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## Highlights from the 2024 SDOH Summit

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Policy and Planning Office hosted the second annual Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Summit. The second annual 2024 SDOH Summit, which was hosted virtually from January 23rd to 25th, brought together over 800 virtual attendees. The Summit also featured an in-person reception with nearly 200 on January 26th. The primary objective of the Summit was to cultivate collaboration and alignment among Michigan partners, fostering an environment conducive to learning from one another and strengthening partnerships for enhanced community impact.

During the virtual summit, attendees actively participated in 41 insightful presentations covering a wide range of topics. Presenters covered subjects such as health equity, collaborations across

multiple sectors, ensuring food security, approaches to preventing chronic diseases, and utilizing data-driven initiatives to enhance efforts in addressing SDOH.



## Day One Highlights

Day one of the summit commenced with an inspiring array of speakers and discussions, setting the tone for collaborative action and meaningful change. [The summit opened with Governor Gretchen Whitmer](#) delivering stirring opening remarks, setting the stage for a day of engagement and innovation. Following her, we were [privileged to hear from Dr. Joneigh Khaldun](#), President and Chief Health Equity Officer, CVS Health, whose keynote address delved into the critical aspects of supporting private and public collaboration while emphasizing the pivotal role of Community Health Workers (CHWs) in advancing health equity. Dr. Khaldun's insights were invaluable, particularly her emphasis on measuring impact in our efforts.

We also had a [Health Equity Panel](#), which featured a powerhouse lineup including Poppy Hernandez, Tommy Stallworth, Jim Lee, and Ponsella Hardaway, with Dr. Renee Canady leading the discussion. Their discourse illuminated the symbiotic relationship between data and community insight in bolstering health equity efforts. The resounding call to action: challenge the system and dare to effect transformative change!



As the day drew to a close, [Dr. James Bell III took the stage for a powerful plenary presentation](#). Dr. Bell's address resonated deeply, reinforcing the importance to be "BOLD" in addressing systemic issues and highlighting the significance of our collective efforts at every stage of intervention, be it upstream, midstream, or downstream. Another key takeaway was noting that leaders who foster collaboration create the space for meaningful progress, recognizing that each of us has a role in moving the needle toward health equity.

## Day Two Highlights

Day two of the MDHHS SDOH Summit was nothing short of transformative, with a diverse array of speakers and discussions shedding light on critical issues and fostering collaboration towards actionable solutions.

We kicked off the day with a [riveting keynote address by Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome](#), Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer at The White House Council on Environmental Quality. Dr. White-Newsome's presentation delved into the intersection of environmental justice and the social drivers of health, highlighting the Justice40 Initiative as a pivotal investment to address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities. Her insights underscored the urgent need to confront environmental inequities and uplift communities burdened by legacy pollution and environmental hazards.

Throughout the day, attendees engaged in informative breakout sessions covering a range of topics, including community information exchange, innovative partnerships to support CHWs, sustaining collaborations in SDOH work, and the vital role of housing as a sign of health. These sessions provided valuable insights and best practices for advancing SDOH efforts across various sectors and disciplines.

The day concluded with a compelling [closing plenary address by Hassan Hammoud](#). Hassan's remarks emphasized the importance of collaboration in driving meaningful change, highlighting the power of partnerships in addressing the complexities of SDOH. His message resonated deeply, reaffirming our collective commitment to working together towards a healthier, more equitable future.

## Impactful Presentations from DAY 2 of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Summit



### Day Three Highlights

Day three of the virtual summit stood out with remarkable panels, each delving into significant topics. The first panel centered on [Health in All Policies](#), featuring esteemed speakers Algeria Wilson, Kim Trent, Dr. Diane Golzynski, Jean Ruestman, and Lisa Kemmis. This session united representatives from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Michigan Department of Economic Development, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Together, they explored the integration of health considerations across various policy domains.

Another noteworthy discussion was the [Children's Services Administration Panel](#), featuring Regina Branch, Tim Clink, Rachel Willis, and Jason Cross. This session provided valuable insights into the intricate relationship between social determinants and child welfare.

Day 3 also featured a presentation on [Supporting Access to Traditional Food Through Nutrition Initiatives](#), which showcased the efforts of Shelby Brueck, Nickole Keith, and Erin Stark. They highlighted the initiatives of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) aimed at enhancing access to traditional foods. NHBP staff members explained how these initiatives play a vital role in supporting the health of the NHBP tribal community.

