



WEEKLY Update

April 9, 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! Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems announces 3-Year Accreditation by CARF

Below are excerpts from a recent announcement from Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems:

Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors are pleased to report to the residents of Tuscola County that TBHS has been accredited for a period of three years, through October 31, 2023.

The latest accreditation is the fifth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body, CARF, has awarded to Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems.

The survey report highlighted a number of items that CARF determined to be strengths of TBHS such as:

- The organization has an excellent team, highly caring and dedicated staff whose work reflects the mission and vision of the agency. TBHS incorporates the CARF standards into its day -to -day service delivery practices and business functions, and its practices exemplify continuous quality improvement.
- TBHS provides excellent mental health services to children, adolescent and adult consumers.
- A strong culture of recovery and hope characterizes the organization's community employment services program. The program is well integrated in the overall operations of TBHS. Individualized supports enable consumers to attain their goals via a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and paid employment opportunities.
- Clients speak highly of staff and services and shared some stories related to individual staff and the differences that they have made for consumers/families.
- External stakeholders complimented TBHS staff and noted them to be dedicated and passionate.
- The organization provides a culture of hope; staff are passionate and committed.

Sharon Beals, TBHS Chief Executive Officer, stated "the survey results are confirmation of the staff commitment of providing consistent delivery of quality services and commitment to individuals during their recovery process."

Congratulations to Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems.

New! Senator Stabenow joins Lifeways in celebration of opening of crisis center

The video recording of the celebration of the opening of Lifeway's crisis center – a celebration at which United States Senator Debbie Stabenow was a keynote speaker – can be [found here](#).

Traveling Art Show

Traveling Art Show VI features pieces from Consumer Art Contests across Michigan. Anyone interested in any of the pieces shown may contact Monique at mfrancis@cmham.org. Those NOT sold by October 1, 2021, will be auctioned off at the 2021 Fall Conference in Traverse City, Michigan. Art may be available for viewing locally or on the [CMHA website](#). Check with your local CMH for more information or email Monique at mfrancis@cmham.org.

State & National Developments and Resources

New! Michigan announces 988 listening sessions

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the implementation of 988, a new, national, three-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide response. The 988 crisis line is set to launch in July 2022. To support implementation, the State of Michigan has established a 988 planning coalition.

The coalition is seeking perspectives from **people who have experienced suicidal thoughts or behaviors, accessed crisis services, contacted a crisis line, or lost a loved one to suicide** to help inform the 988 implementation plan by participating in a virtual listening session. If you have these experiences and are interested in sharing your input, please register at <https://publicsectorconsultants.com/988-listening-session/>.

Michigan aims to have 24/7 statewide coverage of 988 calls, chats, and texts. Those who contact 988 can be connected to community crisis services and local resources, and call center staff can follow up with callers to ensure they have the support they need. The State is partnering with the current network of certified crisis centers providing suicide prevention and intervention services, as well as the Michigan Crisis Access Line (MiCAL). The 988 planning coalition is examining the state's current system and capacity for mental health crisis calls, reviewing model legislation for establishing a consistent statewide system for 988 calls, and providing other input on potential funding models and sources. By working together with those with lived experience, Michigan hopes to create a comprehensive and effective crisis line for people in need.

New! Video recording available from recent MDHHS webinar: revised emergency order for visitation and COVID19 testing reimbursement

MDHHS has recently released the recording from the April 7 presentation, by MDHHS, around the revised emergency order for visitation and COVID19 testing reimbursement. That video can be [found here](#). It can be accessed with the access code: P@hPB*4y

New! Biden Calls For Major Boost To Disability Services

Below are excerpts from a recent news story on the American Jobs Plan and its positive impact on the expansion of home and community based services.

Alongside funding for bridges and roads, President Joe Biden's wide-ranging \$2 trillion infrastructure plan includes a massive investment in home- and community-based services for people with disabilities.

