

WEEKLY Update

February 12, 2021

COVID-19 Resources: CMHA has developed a curated set of COVID-19-related resources and announcements from a range of reputable state and national sources. That curated set of resources, which will be regularly updated, **is available by [CLICKING HERE](#)**.

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CMH Association and Member Activities

New! CMHA members part of next round of CCBHC designations

Recently, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association (SAMHSA) announced the next



round of Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) sites in Michigan. Those sites include the following:

- LIFEWAYS Jackson
- NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE ORGANIZATION Detroit
- SOUTHWEST COUNSELING SOLUTIONS, INC. Detroit
- DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, INC. Detroit
- FAITH HOPE AND LOVE OUTREACH CENTER Detroit
- NORTHEAST GUIDANCE CENTER Detroit

In the next several days, CMHA and the National Council for Behavioral Health will be issuing a joint press release applauding this announcement.

Congratulations to these new Michigan CCBHC sites.

New! Copper Country CMH & Arbor Circle featured in news story: Michigan can't fill mental health jobs amid COVID. These ideas could help.

Below are excerpts from a recent news story about the behavioral health workforce shortage – with quotes from the CEOs of Copper Country Community Mental Health Services and Arbor Circle,

.... deeper challenges for Michigan, which was short on behavioral health workers even before COVID disrupted the economy and kept millions of people, including children, in isolation.

It's a crisis mental-health advocates say calls for a range of bold solutions, including broadened funding support for college loan forgiveness for mental health professionals who commit to practice in underserved areas of the state.

The full article can be [found here](#).

New! MSU Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences Breakfast: Mental Health Care Access: Making the Dollars and “Common Sense” Case for Parity

Below is information on the next session of the “Bio-Ethics for Breakfast” series sponsored by the Michigan State University Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences. Weekly Update readers will recognize the speakers featured at this breakfast.

Zoom Webinar Registration: bit.ly/b4b-feb25

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Program: 7:30 - 8:45 AM (ET)

Speakers: Malkia Newman and Debra A. Pinals, MD

New! West Michigan CMH donation



COVID mask donation. Deb Davis (left), manager of the Samaratis group home in Scottville, accepts a donation of KN95 protective masks from Nicole Kusebuski, network and QI specialist at West Michigan Community Mental Health (WMCMH). WMCMH donated 8,400 masks to 32 residential home providers in Mason, Lake and Oceana counties as part of the Mask Up, Mask Right campaign through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

State & National Developments and Resources

New! Ron Manderscheid, national advocate and CMHA partner, announces his departure from NACBHDD

Below is the recent announcement, from Ron Manderscheid, the longtime President and CEO of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD) and the National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH), of his decision to leave the leadership of NACBHDD.

Dear NACBHDD and NARMH Colleagues:

This is to tell you of my intention to leave my position as President/CEO of NACBHDD and NARMH by mid-summer. Subsequently, I will continue to be active in the field via speaking, teaching, writing, consulting, and advocating around mental health, substance use, and I/DD issues.

It has been my great privilege and pleasure to work with you for the past eleven+ years. I have greatly appreciated all of the kindness, assistance, and support you have extended to me during this entire period.

A NACBHDD Search Committee has been formed consisting of Bob Sheehan (Chair), Kyle Kessler, Lynn Canfield, and David Weden from the Executive Committee, representing NACBHDD and NARMH, and Maria Walker, representing I/DD.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on the same issues, just from a slightly different perch.

My very best wishes for each and every one of you.

Ron Manderscheid, PhD
President/CEO,
NACBHDD - National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability
Directors
NARMH - National Association for Rural Mental Health

CMHA, a longtime member of NACBHDD, wishes Ron the best in his future endeavors.

On a related note, Ron and the NACBHDD Officers recently issued the announcement of the position vacancy seeking qualified candidates for the position of NACBHDD President and CEO. That posting is provided below. We ask that Weekly Update readers share this posting with any and all whom you think would be interested in applying.

