

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Maternal Infant Health Program

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Mark Your Calendar: February COP Webinar

The February Community of Practice webinar will be on **Thursday**, February 13th from 9:00AM - 10:30AM. Topic: Eat Sleep Console - Working with substance exposed infants and their families, presented by Meagan Chuey and Annie Heit from MDHHS.

[REGISTER HERE for the February COP Webinar.](#)

Meet the Team: Lesley Gant



Hi, my name is Lesley (with an EY, not IE 😊)! I bring over four years of hands-on experience in Michigan's Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), having served as a Home Visitor and most recently as Program Coordinator for Next Generation MIHP. As the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization, I have led impactful initiatives focused on mental health support and empowering families in Detroit. Outside of MIHP, I have worked in various leadership capacities, which focused on ensuring program policies were followed according to LARA, Medicare, and Federal regulations.

During my community work tenure, I have had the privilege of partnering with numerous local organizations, including health departments, schools, and doctors' offices, to raise awareness about MIHP services, support families with developmental concerns, ensure school readiness, and implement other educational and supportive initiatives.

My dedication has been recognized through honors like the Citizens Bank Small Business Champion award for Next Generation MIHP and a feature on Channel 4 News' *Heart of Detroit*, which highlighted the ongoing community work I'm passionate about and continue to engage in alongside my family. With a master's degree and a current license in Clinical Social Work, I remain committed to strengthening families, supporting children, and advocating for mental health across Michigan.

I am excited to continue my work in a different capacity, as the MIHP Reviewer. I am committed to ensuring high standards of care and promoting the well-being of families! I am born and raised in Detroit and live with my husband and our four beautiful daughters. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, taking vacations, continuing community work, and volunteering with my church—always dedicated to uplifting my community! Looking forward to working with you all!

Website Update, Behavioral Health Training Recordings Added

[A new section is now available on the MIHP website: Behavioral Health Trainings.](#) This clickable section can be accessed from the "MIHP Provider Training" main page. Within that section are all previously recorded Behavioral Health Training Sessions.

These recordings are an accumulation of training sessions that were hosted in Southeastern Michigan and made possible by funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and MDHHS.

As additional behavioral health trainings become available, the web page will be updated accordingly.

Updated Discharge Summaries and Plans of Safe Care

The information below has been slightly modified from its original dissemination as an IT Alert Important Update. The modification provides clarification regarding implementation as part of Cycle 10 certification.

As mentioned previously, the Discharge Summaries have been revised to include 2 new questions related to the Plan of Safe Care (POSC). The Plan of Safe Care (POSC) will be a requirement for Cycle 10 Certification beginning June 1, 2025. Although POSC implementation is not required for use until June 1, 2025, providers may begin using the POSC anytime and therefore the 2 questions support this interim opportunity. For providers that are **not yet using the POSC**, please respond to these questions as follows.

1. Select "Other."
2. Enter a comment in the textbox of "No POSC at this time."

Please note that upcoming guidance and training opportunities will be provided to support POSC implementation for MIHP providers. The following resources may be valuable for the interim. However, providers will be informed of requirements and POSC-related guidance in the coming months.

- Webinar - [Plans of Safe Care](#)
- MIHP website with templates - [MIHP Plan of Safe Care](#)

For any questions or concerns regarding the recent application enhancements please contact MIHP, (MIHP@michigan.gov).



Register for the Perinatal Wellness & Mental Health Series

Perinatal Wellness & Mental Health Series Guidance for All Perinatal Professionals

12–1 p.m. ET | Every other Wednesday, February 12–March 26

Web-based virtual training | There is no fee to attend this activity CEUs & CMEs available
If you work with women during pregnancy and postpartum, you have a chance to promote mental wellness, identify those at risk for depression and anxiety, and have meaningful conversations about available support and treatment options.

Participants will join in learning and discussing with colleagues from across the state, all focused on improving the lives of women, caregivers, and children.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

Session 1	Feb. 12	Wellness During the Perinatal Period	Meghan Keil, M.D.
Session 2	Feb. 26	Relational Health: Breaking Down the Silos	Rena Menke, Ph.D.
Session 3	March 12	Addressing Anxiety and Depression: Three Key Steps for Perinatal Professionals	Alyssa Stevenson, M.D.
Session 4	March 26	How to Talk to Patients about Treatment Options: Value-Based Care Plans	Mahela Ashraf, M.D.

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

February 17
May 26
June 19

Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Biweekly Updates, they can be found by [visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP](http://Michigan.gov/MIHP).

Biweekly Update Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Biweekly Update, [please submit your ideas here](#).

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