The proposal unveiled last week known as the American Jobs Plan calls for \$400 billion in spending to expand access to Medicaid home- and community-based services for those currently on waiting lists.

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

New! Roadmap to the ideal crisis system

Below are excerpts from the report recently released by the National Council for Behavioral Health and its collaborators - Roadmap to the ideal crisis system: Essential Elements, Measurable Standards and Best Practices for Behavioral Health Crisis Response

There is broad recognition that behavioral health crises have reached epidemic proportion, with drug overdoses and suicides having overtaken traffic accidents as the two leading causes of death among young Americans ages 25-44. The COVID-19 pandemic has further underscored the dramatic need for behavioral health services, including crisis services. Yet very few communities in the United States have a behavioral health crisis system that would be considered excellent, let alone ideal.

The executive summary can be [found here](#).

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

New! Call for presentations: National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery Alternatives Conference

Below are excerpts from a recent call for presentations for the National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery Alternatives Conference

The National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery (NCMHR) is proud to host the 2021 (Virtual) Alternatives Conference, now in its 35th year. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, & Saturday, July 10, 2021 ; Thursday, July 15, & Saturday, July 17, 2021.

We invite you to share your wisdom and expertise by submitting a proposal for a 45-minute workshop in one of the categories below. More details are available at [the website](#). Presentation topics can include: Advocacy, Preventing Crisis, Protecting Rights, Promoting Social Justice and Social Inclusion, Youth Empowerment, Healing Through the Arts, Holistic Health, Wellness, and Spirituality, Economic Empowerment.

The deadline for submitting workshop proposals is April 23, 2021. For other conference information, visit the [Alternatives website](#)

New! National Institutes of Health (NIH) Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Helping to End Addiction Long-term Initiative has launched an Idea Exchange, Moving HEAL Research Into Action, to gather public input. The Idea Exchange aims to crowdsource solutions to improve pain management and the prevention and treatment of opioid misuse and addiction. All are invited to participate, including the many individuals on the front lines of the opioid crisis (e.g., treatment providers, advocates and families, law enforcement professionals, first responders, policymakers, and government health officials). The comment period is open from April 6 to June 1, 2021. Individuals must [register with a free account](#) to share ideas.

New! Promoting the Community Integration of People with Dual Diagnosis

The Council on Quality and Leadership has recently examined how individualized organizational supports facilitate the community integration of people with dual diagnosis. The report that emerged from the work can be [found here](#).

State Legislative Update

View March'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 March Briefing features CMHA Associate Director, Alan Bolter, provides an update regarding the confirmation of Elizabeth Hertel as Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the passage of a FY21 COVID Supplemental budget.

To view the latest video, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Governor's Office Hosted a Behavioral Health Virtual Meeting on FY22 Budget Priorities

On Tuesday, March 30 Governor Whitmer's community relations office hosted a virtual conversation on the Governor's FY22 budget initiatives for behavioral health. ([2022 budget recommendations](#)). Jon Villasurda from BHDDA provided [PowerPoint slides](#) regarding the key budget initiatives.

Elizabeth Hertel Appointment Stands Despite Floor Division

On Tuesday, the final day for the Senate to disapprove Elizabeth Hertel as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the full Senate allowed the appointment of Director Hertel to stand, not without some fireworks however. Senate Republicans gave impassioned floor speeches where they strongly disagreed with the appointment of Director Hertel. Not because they questioned her credentials or experience, most members emphasized their opposition was not personal. However, the main criticisms were that Director Hertel did not disagree with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's restrictions implemented during the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and that under her leadership, legislative engagement in the decision-making process (or lack thereof) will not change. Following speeches from Republicans, Senator Curtis Hertel (D-East Lansing) explained he will abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest, as he is married to Director Hertel.