The National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD) and the National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH) announce the position of President and Chief Executive Officer for the two national membership associations headquartered in Washington, DC. The successful candidate will be responsible for the management of both associations, together with policy development, management of initiatives, and liaison with relevant federal agencies and related national, state, and county associations.

Candidates are requested to submit applications electronically to the attention of Robert Sheehan at nnelson@nacbhd.org no later than close of business on March 12. A complete application will include a cover letter detailing the candidate's qualifications, a detailed resume, a writing sample prepared by the candidate, and at least three letters of reference supporting the candidate's qualifications to manage two national organizations with a focus on county behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability programs.

New! Michigan's Chief Medical Executive named to federal COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force

Below are excerpts from a recent press release announcing the appointment of Dr. Joneigh Khaldun Michigan's Chief Medical Executive to the Biden-Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force

... President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris announced non-federal members of the Biden-Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, including Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive and chief deputy for health at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"I am honored to be part of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force and to play a part in helping address inequities as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Khaldun. "The virus has had a disproportionate impact on our most vulnerable communities, including communities of color. I

look forward to making contributions as part of this task force that will ensure that future pandemic responses do not ignore or exacerbate health inequities.”

Khaldun has been the lead strategist advising the state’s COVID-19 response and has held former roles leading work to address disparities as Detroit’s health director and the chief medical officer of Baltimore.

The Task Force is charged with issuing a range of recommendations to help inform the COVID-19 response and recovery. This includes recommendations on equitable allocation of COVID-19 resources and relief funds, effective outreach and communication to underserved and minority populations and improving cultural proficiency within the Federal Government.

New! Autism Alliance of Michigan underscores its roles and resources

The Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAoM), a longtime partner of CMHA, recently issued a short statement underscoring the breadth of its work, in an aim to ensure that CMHA members and stakeholders have an accurate understanding of the work of AAoM and how AAoM could be of assistance to CMHA members and stakeholder. That announcement is provided below.

AAoM is a statewide organization and strives for a collaborative approach with professionals and families affected by autism to provide free professional consultation across the lifespan.

Reach out to AAoM with ANY questions, including the following:

- Adult Services
- Community Events and Recreation
- Comprehensive Autism Evaluations
- Employment
- Family and Sibling Support
- Insurance Support
- Medical Providers
- Safety
- Special Education
- Therapy Services

To work with AAoM, they can be reached by email: navigator@aaomi.org or phone: 877.463.AAOM. More information on AAoM can be [found here](#).

New! Health Affairs blog: to improve COVID-19 vaccine distribution, engage behavioral health providers

Below are excerpts from a recent health affairs blog urging the use of behavioral health providers to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates.

States’ distribution plans for COVID-19 vaccines currently outline strategies to reach health care workers, long-term care facilities, and some priority populations, but most do not explicitly

address populations with serious mental illness and chronic substance use disorders. Many such people are [vulnerable to COVID-19](#) because they receive treatment in [residential or inpatient facilities](#) or live in shared housing or congregate care, places where the virus has been shown to [spread quickly](#). They have high rates of comorbid physical health [conditions](#) that place them at risk for poor COVID-19 outcomes, and there is also compelling evidence of [higher COVID-19 mortality](#) among people who were recently diagnosed with a mental disorder. As states refine their plans to distribute COVID-19 vaccines, they should engage behavioral health providers to develop strategies to reach the populations they serve.

The full blog can be [found here](#).

New! NIH networks to advance emotional well-being research



Five new research networks totaling \$3.13 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will allow investigators to refine and test key concepts that advance the study of emotional well-being.

More information on these research networks can be [found here](#).

New! Some doctors have negative perceptions of patients with disabilities — and that impacts quality of care, study finds

Below are excerpts from a recent news story on the recent report highlighting physician views of persons with disabilities.

More than 82% of American doctors say they believe patients with significant disabilities have a worse quality of life than people who don't have disabilities, according to a new study. Those negative perceptions can have big impacts on the quality of care patients with disabilities receive.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital found that negative perceptions of patients with disabilities are widespread among physicians -- to a degree they say is "disturbing."

