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SDOH Strategy Updates



SDOH Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease Update

The SDOH Accelerator Plan to Prevent Chronic Disease, is an initiative, within Phase 2 of the statewide SDOH Strategy, aimed at addressing community conditions that drive health inequity. With federal funding acquired from the CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is developing a comprehensive plan to tackle the root causes of health disparities.

The development of the Accelerator Plan involved collaboration with a multisector team comprising individuals with expertise in climate health, racial equity, chronic disease, and populations disproportionately impacted by chronic conditions. Since the launch of the plan, the MDHHS Policy and Planning Office been working closely with our colleagues in Chronic Disease and Environmental Health, pooling resources and expertise to ensure the success of these vital programs.

The primary goals of the Accelerator Plan is to reduce disparities in health outcomes related to chronic diseases, with a specific focus on populations that are disproportionately impacted by illness. This plan expands on the lessons learned during the initial

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, July 19, 2023** from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
MDHHS SDOH Partner
Convening Focused on Next Steps for Food Security in the SDOH Strategy
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For more information about the SDOH Strategy and additional resources, please visit [Michigan.gov/SDOH](https://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

SDOH Strategy phase, where we improved and aligned programs and policies to create an integrated approach. By proactively addressing the disproportionate impacts of public health and environmental events on historically disadvantaged communities, we strive to pre-emptively mitigate these challenges.

Moving forward, we will be focusing on key areas such as food security, the built environment, and environmental hazards. This expanded scope allows us to take a comprehensive approach in tackling the social determinants of health, ensuring that our efforts are impactful and sustainable.

We are excited to share some upcoming milestones of the Accelerator Plan. By September 2023, we anticipate completing an Implementation Ready Report. While we are applying for a No-Cost Extension to allow us more time for this crucial work, we continue to operate on our original timelines until the extension is officially approved. The report will incorporate three main components:

- **Community Engagement:** Regional listening sessions will take place this summer throughout Michigan to garner input from community members.
- **Leadership Team:** The Leadership Team consists of community members, state program leadership, and other state and local community partners. Their collaboration and input are vital in shaping the success of our initiatives.
- **Review of Promising Practices and Policies:** To enhance the state's SDOH work, we are working with external experts to review best practices and policies both within the state and across the country. This review will help identify recommendations to expedite SDOH interventions and remove existing policy barriers.

We recognize that community members possess invaluable expertise and insights. Because of this, we utilized CDC federal funds to hold regional listening sessions. The kick-off meeting for these regional listening sessions took place on June 12.

The regional listening sessions hold the following main objectives:

- Identify communal strengths and resources that can contribute to increased community resilience.
- Understand how various aspects of daily community life impact overall health and wellness.
- Define and clarify barriers, challenges, and gaps experienced by community members.

Support and expertise from community members will enable us to ensure a diverse representation of voices that accurately reflect our communities' needs and aspirations.

Downloads

- [Phase II of the SDOH Strategy](#)
- [Phase I of the SDOH Strategy](#)
- [SDOH Strategy Video](#)

Racial Health Equity Plan Update

Representatives from the MDHHS Policy and Planning met with grantee, Altarum Institute for the Racial Health Equity Plan Kick-off meeting, June 1. During the grant period of June 1 - September 30, 2023, Altarum Institute will support the development of the next iteration of the Health Equity Roadmap by examining marginalized groups impacted by longstanding systemic barriers to achieving health equity along with stakeholders, and diverse residents in Michigan. Much of the meeting detailed identifying current engagement opportunities and administrative/operations technical assistance. The next monthly status meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2023.

Community Health Worker Subcommittee Update

The Community Health Worker Subcommittee convened for their fifth meeting on May 15 to discuss recommendations related to CHW training and certification. The training and certification discussion will continue at the next meeting, scheduled for June 26. You can learn more about the Subcommittee and its priorities by visiting the website:

[SDOH Strategy – Community Health Workers](#)

If you are interested in participating in the CHW Community Feedback Forum (CHW-CFF) to support CHW efforts in Michigan, please fill out the interest form below:

[MDHHS CHW Community Feedback Forum Interest Form](#)

The following local partners receive funds to host listening sessions in their community. We will share dates and registration information as it becomes available. Regional listening sessions will host about 50 individuals per session so make sure that you register when registration opens.

- Ottawa County Department of Public Health
- Ingham County Health Department
- Detroit Association of Black Organizations
- Thumb Health Alliance (via the Sanilac County Health Department)
- Bay County Health Department
- District Health Department #2
- Northern Michigan Health Consortium
- Northern Michigan University - Rural Health Program
- Institute for Public Scholarship and the Center for Health Equity at Western Michigan University

In the meantime, if your organization is working on efforts to address social drivers including housing, food, or environment, that influence chronic disease, please feel free to share your work. We would love to connect your efforts to the Accelerator Plan so that we can learn from each other as we work together to improve health outcomes in Michigan. Email information to: MDHHS-SDOH-PolicyandPlanning@michigan.gov.

Community Information Exchange April Meeting Summary

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), with the support of the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) and Open Referral Initiative, convened the eighth Community Information Exchange Task Force meeting. Members of the task force include representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs), health care organizations, health payers, health IT, consumers, and government entities.

At the May CIE Task Force meeting, the task force focused on developing final recommendations for CIE capacities. The Task Force reviewed draft recommendations regarding longitudinal data, coordinating entities, legal and ethical frameworks, resource directories, and technical elements.

The group spent the remainder of the May meeting working toward developing recommendations around governance and sustainability for CIE. To explore sustainability, the Task Force reviewed existing funding streams and resources to support various elements of CIE. In break out groups, the CIE Task Force worked toward analyzing key elements of CIE governance through examining what structures would need to be in place to support the values and principles the group adopted earlier this year.

