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## CMH Association and Member Activities:

### **NEW! Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation**

CARF [formerly known as Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities] announced Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority has been accredited for a period of three years for 17 programs. This is the fifth three-year accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority. This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF.

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority, with offices in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties, has been providing mental health and intellectual/developmental services to adults with a serious and persistent mental illness, children with a serious emotional disturbance and individuals with an intellectual/developmental disability in the area for more than fifty years.

Nena Sork, Director stated the accrediting body was on site for several days and did a comprehensive review of our service programs, policies and procedures, board governance model and operations. The CARF reviewers conducted interviews with staff, board members, community partners and persons served by NeMCMHA. This accreditation is a confirmation of the Vision, Mission and Core Values that NeMCMHA strives to achieve.

### **Shiawassee County Suicide Prevention Coalition to Host Annual Suicide Prevention Walk**

The Shiawassee County Suicide Prevention Walk will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the JCPenney Owosso parking lot. The walk will take place on the Miner Riverwalk loop and return to the parking lot.

This is a free event with doughnuts, coffee and cider provided. Hot dogs, chips, cookie and pop will be available to purchase.

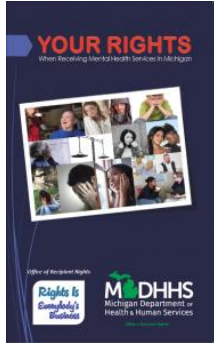
Suicide Prevention T-shirts will be for sale at the Downtown Owosso Farmers Market on August 10, 17 and September 7. T-shirts will also be for sale the day of the event.

Rain or shine, all are welcome to raise awareness, support survivors and remember individuals who have died by suicide.

Questions about this event? Please contact Penny at 989-723-0755.

## Recipient Rights Books and Nationally Recognized Channing Bete Books: Take Advantage of Discounted Rates Offered Through CMHA

### RECIPIENT RIGHTS BOOKLETS:



#### Recipient Rights Booklets

The Mental Health Code states that CMHSPs are required to distribute “Your Rights When Receiving Mental Health Services in Michigan” booklet to each recipient receiving services.

**Personalization will be available in late September.**

**Prices for Booklets:** Cost Per Booklet: **50¢ (Plus Flat Rate Shipping)**

**Payment & Shipping:** Payment is **required** prior to shipping. Shipments will take place within 30 days after payment has been received.

**Order Booklets:** To place your order, click here: [Order Your Rights Booklets Here!](#)

### CHANNING BETE BOOKLETS:



Special Member Ordering Opportunity of Channing Bete Company, Inc., Booklets

Up to a 51% discount off our published price list, increasing the “purchasing power” for the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan. There is complete flexibility concerning the timing of orders and booklet selection.

How the Program Works: All members of CMHA can purchase any Price List “A” & “K” items through this purchasing opportunity. Please refer to the chart on the attached order form for pricing.

Shipping costs are not included. They will be added to your final invoice from CMHA.

All orders must be faxed, mailed or emailed to the attention of:

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[Download the Channing Bete Order Form Here!](#)

## Job Bank CMHA Member Benefit Now Available!

CMHA Members may log on to [www.cmham.org](http://www.cmham.org) under Services to access the Job Bank and upload any Job Postings within their organization. Experience the ease and accessibility of being able to post what you want – when you want – and reach the maximum number of people in the State of Michigan!

If you would like to POST a job, please use the following link (REMEMBER... You must be a member in order to enjoy this benefit!): <https://cmham.org/services/job-bank/>

If you would like to VIEW current job postings, please use the following link (you do NOT have to be a member to view postings!): [https://cmham.org/job\\_postings/](https://cmham.org/job_postings/)

## CMHA Committee Schedules, Membership, Minutes, and Information

Visit our website at <https://www.cmham.org/committees>

## News from Our Preferred Corporate Partners:

### myStrength: Digital Solution for Behavioral Healthcare Staff Shortages and Rampant Consumer Demand

Across the U.S., a staggering 77% of counties have underserved behavioral healthcare needs. And within the next six years, providers will face an estimated shortage of more than 250,000 behavioral health professionals. Lack of access to care is culminating in a crisis for the U.S. healthcare system resulting in poor outcomes, over-dependence on emergency departments, lower quality of care, reduced consumer satisfaction, and increasing costs.