The full article can be [found here](#).

State Legislative Update

View January's Legislative Video on CMHA's Website

The Capitol Briefing is a monthly resource available to CMHA members providing a high-level overview of the key items impacting the public mental health system that (or each) month at the State Capitol. Our December Briefing features CMHA Associate Director, Alan Bolter, provides a 2020 legislative lame duck session recap which concluded in late December. *To view the latest video, [CLICK HERE!](#)*

FY22 Executive Budget Proposal

Specific Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Line items

	<u>FY'20 (Final)</u>	<u>FY'21 (Final)</u>	<u>FY'22 (Exec Rec)</u>
-CMH Non-Medicaid services	\$125,578,200	\$125,578,200	\$125,578,200
-Medicaid Mental Health Services	\$2,487,345,800	\$2,653,305,500	\$3,011,525,500
-Medicaid Substance Abuse services	\$68,281,100	\$87,663,200	\$80,988,900
-State disability assistance program	\$0	\$2,018,800	\$2,018,800
-Community substance abuse (Prevention, education, and treatment programs)	\$108,754,700	\$108,333,400	\$78,005,200
-Health Homes Program	\$3,369,000	\$26,769,700	\$33,005,400
-Autism services	\$230,679,600	\$271,721,000	\$356,875,800
-Healthy MI Plan (Behavioral health)	\$371,843,300	\$589,941,900	\$540,551,700
-CCBHC	\$0	\$0	\$25,597,300

Other Highlights of the FY22 Executive Budget:

Direct Care Worker Wage Increase

The Executive Recommendation provides \$110 million (\$43.1 million general fund) in fiscal year 2021 and \$360 million (\$121.4 million general fund) in fiscal year 2022 to permanently continue the \$2 per

hour wage increase for direct care workers who provide critical care to our most vulnerable neighbors through Medicaid-funded behavioral health supports, community-and facility-based long-term care services, and home-based services provided through area agencies on aging. Maintaining the wage increase will help to stabilize the workforce and ensure continued access to services.

CCBHC Implementation

The FY22 Executive Budget includes \$26.5million gross, \$5.0million general fund(6.0FTEs) to support a two-year implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration program. Proposed funding will be used to:

- **Establish 14 CCBHC sites**, through 11 Community Mental Health Programs and 3 non-profit behavioral health entities, to provide comprehensive access to behavioral health services to vulnerable individuals.
- Create a new Behavioral Health Policy and Operations Office to oversee the implementation of the CCBHC demonstration, Medicaid Health Homes, and other behavioral health integration initiatives The new office will comprise 6 new FTE positions and 9 reassigned FTE positions responsible for policy, operations, technical assistance, and quality monitoring support.

KB vs. Lyon lawsuit

The FY22 Executive Budget includes \$90 million gross (\$30 million general fund) to recognize new costs related to the implementation of policy changes associated with the KB v. Lyon lawsuit settlement. These caseload costs will come from program changes aimed at increasing consistency in access to behavioral health services for Medicaid enrollees and those served through the child welfare system.

Other items

- \$1 million for Autism Service Navigation (general fund) is maintained in the Executive Budget on an ongoing basis. Support for this program has been included in recent budgets on a one-time basis.
- \$3.5 million for cross enrollment expansion to improve technology and communication tools to better identify and enroll individuals needing support and services.
- \$8.4 million to reduce health disparities and expand the use of community-based navigators to enhance access to health coverage, and improve screening, data sharing and interoperability of existing data systems through the Michigan Health Information Network.
- \$15 million one-time for state psychiatric hospital special maintenance for capital improvements at all five of Michigan's psychiatric hospitals.

Key Boilerplate Sections:

Sec. 928. Each PIHP shall provide, from internal resources, local funds to be used as a part of the state match required under the Medicaid program in order to increase capitation rates for PIHPs. These funds

shall not include either state funds received by a CMHSP for services provided to non-Medicaid recipients or the state matching portion of the Medicaid capitation payments made to a PIHP.