The final vote on the approval of Director Hertel, was an 18 to 16 vote. The Senate did fall short on the necessary votes needed to approve an appointment, which is 19. The Michigan Constitution only provides the Senate the power to reject appointments, so the vote to approve an appointment holds no significance outside of voicing approval and disapproval. Only four Senate Republicans voted in favor of approving Director Hertel, which were Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake), Senators Jim Stamas (R-Midland), Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City) and Ken Horn (R-Frankenmuth). All Senate Democrats voted in favor of approving Director Hertel.

Federal Update

Congress Passed 2021 COVID Relief Legislation

Congress just passed the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#), a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill aimed at boosting the availability of vaccinations, providing funding for small businesses and schools and giving relief to families through new stimulus checks, extended unemployment benefits and an expanded child tax credit, among other provisions.

The legislation, which President Biden will sign this week, also includes billions in new relief to address rising demand for mental health and addiction services, workforce shortages and pandemic-related layoffs and furloughs.

In other words, we heard you loud and clear that more relief was needed. And we made sure Congress heard you, too.

Here are some highlights from this historic legislation:

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grants:** Provides \$3 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant and the Community Mental Health Services block grant (\$1.5 billion each).
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs):** Provides \$420 million to SAMHSA to fund CCBHC Expansion Grants.

- **Provider Relief Funds:** \$8.5 billion in new money to the Provider Relief Fund for providers in rural areas and those serving rural communities.
- **Other Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Funding:** Provides more than \$450 million in additional funding for SAMHSA and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) programming including funding for mental health and addiction services, workforce education and training, suicide prevention and public education campaigns.

Education Opportunities

New! Call for Presentations: CMHA VIRTUAL Annual Summer Conference: June 14-17, 2021



**CMHA Virtual Annual Summer Conference
"Be the Change...Shaping our Future Together"**

June 14 - 17, 2021

Virtual Education Daily from 9:00am – 12:30pm EST

Deadline for Call for Presentations is Monday, May 3, 2021

2 WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR PRESENTATION:

1) Download the traditional Word document, complete and email.

[CLICK HERE FOR PRESENTATION SUBMISSION FORM](#)

2) Submit electronically via Survey Monkey:

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY VIA SURVEY MONKEY](#)

Watch www.cmham.org for more details!

Call for Presentations: 22nd Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Virtual Conference

The Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Virtual Conference brought in over 1,000 attendees last year. We would love for you to join us by sharing your expertise, research or showcasing a successful program!

22nd Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Virtual Conference

Health Equity: Transforming to Meet the Challenge

Conference Date: September 13-16, 2021

Conference Location: Virtual

Submission Deadline: *Wednesday, April 14, 2021*

What we are looking for: Presentations that fit into the general theme of the conference, specifically, presentations that address: health disparities, health equity, integration of behavioral health (prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders) and physical health, co-occurring disorder, peers and recovery coaching and strength-based services as well as the topics in the attached guidelines document. Please feel free to submit proposals on other topics that you think will address this year's theme.

- Submit this electronic form by **Wednesday, April 14, 2021.**
- We allow for a maximum of 3 presenters during a workshop.
- Workshops are 90 minutes.
- **Presenter Compensation:** Presenters will receive complimentary registration for the full VIRTUAL conference. The conference budget will not provide honorariums for workshop presenters.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION FORM AND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

Questions? Contact Alexandra Risher at arisher@cmham.org.

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

All dates are currently sold out! We will be offering additional Ethics classes beginning in late summer.

VIRTUAL Pain Management and Mindfulness Trainings

There are currently no scheduled dates for Pain Management and Mindfulness. We will be offering additional Pain Management and Mindfulness classes beginning in late summer.

Virtual Motivational Interviewing College Trainings – Registration Open

Registration is 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.

Dates

Training

Registration Link

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.

Virtual Co-Occurring Disorders Trainings from Jennifer Harrison – Registration Open

Registration is open for the following co-occurring disorders virtual trainings from presenter Jennifer Harrison.

These events are sponsored by the adult mental health block grant and are intended for persons who serve adults only through the mental health and substance abuse provider network in the state of Michigan. They contain content appropriate for CMHSP clinicians, therapists, peers, supervisors, and nurses.