The day also saw the [rollout of the SDOH Strategy Hub](#), marking the launch of Phase III of the strategy, which promises innovative solutions to address the evolving needs of Michigan's diverse communities

# 2024 Social Determinants of Health Summit

**FROM ROADMAP TO REALITY**

Implementing Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities for Lasting Change

January 25 – Keynote

Health In All Policies Panel



January 25 – Plenary

Supporting Access to Traditional Food Through Nutrition Initiatives



## Day Four Highlights

One of the most significant highlights of this year's summit was the announcement of our advisory councils during the in-person reception. We proudly recognized members from the Community Information Exchange Advisory Committee, the Community Health Worker Advisory Council, and the SDOH Hub Advisory Council during this event. Their dedication and expertise signify a crucial step forward in our collaborative efforts to address social determinants of health effectively. The photos below include the members that were present at the SDOH Summit. For a complete list of council and committee members, please visit [Michigan.gov/SDOH](https://Michigan.gov/SDOH).

## Supporting Councils and Committees



**SDOH Hub Advisory Council**



**Community Health Worker Advisory Council**



**Community Information Exchange Advisory Committee**

We were honored to have Lt Gov. Gilchrist as our keynote speaker for the in-person reception. His insightful remarks underscored the importance of our collective efforts in advancing SDOH initiatives in Michigan and beyond. Lt. Gov Gilchrist also spoke about the progress achieved in addressing social determinants of health within Michigan, emphasizing the strides we have made and the continued work ahead to create healthier, more equitable communities.



As we reflect on the success of the 2024 SDOH Summit, we extend gratitude to all our attendees, speakers, and partners for their support and dedication to improving the health and well-being of communities. Together, we are making meaningful strides in addressing the social determinants of health and creating a more equitable future for all.

## **From Roadmap to Reality Next Steps**

Following the summit, the SDOH Policy team is excited to launch of [Phase III of the SDOH Strategy](#). Phase III, or the 'Innovation' phase, of the SDOH Strategy will launch innovative SDOH Hubs, piloting the infrastructure needed for meaningful collaboration to better identify, understand, and address the root causes of health inequities. Its implementation will also support Health in All

Policies (HiAP) 2 multi-sectoral initiatives and build on health equity partnerships to close the gap in health disparities.

Recognizing the importance of community-led efforts, we're excited to launch regional **SDOH Hubs**. SDOH Hubs play a crucial role in addressing the social determinants of health, focusing on non-medical factors impacting well-being. By uniting various partners, these hubs enhance service delivery, taking into account social, economic, and environmental influences on community residents. Collaboration among stakeholders ensures a holistic approach, promoting more effective tailored interventions for better overall health outcomes. By working together closely, our goal is to break down systemic barriers, reduce inequalities, and enhance overall well-being.

We're also integrating **Health in All Policies (HiAP)** principles at the local and state levels through the SDOH Hubs and the SDOH Interagency Workgroup. The HiAP framework serves as a powerful strategy at both the state and local levels, fostering collaboration among various sectors to support innovative and sustainable solutions. Through this approach, multisector partners come together to ensure that health considerations are seamlessly integrated into decision-making processes across diverse policy domains. For more information about our specific collaborations that bridge SDOH domains efforts like transportation, housing, and food distribution, please review [Phase III of the SDOH Strategy](#).

Lastly, we're focusing on specific strategies to **close the disparity gap**. One example is through the Community Health Worker Integration to Improve Equity (CITIE) initiative, for more information please review Phase III of the SDOH Strategy. Stay tuned, as we will share opportunities to help guide these efforts. We will need collaborators in different fields, such as mental health, children's welfare, disabled individuals, refugees, immigrants, and BIPOC communities to join forces, contributing their expertise to craft interventions that address systemic inequities and foster inclusive health outcomes. Together, we can create solutions that address complex challenges and ensure everyone has a fair chance at good health.

## **Resources**

- [Phase III of the SDOH Strategy](#)
- [SDOH Summit Program](#)
- [Video Recordings of SDOH Summit Sessions](#)
- [Photos from Summit Reception](#)
- [SDOH Hub Pilots](#)
- [Call to Action for Partners](#)
- [MDHHS SDOH Website](#)



## **SDOH Month Recap**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Month in January! Stay tuned as additional engagement opportunities will be available as phase III of the SDOH strategy is implemented. Please continue to share how your organization recognizes SDOH by sharing your work using the hashtag: [#MISDOHMonth2024](#)

## **Navigating Resources: 211 Webinar**

In honor of January being Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Month, the 211 helpline hosted a captivating webinar titled "Navigating Resources: A Deep Dive into 211 Services" on January 17, 2024. This webinar provided participants with valuable strategies to reduce disparities in accessing essential resources. It also gave a comprehensive exploration of the dynamic services offered by the 211 helpline, showcasing its profound impact on connecting individuals to critical resources and support. Attendees had the unique opportunity to delve into the intricate workings of 211 services, gaining a deeper understanding of how this helpline serves as a lifeline for countless individuals facing diverse challenges.