Sec. 974. The department and PIHPs shall allow an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability who receives supports and services from a CMHSP to instead receive supports and services from another provider if the individual shows that he or she is eligible and qualified to receive supports and services from another provider. Other providers may include, but are not limited to, MIChoice and program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE).

Sec. 1000. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department of health and human services shall provide sufficient funding to increase the wages paid to direct care workers described in subsection (2) by \$2.00 per hour above the rates paid on March 1, 2020 for the current fiscal year.

(2) The direct care wage increase shall be provided to direct care workers employed by the department of health and human services, its contractors, and its subcontractors who received a \$2.00 per hour state-funded wage increase beginning in April 2020. The total combined direct care wage increases from the April 2020 direct care wage increase and the wage increase outlined in this section shall be \$2.00 per hour and shall be in effect for the current fiscal year.

(3) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department of health and human services shall provide sufficient funding to increase the wages paid to direct care workers described in subsections (4) and (5) by \$2.00 per hour above the rates paid on June 1, 2020 for the current fiscal year.

(4) A direct care wage increase of \$2.00 per hour shall be provided to direct care workers employed by skilled nursing facilities for the current fiscal year. This funding shall include all costs incurred by the employer, including payroll taxes, due to the \$2.00 per hour increase. As used in this subsection, "direct care workers" means a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, competency-evaluated nursing assistant, and respiratory therapist.

(5) A direct care wage increase of \$2.00 per hour shall be provided to direct care workers employed by area agencies on aging and its contractors for in-home and respite services for the current fiscal year. This funding shall include all costs incurred by the employer, including payroll taxes, due to the \$2.00 per hour increase.

(6) Contractors and subcontractors receiving funding to support these direct care wage increases shall be required to provide documentation of the wage increases provided pursuant to this section to the department of health and human services.

(7) Any payment enhancement above the hourly rate in effect immediately prior to the wage increase shall be of no effect in determining any employee's average compensation as provided by any contract or other provision of law.

(8) A direct care worker may elect to not receive the wage increase provided in this section. The election to not receive the wage increase in this section must be made either in writing or electronically. The employer of a direct care worker who has elected to not receive the wage increase in this section must

remit back to the state any of the funds authorized by this section based on the number of direct care workers it employs who have elected to not receive the wage increase authorized by this section.

Sec. 1009 (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Medicaid mental health services and Healthy Michigan plan - behavioral health, the department shall continue the \$2.00 hourly wage increase for direct care workers as implemented in the previous fiscal year. Funds provided in this section must be utilized by a PIHP to maintain the wage increase for direct care worker wages, for the employer's share of federal insurance contributions act costs, purchasing worker's compensation insurance, or the employer's share of unemployment costs.

(2) Each PIHP shall report to the department by February 1 of the current fiscal year the range of wages paid to direct care workers, including information on the number of direct care workers at each wage level.

(3) The department shall report the information required to be reported according to subsection (2) to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house policy offices, and the state budget office by March 1 of the current fiscal year.

DHHS EMERGENCY ORDERS

Currently, there are active *DHHS* emergency orders. Please find a list of the active emergency orders with the topic, date it was signed and a hyper link accessing the emergency order below. For individuals still interested, or in need of referencing previous *Executive Orders*, please click [here](#).

Today, Governor Whitmer announced the finalization of the Feb. 1 reopening of indoor dining for restaurants and bars, but with a 10 p.m. curfew and a 25% capacity limit, up to 100 people.

Large stadiums will also be allowed more capacity to allow for additional attendance at high school football finals being hosted this weekend, under the newest epidemic order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that will take effect Feb. 1 and run until Feb. 21.

The new capacity limits allow for 500 people at venues that seat over 10,000 people, while stadiums that seat less than 10,000 are allowed to be at 20% capacity, up to 250 people.