**Technology can help.** Staff are increasingly stressed due to heavy caseload burdens and administrative work demands. Digital solutions can ease these burdens by helping meet clinical patient needs, especially those with less acute issues. myStrength's scalable, HIPAA-compliant digital behavioral health platform offers evidence-based tools that extend reach and allow clinicians to work at the high-end of their licensure by focusing on the needs of the most needy and vulnerable patients. Offering bridge support between treatment sessions, myStrength's mobile and web self-care tools are proven to drive improved outcomes and cost savings

[Request a Demo](#)

## State and National Developments and Resources:

### MHEF Mental Health Access Study Reveals Gaps in Care

Below is a recent announcement of the behavioral healthcare access study carried out by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF). The CMH Association, a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Board for this effort, will be launching a media relations effort, around this study, in partnership with the MHEF.

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) partnered with Altarum to research access to behavioral healthcare in Michigan, and the resulting study reveals a pressing need for expansion of care. The CMH Association was a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Board for this effort.

38% of Michigan residents with a mental illness and 80% with a substance use disorder are not receiving treatment, accounting for hundreds of thousands of people. The final report, released today, describes various barriers to care, including cost, lack of transportation, and public awareness and perceptions about behavioral healthcare. It also makes various suggestions on what can be done to address those barriers.

The Health Fund commissioned and funded the study to better understand the state of access to behavioral healthcare amid rising rates of mental illness and substance use disorder in Michigan and across the country. We have various resources related to the study available on our website, including:

The full study

A blog post summarizing the data

A toolkit for sharing on social media

A landing page with links to briefs and one pagers

### **State Recommends 84-Bed Facility at Caro, Relocation of Beds to Other State Hospitals, Increasing Community-Based Resources**

Below is a press release describing the recent decisions, by MDHHS, regarding the replacement for the state psychiatric hospital/developmental disability center at Caro.

Following a review by an independent consulting firm, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is recommending an 84-bed facility in Caro; reopening units at existing state hospitals; and increasing resources into community-based programs to help serve individuals in need of mental health services.

The MDHHS recommendation would continue funding levels for the current 794 beds statewide. This would include realigning current funding through the following actions:

- Maintain an 84-bed facility at Caro, via either large-scale modernization or new construction. An 84-bed facility will be close to the current census and will reflect the state's approach to hospital unit design, utilization for patients and construction. Staff needed to support the facility, professional and nonprofessional, will remain at current levels.
- Shift the remaining 61 beds to other existing state hospitals closer to major population centers. Existing facilities have closed units that can be brought back into use at a limited cost.
- Pursue additional resources into community-based services sufficient to care for more than 55 additional high-acuity individuals.

"These recommendations will sustain and strengthen the Caro community's historic role in providing psychiatric care," said MDHHS director Robert Gordon. "They will also improve the quality of mental health services at state hospitals, while expanding community-based care. Finally, the recommendations will achieve their results at significantly lower cost than the legislature previously anticipated, allowing for additional investment in other urgent health priorities."

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Based on preliminary estimates, the capital costs associated with renovation or a new build at Caro is estimated at \$40-\$65 million and renovating other existing facilities at under \$20 million. No capital costs would be associated with the community-based investment. Based on these estimates, capital costs of these recommendations will be \$30-\$55 million less than the \$115 million authorized by the legislature.

In 2017, the state legislature authorized financing to construct a new hospital on the Caro site. The new Caro Psychiatric Hospital was scheduled to be completed in 2021 and serve 200 adults, an increase of 50 beds from the existing facility.