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.

****Note: Due to the limited number of spots in these trainings, each organization is limited to a maximum of 6 registrants.***

Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment 101

Adults with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders have far worse outcomes in employment, hospitalization, housing, and criminal justice involvement than their single disordered peers. This co-prevalence has been studied since the 1980s, yet despite this, most service systems were organized to treat individuals with a single disorder, excluding those with co-occurring disorders, or providing sequential or parallel treatments that were incompatible or in conflict with each other. Integrated and team-based services offer superior outcomes to parallel or sequential treatments, and call providers to develop interventions to assist individuals in moving toward recovery for both illnesses simultaneously. Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) was designed following systematic study of high intensity COD treatment needs and alterations of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. Within this training attendees will understand the components of IDDT, including fidelity and outcome

measurement. Specific attention will be paid to the development of stage-matched assessment, treatment planning, and treatment interventions for adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders using the IDDT model.

Dates: April 15, 2021 | **SOLD OUT**

July 15, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to Register](#)

Times: Training: 8:30am – 4:30pm EST | Zoom log in by 8:15pm

\$30 Registration fee includes electronic training materials and CEs

Our Brave New World: Cannabis, Opioids, and Pain in Behavioral Health Treatment

Treatment planning for adults with complex mental health, substance use, and physical health needs involved understanding of stages of change and system navigation. Collaborating with these individuals on their wellness and recovery planning requires motivational approaches and often interventions that are more effective for early stage readiness. The prevalence of cannabis and opioid use makes these cases even more demanding to navigate. Add to this, the opioid crisis in the U.S. Since 1999, sales of opioids in the U.S. have quadrupled. From 1999-2015, more than 180,000 people died from overdoses related to prescription opioids. It is now the #1 cause of accidental death for people under 50. Michigan is one of 31 states with laws allowing medicinal or recreational marijuana use. Opioids and cannabis have become our new legal drugs.

This training will focus attention on providing stage-matched assessment and treatment surrounding use of legal drugs including cannabis and opioids. Focus on treatment planning and provision for individuals who have opioid or cannabis use, as well as management of co-occurring mental health or pain disorders.

Dates: April 27, 2021 | **SOLD OUT**

August 11, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to register](#)

Times: Training: 8:30am – 4:30pm EST | Zoom log in by 8:15pm

\$30 Registration fee includes electronic training materials and CEs

Recovery-Based Co-Occurring Treatment Planning and Delivery

Until the 21st century, most service systems were organized to treat individuals with a single disorder, excluding those with co-occurring disorders, or providing sequential or parallel treatments that were incompatible or in conflict with each other. Integrated services offer superior outcomes to parallel or sequential treatments, and call providers to develop interventions to assist individuals in moving toward recovery for both illnesses simultaneously. Recovery-oriented care requires changes at a systems and individual practitioner level in areas including assessment, treatment planning, and delivery. Integrated co-occurring providers will learn about the research on integrated care including Evidence-Based Practices (EBP), and ways to develop stage-matched assessment, treatment planning, and treatment interventions for adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use.

Dates: May 5, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to register](#)

August 24, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to register](#)

Times: Training: 8:30am – 4:30pm EST | Zoom log in by 8:15pm

\$30 Registration fee includes electronic training materials and CEs

Stage Matched Treatment for Co-Occurring Needs

Adults with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders have far worse outcomes in employment, hospitalization, housing, and criminal justice involvement than their single disordered peers. In addition, treatment engagement is often lower for individuals with COD, particularly when those individuals are in early stage of readiness for one of more presenting problems. This training will focus on the assessment of stage of readiness using validated tools, and the interventions that are best fit for each stage of readiness. In addition, ways to address organizational readiness for COD treatment will be discussed.