The order also will allow concessions at casinos, movie theaters and stadiums; personal services requiring mask removal and non-residential gatherings of up to 10 people from two households.

Executive Orders Signed

Currently, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed over 170 Executive Orders in response to COVID-19. Below is the most recent list of Executive Orders with the topic and a hyper link accessing the Executive Order below.

For a complete list of Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders click on the link below:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705---,00.html

- **Executive Order 2020-181** – Amendment to the Safe Start order, please click [here](#) to access Executive Order 181.

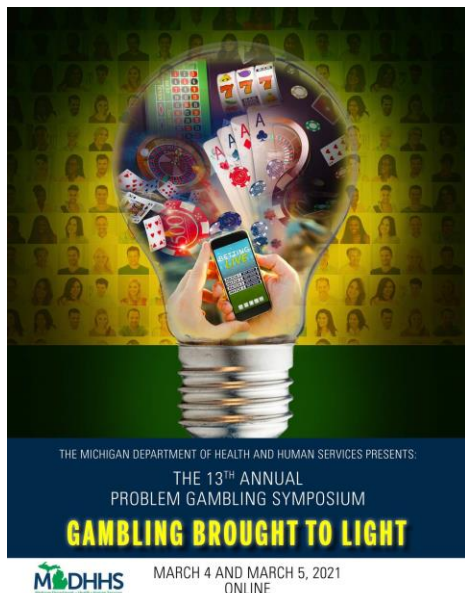
Federal Update

Senate Passes Budget Resolution

Last week, the Senate passed a [budget resolution](#), instructing committees to draft a COVID-19 stimulus package. This process, known as reconciliation, will allow leadership to shepherd through a relief package with a simple, filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. If the House approves of the budget resolution, committees will have until February 16 to pull together the bill – with leadership aiming to get the relief legislation onto President Biden's desk by March 14. This \$1.9 trillion stimulus package is expected to align with

[President Biden's COVID-19 plan](#), which included \$4 billion to SAMHSA. [Click here for a detailed memorandum](#) on the budget reconciliation process in the coming weeks.

Education Opportunities



Registration Open: 13th Annual Virtual Gambling Disorder Symposium

REGISTRATION OPEN!

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Presents:

Michigan's 13th Annual Virtual Gambling Disorder Symposium
"Gambling Brought to Light"

March 4 & 5, 2021

Virtual Educational Sessions Each Morning

In recognition of Problem Gambling Awareness Month, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is hosting the Thirteen Annual Gambling Disorder Symposium. The symposium is a forum that provides continuing education credits to professional members of the Gambling Disorder community, and access to Gambling Disorder trainings, treatment, prevention resources and personal recovery stories. Anyone affected by or interested in GD, is welcome to attend.

This year's symposium will address how COVID has changed the face of gambling, the impact made to gambling disorder within the youth and veteran communities, the implications of sports betting and on-line gambling, and responsible gambling.

Who Should Attend?

CEOs, COOs, CFOs, medical directors, clinical directors, case workers, prevention specialists, supports coordinators, other practitioners at all levels of practice (beginning, intermediate and/or advanced), and all individuals affected by Gambling Disorder.

Symposium Registration Fee: FREE

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$35:

As a symposium sponsor, you will gain visibility throughout the day to promote your company's brand, products and services directly to approximately 300 attendees. Your company logo will be on the home page of the virtual conference website. Only a limited number of high-impact sponsorship opportunities are being made available. When you register as an attendee, check the sponsorship option during the registration process.

No Fee to Attend but Registration is Required (Space is limited)!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This event is sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration and facilitated by The Community Mental Health Association of Michigan.

VIRTUAL Ethics for Social Work, Substance Use Disorder, Recipient Rights and Psychologist Professionals Trainings – Registration Open

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is pleased to offer VIRTUAL Ethics for Social Work, Substance Use Disorder, Recipient Rights and Psychologist Professionals Trainings presented by Tom Moore, LMSW, LLP, CCS, Owner and Principal, Two Moons, LLC online through Zoom. There are 6 CE credits available for this training. This training fulfills the Michigan Social Work Licensing Board's requirement for licensure renewal for ethics. This training fulfills the MCBAP approved treatment ethics code education – specific.