Concerns about staffing and accessibility to communities caused state officials to pause the Caro Center Reconstruction project in March 2019 to allow for an outside consultant to review the project and recommend next steps to best meet the needs of Michigan's citizens. Myers & Stauffer was tasked with analyzing the process which led to plans for a new Caro hospital, to engage in fact finding and to support further decision-making. A copy of Myers & Stauffer's final report is available online.

### Michigan Center for Rural Health Snapshot

Community Stars is an electronic publication released on National Rural Health Day, which falls on the third Thursday of November each year. The stories featured in the collection represent shining examples of generosity, service, and dedication to the health and wellbeing of those who call rural America home.



Community Star nominations are opened and will remain open until August 9, 2019.

There are no limitations to how many individuals, organizations or consortiums can be nominated. Eligible nominees must be located, working or volunteering in a designated rural area, and they must demonstrate how they have benefitted from the resources provided to them through their State Office of Rural Health.

The 2019 Community Star Selection Committee will review and evaluate nominations, making recommendations for which stories to include in this year's eBook and other NRHD activities based on the following merits. The nominee:

- Cultivates a vital, innovative rural health landscape and infrastructure
- Develops leadership capacity to grow rural population health and health equity
- Builds capacity for rural data-driven program planning and decision making
- Contributes to rural health innovation, education, collaboration and communication

If you know of an organization or individual that meets one or more of the following criteria, please take a few moments to complete the secure online nomination form and submit them as a 2019 Community Star!

## National Quality Forum Accepting Public Comment on Behavioral Health Quality Measures



The National Quality Forum (NQF) has posted draft reports from the Spring 2019 cycle for public commenting in each of the following topic areas: Renal, Behavioral Health and Substance Use, Neurology, and Patient Safety. The draft reports are posted on each topic area's project page. They contain the measure summaries and the Standing Committee's recommendations for endorsement. NQF members and the public may submit comments on each report as a whole, on individual recommended measures, and on measures not recommended for endorsement. In addition, NQF members may express their support for measures under review during the commenting period. Comments on the Renal project can be submitted through August 23 at 6:00pm ET. Comments on the Behavioral Health, Neurology, and Patient Safety projects can be submitted through August 26 at 6:00pm ET.

### Behavioral Health and Substance Use

The [draft report](#) (PDF) can be views and readers can [submit comments](#) on the project page. You will need to log in to the NQF website to submit comments. Please contact the [Behavioral Health and Substance Use team](#) with questions

## CMS Advances MyHealthEData with New Pilot to Support Clinicians

Below is a recent press release on a CMS initiative designed to improve the access, by clinicians, to Medicare claims data, with the hope of improving the coordination of care.

Pilot program gives clinicians direct access to claims data, putting patients over paperwork and at the center of their care

Recently, at the White House Blue Button Developers Conference (BBDC), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced changes that further protect and strengthen Medicare by unleashing the power of data and placing it firmly where it belongs, in the hands of patients and the clinicians who treat them.

This week, as the agency celebrates the anniversary of Medicare, CMS is accelerating the transformation of the nation's healthcare system to one that is based on value by increasing patient and provider access to the data needed through a new pilot program for clinicians called "Data at the Point of Care" (DPC). DPC is based on an industry-standard application programming interface (API), and is part of the MyHealthEData Administration-wide initiative led by the White House Office of American Innovation. MyHealthEData is designed to empower patients around a common aim - giving every American access to their medical information so they can make better medical decisions.

The DPC pilot program will transform healthcare delivery by leveraging Medicare's Blue Button data to provide clinicians with access to claims data. The claims data will fill in information gaps for clinicians, giving them a more structured and complete patient history with information like previous diagnoses, past procedures, and medication lists. Blue Button 2.0 has provided better access to this data for patients but now CMS is going a step further and helping to connect clinicians to their patients' information. Clinicians will be able to access the DPC pilot data directly within their



workflow, without needing to log into another application. This in turn will reduce burden in the exam room and give clinicians more time to deliver high quality care for their patients.