Dates: May 11, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to register](#)

August 31, 2021 | [CLICK HERE to register](#)

Times: Training: 8:30am – 4:30pm EST | Zoom log in by 8:15pm

\$30 Registration fee includes electronic training materials and CEs

New! Mythbusters: Uncovering Truths about Behavioral Health Crisis Care Webinar



Mythbusters: Uncovering Truths about Behavioral Health Crisis Care

*Thursday, April 15th
1:00-2:30pm ET*

Beginning April 15th, a collaborative of behavioral health crisis provider organizations will be co-hosting a 3-part webinar series uncovering the truths about behavioral health crisis care. Hear balanced perspectives based on research and practice-based evidence from some of the premier crisis service providers in the country.

This webinar series is brought to you by the Crisis Residential Association, the American Association of

Suicidology, the National Association of Crisis Organization Directors, and TBD Solutions.

Session 1 focuses on risk and staffing models in crisis care: How do crisis programs effectively manage the inherent risk they take on by diverting people from emergency departments, psychiatric hospitals, and even jail? And are staff without advanced-level degrees able to provide meaningful support in these settings?

Moderator:

Travis Atkinson, Director of Clinical & Crisis Services, TBD Solutions (MI)

Panelists:

Steve Miccio, CEO, People USA (NY)

Kris Thompson, Associate Executive Director for Crisis Services, Lenape Valley Foundation (PA)

[Register by clicking here!](#)

New! 2021 ASD Evaluation and Treatment Trainings

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAoM) have partnered with autism experts across the state to bring virtual autism trainings to providers at no cost. [Click Here to Register!](#)

COURSES

MARCH 26	9AM-12PM	ASD EVALUATION DURING COVID-19 & BEYOND: TELEHEALTH AND IN-OFFICE MODIFICATIONS
APRIL 23	12PM-3PM	IS IT AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, TRAUMA OR BOTH? CEUs: 3.0 for Psychologists (APA) and Social Workers (CEC)
APRIL 28	12PM-1PM	BEYOND ABA FOR ASD: TREATMENTS THAT WORK
MAY 20	12PM-3PM	ASD DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS IN YOUNG CHILDREN CEUS: 3.0 FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS (APA) AND SOCIAL WORKERS (CEC)
MAY 26	12PM-1PM	MAKING ASD REPORTS & FEEDBACK SESSIONS HELPFUL
JUNE 3	9AM-12PM	ASD & COMMON COMORBIDITIES CEUS: 3.0 FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS (APA) AND SOCIAL WORKERS (CEC)
JUNE 23	12PM-1PM	WHEN (AND WHEN NOT) TO RECOMMEND ABA
JULY 14	12PM-1PM	MEDICAL ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT OF ASD
JULY 22	9AM-12PM	WHEN IT IS NOT ASD: MANAGEMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS CEUS: 3.0 FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS (APA) AND SOCIAL WORKERS (CEC)
AUGUST 4	12PM-1PM	UNDERSTANDING GIRLS WITH ASD
AUGUST 18	9AM-4PM	ADOS-2 BOOSTER

Practicing Effective Management Virtual Training

The graphic features a white central box with a blue and orange geometric border. The text inside the box reads: "Practicing Effective Management" in large blue font, followed by "Session A" and "Thursday, May 13, 2021, Afternoon" and "Friday, May 14, 2021, Morning". Below that, it says "Session B" and "Thursday, May 20, 2021, Afternoon" and "Friday, May 21, 2021, Morning". At the bottom left is the "tbdSolutions" logo and at the bottom right is the website "www.TBDSolutions.com".

TBD Solutions is hosting its next Practicing Effective Management Training online on May 13, 14, 20, and 21. This virtual training provides practical guidance for enhancing relationships and improving results through structured supervision, effective feedback, delegation, interviewing, time management, and employee development. This dynamic, interactive training is relevant for all levels of management.

Since 2016, TBD Solutions has proudly trained more than 300 supervisors, managers, and directors from CMHs, PIHPs, and nonprofit organizations, while maintaining a 98% satisfaction rate.