Dates:

- February 22, 2021 **(SOLD OUT)**
- March 22, 2021 **(SOLD OUT)**

Agenda:

Log into Zoom: 8:15am
Education: 8:30am – 11:30am



- April 5, 2021 ([Register Here](#)) (24 spots left)
- April 26, 2021 ([Register Here](#)) (27 spots left)

Lunch Break: 11:30am – 12:00pm
Education: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Training Fees: \$120 CMHA Members \$143 Non-Members

VIRTUAL Pain Management and Mindfulness Trainings – Registration Open

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is pleased to offer Pain Management Trainings presented by Tom Moore, LMSW, LLP, CCS, Owner and Principal, Two Moons, LLC online through Zoom.

This course qualifies for 2 CE's and fulfills the Michigan Social Work Licensing Board's requirement for licensure renewal for pain management.

Dates:

- March 8, 2021 (SOLD OUT)
- March 30, 2021 (SOLD OUT)
- April 6, 2021 ([Register Here](#)) (59 spots left)

Agenda:

Log into Zoom: 8:45 am
Education: 9:00am – 11:00am

Training Fees: \$43 CMHA Members \$51 Non-Members

Virtual Motivational Interviewing College Trainings – Registration Open

Registration is now open for the FY21 VIRTUAL Motivational Interviewing College trainings which includes Basic, Advanced, Supervisory, and the revamped MI for Leadership & Organizations!

This event is sponsored by the adult mental health block grant and is intended for persons who serve adults only through the mental health and substance abuse provider network in the state of Michigan. It contains content appropriate for CEOs, COOs, clinical directors, supervisors, case managers, support coordinators, therapists, crisis workers, peer support specialists and any other practitioners at the beginning, advanced and supervisory levels of practice.

By registering for these trainings, the participant acknowledges they have read & agree to the updated virtual guidelines and terms & conditions in the brochure to ensure they can fully participate in the virtual education. Registration closes 5 business days prior to each training.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Registration Link</u>
April 19-20, 2021	M.I. Basic	CLICK HERE
April 22-23, 2021	M.I. Advanced	CLICK HERE
April 29, 2021	M.I. Supervisory	CLICK HERE
July 26-27, 2021	M.I. Basic	CLICK HERE
July 29-30, 2021	M.I. Advanced	CLICK HERE
Aug. 2-3, 2021	M.I. for Leadership & Organizations	CLICK HERE
Aug. 5, 2021	M.I. Supervisory	CLICK HERE

Times:

Training(s) start promptly at 9:00am and adjourn at 4:15pm each day. Zoom Waiting Room opens at 8:30am each morning; attendees must be logged on by 8:45am. (All times in EST)

Training Fees:

\$125 per person for all 2-day trainings / \$70 per person for the 1-day Supervisory training. The fee includes electronic training materials and CEs for each day.

New! Self-Care and Resiliency Training

This session offers training on self-care, mindfulness, and resiliency and how these interact and relate to one another. We will talk about the importance of a healthy self-care routine and how you can start to implement one into your daily life. Mindfulness can be a great self-care tool and we will discuss how to incorporate this into your routine, as well as different mindfulness activities you can practice. Lastly, we will discuss how to become more resilient in your everyday life.

Participants in this training will learn:

- What self-care, resiliency, and mindfulness are and how these interact
- How to introduce self-care, mindfulness, and resiliency traits into your everyday life
- The importance of self-care, mindfulness, and resiliency in your life

February 22, 2021

9:00am - 11:00am | Timezone: US/Central

Hosted By: Great Lakes MHTTC

Register by [clicking here!](#)

Need more information? Contact us at sherrie.nichols@wisc.edu

Behavioral Telehealth Resource Center

Telehealth Resource Center

Michigan's Behavioral Telehealth Resource Center serves to provide current information on telehealth policies, training and engagement opportunities. Please visit the [webpage](#), to see available resources. If you have information to be included on the webpage, please contact astagg@cmham.org.