“This pilot program is another example of how the Trump Administration is doing everything possible to bring our healthcare system into the 21st century,” said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. “Technology, coupled with open data sharing, is how we will improve value, control costs and keep patients healthy while ensuring a solvent Medicare program for generations to come.”

Currently, patient information often becomes trapped within health system siloes, preventing patients from accessing their complete health information aggregated into one usable health record. This creates a problem for patients during visits with providers who are looking to obtain the most complete medical history possible for the person they are treating. Doctors are left offering treatment solutions with incomplete patient histories, putting patients at risk and potentially duplicating tests and treatments that can be costly or unnecessary.

Clinicians participating in the DPC pilot program will be allowed to request a Medicare beneficiary's claims data from CMS to get a full snapshot of their care including from other healthcare providers the beneficiary has seen for care. This will be done through a developer-friendly, industry-standard API using Health Level 7's Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resource (FHIR®) standard, one of the most popular protocols for joining disparate systems together to promote interoperability and seamlessly share health information.

DPC is one of many critical steps CMS is taking to build on our actions to make a truly interoperable healthcare system. For example, CMS launched Blue Button 2.0, the first-ever FHIR-based claims API for Medicare beneficiaries, last year. Blue Button 2.0 gives beneficiaries the ability to securely connect their data to apps and other tools developed by innovators. Engagement and partnership with the technology community has involved more than 2,000 developers from over 1,100 organizations that are using synthetic data in the Blue Button 2.0 sandbox. Currently, 28 organizations have applications in production.

Most recently, CMS issued the Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule. This proposed rule would require all health plans regulated by the rule to follow CMS's lead with Blue Button 2.0 by making patient data available through an API. This will make it easier to access, use, and share claims data for 85 million patients including those covered by Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, CHIP and health plans sold on the Federal exchanges.

BBDC brings developers together to network, learn, build software, and share insights on how Medicare claims data can be leveraged to improve health outcomes for patients.

Clinicians who are interested in participating in the DPC pilot program can sign up by visiting: <https://dpc.cms.gov>. Beneficiaries who wish to opt out of data sharing can do so by calling 1-800-Medicare.

For more information on Blue Button, please visit: <https://bluebutton.cms.gov>.

### **Nominations Open for Recipient Rights Directors Award and Cooke Gant Spirit Award**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Recipient Rights is accepting nominations for its annual Directors' Awards and Cookie Gant Spirit Award. Office of Recipient Rights is pleased to announce its call for nominations recognizing excellence in Recipient Rights Community by honoring individuals that deserve recognition in the areas of innovation, advocacy and empowerment. There are four awards presented each year at the Recipient Rights Conference. Each award has its own criteria and is summarized below:



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Director's Award for Innovation and Rights Protection: Nominees will have created a new or different way of enabling the vision of recipient rights or of a rights office. This may include creating a valuable new process or product, constructing a difference way of approaching old problems, creating a new solution for a systemic problem.

Director's Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Mental Health Recipients: Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution toward, or have gone to extraordinary means, to advocate on behalf of people receiving mental health services.

Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment: Nominees will have made a profound or uniquely positive difference in the lives of consumers, so that consumers are empowered to transcend the "world of disability" and live a life of self-advocacy.

Cookie Gant Spirit Award: This award is issued by the State Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and is presented to an individual who exhibits the dedication, demonstrates tenacity, and advocates diligently for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Please take the time to nominate an individual within the rights system, a colleague, an organization, who deserves to be celebrated—consider nominating individuals or organizations whose accomplishment has yet to be publicly acknowledged. A nomination form to submit your referral for Directors' Awards and the Cookie Gant Spirit Award can be obtained by emailing Veronica Ryan at [RyanV1@michigan.gov](mailto:RyanV1@michigan.gov)

All nominations are due August 15, 2019.

## **State Legislative Update:**

### **Still No Movement on FY20 Budget**

Still no progress on the FY20 budget and legislators are not expected to resume voting until later this month a September budget deal seems highly likely. All budget decisions will remain on hold until the legislature and Governor can agree on a road funding deal. The state's new fiscal year begin 10/1/19.