[Click here for a recording of the webinar.](#)

## **SDOH and Weatherization Webinar**

On January 30, 2024, the webinar "Filling a Program Gap – SDOH Local Programs to Address Water and Plumbing Repair" highlighted innovative solutions to bridge critical infrastructure needs in local communities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Collaborating with the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and the Bureau of Community Action and Economic Opportunity (BCAEO), three local Community Action Agencies piloted a program to augment existing home repair and energy efficiency initiatives with a focus on water and plumbing repair. Attendees gained insights into identified community needs, program scopes, and major takeaways from the pilot, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts in addressing systemic challenges and improving community well-being.

[Click here for a recording of the webinar.](#)

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## **SDOH Team Updates**

### **Community Information Exchange Advisory Committee holds second meeting**

The Health Information Technology Commission (HITC) Community Information Exchange Advisory Committee (CIE AC) held its second convening to begin its work effectuating the recommendations of the 2023 CIE Task Force. In 2023, the CIE Task Force [produced thirty-three recommendations](#) for the development of statewide CIE capacities and infrastructure. The HITC established the advisory committee in September 2023.

At its February meeting, advisory committee members shared information on existing CIE initiatives in the state and began proposing priorities and initiating working groups to achieve the goals of the advisory committee. Proposed working groups included developing a social care data governance policy and assessing a business case for community-based organizations for CIE.

The advisory committee includes representatives from the HITC, community-based organizations, educational institutions, social care information technology vendors, consumers, health systems, hospitals, and health care providers, local and state government, policy makers, funders, behavioral health providers, local public health, Skilled Nursing Facilities, payors, housing, and the Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN). [You can find more information about the advisory committee here.](#)





## Produce Prescription Pilot Program Updates

In a collaborative approach, the MDHHS Office of Policy and Planning is continuing their partnership with several Michigan Native American Tribes to support their developments of a Produce Prescription Pilot Program (P4). With an emphasis on food sovereignty, this community-led intervention is part of the greater SDOH Strategy to improve health outcomes throughout the state of Michigan.

The P4 Project has three objectives:

1. Reduce food insecurity,
2. improve overall dietary health by increasing fruits, vegetables, and traditional food consumption, and
3. improve health outcomes for Tribal communities in Michigan.

Developed through the pursuit of community-sufficiency, and rooted firmly in the principle of cultural competence, the P4 project aims to tackle nutrition-related health disparities in Michigan Tribal communities.

MDHHS Policy and Planning Office is excited to share next steps for the P4 Project, which includes extending P4 efforts through a two-year, state-funded grant agreement, beginning this Spring of 2024. Funding has been made available to start in March 1, allocating \$480,000 to extend existing P4 Project efforts. Program terms for FY24 will end in September, and FY25 funding will begin directly in October 2024, allowing Tribal partners to continue their efforts through the winter and lay the groundwork for project sustainability. Please stay tuned for more updates as the project kicks off next month.

## Rural Health Equity Plan Updates

On February 1, 2024 the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) convened with MDHHS staff to present the latest developments on the Rural Health Equity Plan. MCRH, in collaboration with a diverse advisory group, is actively formulating both short and long-term recommendations to

facilitate the implementation of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy. The primary objective is to enhance and support health outcomes for rural residents.

After conducting regional engagement activities, we have learned that the following domains are emerging as gaps in care for our rural residents:

- Transportation
- Childcare & Family Resources
- Workforce Development
- Internet Access & Technology
- Access and Affordable Healthcare
- Housing

Ongoing efforts by MCRH team and the Rural Health Equity Advisory Group will include drafting an a final report of actionable recommendations and steps to close these disparity gap in Fall 2024. The upcoming meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2024.

### **Community Health Worker Advisory Council**

To support implementation of recommendations from the CHW Subcommittee, the MDHHS Office of Policy and Planning recently seated the Community Health Worker Advisory Council. The [20-member council](#), supported by Tiwana Hatcher, Senior Health Programs Advisor and Caroline Stoner, Policy Analyst, will convene later in February to discuss crucial aspects of CHWs, including the prospect of making Michigan a CHW Certification state. The first advisory meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024.

### **Michigan Medicaid CHW Policy**

Effective on January 1, 2024, Michigan Medicaid will begin reimbursing for Community Health Worker (CHW) services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries. CHW providers seeking reimbursement for their professional services to Medicaid beneficiaries are required to be approved on the MI Medicaid CHW Registry and actively enrolled in CHAMPS as a Medicaid provider. View the full policy: [MMP 23-74](#).

MDHHS has created a [CHW Beginner Guide](#) which contains links to resources to walk providers through the processes of obtaining a National Provider Identifier (NPI), applying to be on the MI Medicaid CHW Registry, and enrolling into CHAMPS. Additional CHW resources can be found on the [Medicaid Professional Provider Alerts webpage](#)

MDHHS is in the process of creating a CHW provider-specific website to house CHW information, which will be shared at a later date. Sign up for the CHW [Listserv](#) topic to receive notifications and to stay up to date.