To register please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/practicing-effective-management-tickets-140075773409>

For questions or additional information, contact Molly at MollyR@TBDSolutions.com

Arc Michigan Disability Policy Webinar Series



The Arc Michigan is excited to announce the

“June 2021 Disability Policy Webinar Series”

Registration is now open!!

Click here to register <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3396825039610487053>

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.

New! FCC Sets New Guidelines for COVID-19 Telehealth Program Relaunch

The Federal Communications Commission is poised to launch the second round of its COVID-19 Telehealth Program, with new guidelines designed to help health systems qualify for reimbursements.

COVID-19 Telehealth Program – [Order FCC 21-39](#) released 3/30/2021

Notes from Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center

- Funding must be awarded to at least one applicant from all 50 states and D.C.
- Filing Window of 7 Calendar Days
 - Two-week notice period via PN (TBD)
 - Anticipate opening filing window within 30-days of the Order
- Round 2 Eligibility
 - Round 1 applicant(s) eligible to apply for Round 2 even if received Round 1 award dollars

- \$1M cap per applicant
- FCC Form 460 required for only lead health care provider listed on application
- HCPs should indicate applying for COVID-19 Telehealth Program on 460 to expedite review
- Two business day response deadline for 460 questions
- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration required
- Do Not Pay verification

New! Webinar: Increasing Connectivity with the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 3:00 PM ET

[Register for this Webinar](#)

Connectivity is an essential part of everyday life during the COVID-19 pandemic. A connected device with internet access provides a gateway to social engagement with family and friends while practicing physical distancing; healthcare services; remote work and school; and supplies and meals.

The [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) is an [FCC program](#) to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms.

This webinar will include an overview of the Emergency Broadband Benefit including what it is, who is eligible, how it works, and how to help people enroll. A brief question and answer period will follow the presentation. To submit a question in advance of the webinar, please email: broadbandbenefit@fcc.gov.

MedPAC Report on Medicare Payment Policy March 2021

The [Medicare Payment Advisory Commission](#) (MedPAC) released the March 2021 report on Medicare payment policy. This report includes recommendations to Congress to continue some Medicare COVID-19 telehealth coverage expansions only temporarily (1-2 years after PHE order is lifted) to allow more time for study before making any policies permanent.

- Read the full report [here](#)
- Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP) [video](#) and [slide deck](#) discusses the recent MedPAC recommendations for telehealth in the Medicare program. CCHP will review what MedPAC is suggesting and which changes they are recommending be kept once the public health emergency for COVID-19 is over.

Education & Training Resources from Great Lakes MHTTC



Great Lakes (HHS Region 5)

MHTTC

Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network

Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

CMHA's partnership with SAMHSA funded Great Lakes MHTTC

CMHA is the Michigan partner of the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC). Through this partnership, funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), MHTTC and CMHA provide Michiganders with access to a wide range of evidence-based and promising mental health practices. More information on the work of the Great Lakes MHTTC can be [found here](#).

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.

News from Our Preferred Corporate Partners

Abilita: You WILL Profit from a Technology Audit

There isn't any doubt that 2020 will be deemed "the year of the pandemic". It doesn't matter what line of business you are engaged in, or what your position in the organization is (was), your technology and telecom picture has changed. And, it may never be quite the same again.

Organizations' technology teams have been overwhelmed with the urgency of the crisis and have had to deploy new collaboration and connectivity solutions without a lot of thought for the long term. 2021 will be the year of preparing for the new reality in telecom and technology which may include:

- more Work From Home challenges
- more video, less telephony
- more flexibility in services and connectivity

Let's call 2021 the "Year of the Technology Audit". Look at where you were, where you are, and where and how to move ahead.

For some ideas on how to do this and what you might want to consider, [read this article titled "2021 - The Year of the Audit"](#). To get started now, contact us for a zero-risk review of your technology systems and services.

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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