kelly Stupple	Washtenaw Health Plan
Implementing CIE (CHIR)	Ed Worthington	Advanced Technology Health Solutions/NMCHIR
MiHIN	Tim Pletcher	MIHIN
Payers (Medicaid)	Julia Aronica	Blue Cross Complete
Social Services/CBOs	Gretchen Wagner	Bay Arenac Intermediate School District
Social Services/CBOs	Nadeem Siddiqi	Wayne Metro CAA
Tribal Representative	Tyler LaPlaunt	Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

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