[CMHA recommendations: Michigan's emerging Medicaid telemedicine policies](#): Recognizing that the Medical Services Administration of MDHHS is in the process of revising and expanding the state's Medicaid telemedicine policies, CMHA has created a document which outlines recommended telemedicine policies. These recommendations reflect the views of a broad cross section of CMHA members and stakeholders.

Educational Opportunities Available

[The Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center](#) provides education and resources on Telehealth Adoption, Delivery, Compliance and Reimbursement. Some available webinars are noted below.

[Telehealth & Medicaid: What's Next? A Roadmap for Medicaid Telehealth Policy in a Post- COVID World \(Panel discussion\)](#)

Date: February 5, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Telehealth & Medicaid: What's Next? A Roadmap for Medicaid Telehealth Policy in a Post- COVID World (Panel discussion)

Contact: Center for Connected Health

[NCTRC Webinar - Telehealth Policy Update: What Has Happened and What to Look for in 2021](#)

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

NCTRC Webinar

Contact: Center for Connected Health Policy

Behavioral Health Provider Experiences with Telehealth during COVID-19

[The Behavior Health Workforce Research](#) Center at the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, University of Michigan recently completed key informant interviews and published a brief that highlights key findings and federal policy implications. Read the [IHPI Brief here](#).

Education & Training Resources from Great Lakes MHTTC



MHTTC

Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Catalog of MHTTC resources

The Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) makes available a large catalog of Great Lakes MHTTC products at its [Products and Resources](#) webpage.



This section of the MHTTC website hosts all Great Lakes MHTTC products along with products developed with their partner TTCs within the region and across the country.

MHTTC announces series on National School Mental Health Curriculum

The National School Mental Health Curriculum was the result of a partnership between the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Network and the National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH) to identify priority training topics, develop training content and gather related resources for inclusion in the training curriculum.

The national Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Network, one of the groups that provides the backbone support for that curriculum, has developed and is hosting its 8-part training series using the National School Mental Health Curriculum: Guidance and Best Practices for States, Districts, and Schools. Each session will include a pre-session video, live panel session, and post-session regional breakout.

Information on this free series, which starts on February 9 and runs through March 25, can be [found here](#).

News from Our Preferred Corporate Partners

Abilita: Are you ready for E-911?

By the end of this year, all organizations with greater than 20,000 square feet of workspace and/or multiple buildings or floors must comply. If someone from your organization called 911 now, would their location in the building get sent to the 911 center? Are you in compliance with the new E911 law?

Check out www.abilita.com/michigan-e911 to learn more and find out what you need to do to prepare!

myStrength: new digital behavioral health resources empower consumers to move beyond trauma

Trauma is incredibly common. Approximately 90% of U.S. adults have experienced at least one traumatic event in their lives, which can adversely affect emotional well-being and interfere with relationships, work and overall quality of life. Expanding on our diverse whole-person resources, Livongo for Behavioral Health by myStrength is pleased to announce new, digital tools to help individuals move beyond trauma. [Click here to request a demo](#).

CMH Association's Officers & Staff Contact Info

CMHA Officers Contact Information:

The Officers of the CMH Association of Michigan recently proposed, in their commitment to fostering dialogue among the members of the Association with the Association's leaders, that their contact information be shared with the Association membership. While this dialogue will not take the place of the regular dialogue and decision making that occurs during the meetings of the Association's Board of Directors, Steering Committee, Provider Alliance, Association Committees, Directors Forum, PIHP CEOs meeting, nor any of the great number of Association-sponsored and supported dialogue venues, the Officers want to ensure that the members of the Association can reach them to discuss issues of interest to the Association's members. The contact information for the officers is provided below:

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