On July 18, 2019 the State Budget Office did submit Supplemental Request 2019-5 to the Legislature. Included in that request was \$49.8 million FY19 increase for PIHPs (\$38 federal / \$11 GF).

- \* \$4.4 million Autism Services
- \* \$22.4 million HMP
- \* \$16.1 million Medicaid Mental Health
- \* \$6.9 million Medicaid SUD

However, the legislature is not required to act on this request and if they do it will likely be part of an overall budget deal, which would not happen until September.

## **Federal Update:**

### **New Bill Expands Access to Telehealth for Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder**

New legislation introduced in Congress this week would expand access to telemedicine for mental health and substance use disorder treatment. The Improving Access to Remote Behavioral Health Treatment Act of 2019 (S. 2244/H.R. 4131) would amend regulations for the Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act of 2008 and specifically name community mental health centers and addiction treatment centers as eligible sites to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine.

The Ryan Haight Act created regulatory guardrails for safe online pharmacy practices. In the implementation of the law, the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) definition of eligible "hospital or clinic" requires that entities be "licensed by the state." This definition excludes legitimate treatment providers that are otherwise recognized by county or state governments to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine. While this issue only applies in a few select states, the law currently limits patient access to controlled substance via telemedicine, including access to medications for ADHD and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder.

In March, 2018, National Council member Richard Nance of the Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee about the impact the current regulations have on rural providers who are unable to offer MAT via telemedicine. Nance shared that in the frontier areas of Utah, such as the town of Bluff, "it can take up to ten hours round-trip including an overnight stay," for an addiction provider to travel to see a patient in need of MAT.

The Improving Access to Remote Behavioral Health Treatment Act is a longstanding priority for the National Council and one we are excited to see reintroduced in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. The bill sponsors include: Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Representatives Doris Matsui (D-CA), Susan Brooks (R-IN), Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ), Ann Kuster (D-NH) and Rob Wittman (R-VA). The National Council thanks these legislators for their leadership on this important issue and looks forward to working with them to see this bill through to passage.

### **Registration is Now Open for Hill Day 2019 – Behavioral Health's Largest Advocacy Event of the Year.**

Held in partnership with national mental health and addictions organizations, Hill Day gathers hundreds of behavioral health providers, C-suite level executives, board members, consumers and community stakeholders in Washington, D.C. (September 17-18).

Hill Day begins with sessions and workshops on federal behavioral health policy. The following day, attendees take their message to Capitol Hill to advocate for better resources for mental health and addictions treatment in their communities.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C., this September. [Register today!](#)

National Council Hill Day registration is free and open to all interested advocates. Attendees are responsible for booking and funding their own transportation and hotel accommodations. [Book your room](#) at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill at a special discounted rate.

The schedule will be updated as Hill Day nears so stay tuned!

Tuesday, September 17, 2019: Public Policy Institute

- National Council will provide the latest news about federal behavioral health policy, host advocacy trainings and discuss the policy asks for Hill Day 2019.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019: Capitol Hill Visits

- Congressional visits will be made in coordination with your state's State Captain. CMHA staff make appointments and coordinate meetings with federal legislators.

## Education Opportunities:

### **10 Spots Left! Required for Licensure Renewal: Ethics for Social Work & Substance Use Disorder Professionals & Psychologists Trainings**

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan is pleased to offer 6 Ethics for Social Work & Substance Use Disorder Professionals & Psychologists Trainings presented by Tom Moore, LMSW, LLP, CCS, Owner and Principal, Two Moons, LLC.

***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.***

Trainings offered on the following date.

**August 21, 2019 – Lansing [Click Here to Register!](#)**

Training Fees: (fee includes training material, coffee, lunch and refreshments.)

\$115 CMHA Members

\$138 Non-Members

### **NEW! CMHA Fall Conference Call for Presentations - Deadline August 19, 2019**

Share your expertise, research or showcase a successful program with over 800 attendees during our Annual Fall Conference!