For questions related to CHW policy or the MI Medicaid CHW Registry process contact [msapolicy@michigan.gov](mailto:msapolicy@michigan.gov).

Providers with CHAMPS or Provider Enrollment Application questions should contact Provider Support at 1-800-292-2550 or by email at [ProviderSupport@Michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@Michigan.gov)

### **CHW Community Feedback Forum**

The first quarterly Community Health Worker Community Feedback Forum (CHW-CFF) took place on February 13th, providing a space for CHWs, supporters, advocates, and other members of the public, to come together and discuss the future of CHWs in Michigan.

The Community Health Worker Feedback Forum (CHW-CFF) is convened by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Policy and Planning Office to inform and support implementation of its Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy, *Michigan's Roadmap to Healthy Communities*. The SDOH Strategy identifies community health workers (CHWs) as a strategic imperative to achieve health equity by eliminating disparities and barriers to social and economic opportunity.

The CHW-CFF brings together community members, as well as state and local community partners, to inform policy and program recommendations to support the CHW workforce in Michigan. The CHW-CFF is an advisory body that will make recommendations to both the CHW Subcommittee and MDHHS on the development of policies and programs that impact the CHW workforce in Michigan.

The goal of the CHW-CFF is to promote health and social equity, and improve the well-being of all Michigan residents, the CHW-CFF will advise the State of Michigan and its established CHW Subcommittee on the development of policies and programs to support and sustain the CHW workforce, including recommendations regarding CHW recruitment, training, retention, capacities, and roles, among other critical considerations.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024 at 10:00 am. [Click here to register.](#)

## **The Good Housing = Good Health Update**

The Good Housing = Good Health program, launched October 2023, is being implemented by local health partners across Michigan to address housing and social determinants of health (SDOH) needs in their respective regions. By employing Community Health Workers (CHWs), connecting with community partners, and forming new partnerships, the program has facilitated connections with over 500 clients to support housing stabilization in its inaugural quarter alone. Notable successes include partnerships with organizations like the Salvation Army to prevent evictions and innovative approaches such as meeting families in various community locations to overcome transportation barriers. Local health partners are engaging with their continuum of care (CoC), Housing Assessments and Resource Agencies (HARA), and local housing providers, strengthening their housing network to improve housing conditions in their respective communities.

While the program has increased awareness and education around housing stability, challenges persist due to high demand and limited resources. Through our collaborative partnership with Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), a Housing Resource Webinar was provided to promote available housing resources. Local communities continue their efforts to advance Community Information Exchange (CIE) by utilizing referral platforms, developing resource guides, and partnering with Michigan Social Health Interventions to Eliminate Disparities (MSHIELD), Michigan 2-1-1 and United Way.

Performance metrics reveal tangible outcomes, including increased access to housing resources and benefits, and successes in diverting individuals from entering shelters and securing housing. This first quarter demonstrated the effectiveness of collaboration, community engagement, and education in meeting critical housing needs and increasing overall health outcomes.



## SDOH Community Influencer Spotlight

This month, we are excited to highlight Erica Mixon, a Community Influencer in the SDOH Community Influencer Program. Erica is a beacon of change and a tireless advocate for the betterment of our communities, particularly in the Detroit area.

Erica's unwavering commitment to addressing the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) through her dedicated involvement in the Community Influencer Program has been nothing short of commendable. Through her vocal advocacy and engagement in discussions centered around SDOH, she has sparked vital conversations aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles and fostering community well-being.

Notably, Erica's participation in events such as the annual Christmas pride store celebration has left a lasting impact, where she personally interacted with 150 families. Recognizing the need for greater awareness, she took proactive steps to educate her community by providing informative handouts explaining the concept of SDOH, thereby empowering individuals with knowledge to make informed decisions about their health.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions as a SDOH Community Influencer, the SDOH team extends our sincerest gratitude to Erica Mixon as her work serves as a shining example of the positive impact that individuals can have when they come together to effect meaningful change.

[Click here for more information](#) on the MDHHS SDOH Community Influencer Program.

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## SDOH Partner Updates

### Advanced Statewide Medication Reconciliation Workshop #2

The Advanced Statewide Medication Reconciliation Workshop series kicked off triumphantly in January, convening stakeholders from health systems, pharmacies, and the State of Michigan. Together, they devised a comprehensive framework to bolster medication safety and outcomes statewide, pinpointing actionable steps for a data-sharing use case and care coordination infrastructure.

Building on this success, the next workshop is slated for Thursday, **February 22 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM EST at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center**, located at 400 Renaissance Dr. W., Detroit, MI 48243. Delving deeper into previous discussions, participants will steer the course of medication reconciliation efforts. [Click here to register](#).



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