The CIE Task Force final report will be published in late summer of 2023 following the final Task Force meeting in June.

The task force meets the third Thursday of each month through at least July of 2023.

About CIE: The Community Information Exchange (CIE) is a localized effort to create and sustain the technology and relationships required to support the social needs of both individual and community. CIE maximizes a person-centered approach by ensuring social care information is collected only as needed and is stored safely. CIE also promotes

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Join the Community Influencer Program to Improve Health and Wellbeing in Your Community

The MDHHS SDOH team invites community members to be part of an exciting initiative that aims to make a real difference in improving health and wellbeing across our Michigan communities. The Community Influencer Program is seeking individuals who are passionate about creating positive change. Together, we can enhance programs, services, and resources to ensure better health outcomes for everyone.

Health is influenced by many factors within our communities, and these factors can create barriers to accessing the support and resources needed for optimal health and wellbeing. By joining the Community Influencer Program, you can play a vital role in helping us understand the unique conditions, challenges, and needs of your community. Community Influencer's input and feedback will help us identify areas for improvement and shape strategies to enhance opportunities for everyone to live their healthiest lives.

To get involved, we encourage community members [to fill out the SDOH Community Influencer Interest Form](#). Participation from community influencers will enable us to better understand

streamlined access to health enhancing non-clinical services (e.g., social services and supports), helping to coordinate care across a variety of clinical and non-clinical partners, while using data on existing community resources, needs, and gaps to drive policy change.

[Community Information Exchange Taskforce](#)

Local Health Department Planning Grant Update

On Monday, May 22, 2023, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), convened the fourth Local Health Department (LHD) Planning Grant Status Bi-monthly Status Meeting.

The LHD SDOH Planning Grants are intended to support local driven solutions to address social drivers of health. As a reminder, LHD grantees received their awards in November 2022. Over the past few months, they have been utilizing funding to develop strategies that improve previous Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) and/or Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) in order to better address needs and understand priority populations. They are also using funds to advance SDOH efforts, plan and hold community summits, and organize task forces to support their initiatives.

For the Community Information Exchange (CIE) portion of their funding, LHDs have been convening stakeholder meetings, trainings and focus groups to support their community's understanding of local CIE structures. Grantees can also work with vendors to build and/or update current platforms as well as employ CHWs to further support planning grant efforts.

During our meeting in May, representatives of the MDHHS CIE Taskforce shared a draft of the CIE recommendations with the grantees. The feedback received during the meeting will be shared with the CIE Taskforce in preparation of

the strengths and challenges within your community, and your valuable insights will be shared with programs to drive meaningful improvements. As a Community Influencer, you will have the opportunity to stay informed about how your feedback is being used to positively impact the health and well-being of Michigan families.

the final recommendations being released in early Fall of 2023.

What does it mean to be a Community Influencer? It's about sharing your experiences, providing feedback on programs, and voicing the challenges faced by your community. Your unique perspective and insights will help inform decision-making processes, shape policies, and improve the programs and services available to support the wellbeing of all residents.

[Click here to fill out the SDOH Community Influencer Interest Form](#)

The Community Influencer Program is open to all Michigan residents aged 18 and older who are interested in improving health and wellbeing in their communities.

[Click here to learn more about the Community Influencer Program.](#)

MI Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development Seeks Proposals for Food Safety Education and Training Grants

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is seeking proposals for food safety education and training as part of the annual Food Safety Education Fund grant program. The grant cycle for 2023-2024 runs from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

The Food Safety Education Fund was established under the Michigan Food Law of 2000, as amended, Sec. 4117, and is funded through assessments of \$3.00 to \$5.00 from each Michigan food establishment license.

Up to a maximum of \$365,600 is available during the 2023-2024 grant cycle for projects focused on food safety training and education - \$242,500 will be available for consumer food safety education; and \$114,100 for training employees of food service establishments, and staff from local health departments and MDARD responsible for assuring a safe food supply in Michigan. An electronic copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP), including grant criteria; and a [cover page](#) to submit with each application are available on the [department's website](#) at www.michigan.gov/mdard.

Grants from the Food Safety Education Fund are competitive and designed to provide food safety training and education to consumers, food service establishment employees, and staff from state and local government agencies who enforce the Michigan Food Law of 2000. Those eligible to receive grants include Michigan governmental and non-profit organizations and entities. Producers, processors, marketers, and growers are not eligible for this grant opportunity. Proposals with sub-grantees will be considered. Proposals should not include funding for required routine training such as HACCP and manager certification.

Proposals will be scored and selected based on the following criteria:

- Goals/objectives to improve food safety
- Statewide need and audience
- Measurable outcomes
- Partnering with other organizations
- Matching funds
- Opportunities to build upon previously funded projects

Electronic submission of grant proposals is encouraged and should be sent to: MDA-FoodDairyInfo@michigan.gov. **Electronic submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, and will be confirmed via email receipt.** If you have not received a confirmation email within five business days of submission, please email yeltonl@michigan.gov.

Hard copy submissions must be postmarked **no later than Monday, July 17, 2023** (please allow ample time for delivery). Hard copies should be mailed to:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Food and Dairy Division P.O. Box 30017 Lansing, Michigan 48909

An advisory committee will convene in August 2023 to review, score and rank proposals and make funding recommendations to MDARD. Grant awards will be announced in September 2023. Grants will be awarded for projects that run from **October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024**. Multi-year proposals will be considered on an individual basis, contingent on future year funding.

For more information, contact Lori Yelton, Food Safety Education Fund grant manager, at yeltonl@michigan.gov or 517-420-3249.

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