The CMHAM Annual Fall Conference will be held on:

October 21 & 22, 2019

Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, Michigan

Presentation Submission Form is attached or [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD WORKSHOP FORM!](#)

Submit your workshop proposals by Monday, August 19, 2019.

Note: Hotel reservation and Conference registration are not available at this time.

### **Annual Recipient Rights Conference**

Join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Recipient Rights Conference which will be held on September 24-27, 2019 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Pre-Conference on September 24, 2019 from 9am-4pm: Scientific Content Analysis featuring Avinoam Sapir  
Full Conference from September 25-27, 2019 will feature General Sessions on Human Trafficking and How Policy Makers Work and How Advocates can Influence change with Senator Rebekah Warren as well as 24 workshops.

Registration information: [Click here to register!](#)

### **Individualized Service Plans Using the ASAM Criteria and Motivational Interviewing Trainings**

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- August 13-14, 2019 – Hilton Garden Inn, Detroit
- August 27-28, 2019 – Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo
- September 24-25, 2019 – Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

Visit [www.cmham.org](http://www.cmham.org) for more information.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Conference

“Innovative Strategies for Today’s Challenges”

**Pre-Conference Workshops: September 15, 2019** (*registration coming soon*)

**Full Conference: September 16-17, 2019** (*registration now open!*)

Cobo Center, Detroit, MI

[Click here for more information about attending or exhibiting at the conference.](#)

**Who Should Attend:** This conference attracts more than 1,200 attendees including board members, oversight policy board members, administrators, financial directors, medical directors, clinical directors, prevention, treatment and recovery professionals, case managers, recovery coaches and those with lived experience. This educational opportunity is intended for providers in the substance use and co-occurring disorders field at all levels of practice (beginning, intermediate and/or advanced).

## **NEW!** Save the Date for the 2019 Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference

The Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference will be held November 19 & 20, 2019.

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center  
55 South Harrison Road  
East Lansing 48823

**Conference Objective:** This conference will provide technical assistance and training on the implementation and maintenance of the Children’s Waiver Program (CWP) and the Habilitation Supports Waiver (HSW), clinical issues, and administrative functions relevant to these waivers. Additionally, this conference will provide training in ASD, evidence-based services, highlight programs across the state, and provide technical assistance on implementation of the Medicaid/MiChild Autism Benefit.



**Who Should Attend:** This conference contains content appropriate for case managers, supports coordinators, clinicians, behavior analysts, CMH administrative or clinical staff, providers, HCBS or waiver coordinators, individuals receiving services and family members and social workers at all levels of practice (beginning, intermediate and/or advanced).

**Overnight Accommodations:** The Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center is located in East Lansing adjacent to Michigan State University.

- Room Rate: \$85 per night plus tax.
- For Room Reservations: Call 517-432-4000 and provide the discount code of 1911DCH&MA.
- The deadline for room discounts is October 10, 2019.

**Special Rate:** A special \$20 conference rate will be offered for people receiving waiver services and their family members. A limited number of scholarships are available to people who receive services and their families. Scholarships may cover registration fees, overnight rooms, travel expenses, meals and childcare.

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Deadline to request scholarship: October 1, 2019. To request a scholarship form, contact Anne Wilson at [awilson@cmham.org](mailto:awilson@cmham.org) or 517-374-6848.

Questions? Call 517-374-6848 OR email [cward@cmham.org](mailto:cward@cmham.org) OR [awilson@cmham.org](mailto:awilson@cmham.org)

### **45th Annual National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference**

The 45th Annual National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference will be held August 26-29, 2019 at the La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Register online at [www.narmh.org](http://www.narmh.org), or for additional information contact Brenton Rice at [brenton@togevents.com](mailto:brenton@togevents.com) or by phone at 651.242.6589.

## **Miscellaneous News and Information:**

### **CMH Association's Officers and Staff Contact Information:**

#### **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 Executive Board, 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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