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CMH Association and Member Activities:

New! Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Receives 3-Year CARF Re-Accreditation

Below is a recent announcement, from Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network, of its recent receipt of full accreditation by CARF. Congratulations to Woodlands.

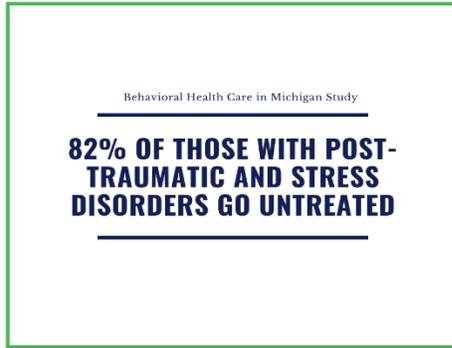
Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network is pleased to inform the public that ten (10) of our core programs have been re-issued CARF accreditation based on a recent survey completed June 12-14, 2019 and official letter received July 22, 2019. This accreditation will extend through June 30, 2022 and applies to the following programs/services:

- Assessment and Referral: Integrated: AOD/MH (Adults)
- Assessment and Referral: Integrated: AOD/MH (Children and Adolescents)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Adults)
- Case Management/Services Coordination: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults)
- Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents) Outpatient
- Treatment: Alcohol and Other Drugs/Addictions (Adults)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Children and Adolescents)
- Prevention: Alcohol and other Drugs/Addictions (Children and Adolescents)

CARF surveyors indicated that "Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of conformance to standards." This achievement is an indication of Woodlands' dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of both children/families and adults served. The organization and staff take great pride in having achieved this high level of accreditation.

New! CMHA Posts Social Media Highlights of Recent MHEF/Altarum Behavioral Health Access Study

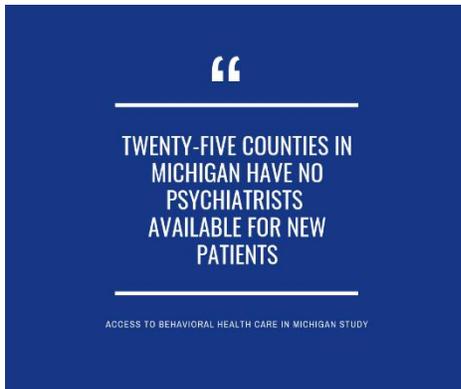
As discussed in a recent edition of the CMHA Weekly Update, CMHA has been carrying out, jointly with Lambert (the public relations partner of CMHA) a multi-faceted community and public relations effort around the recently released behavioral health access study, conducted by Altarum with the financial support of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF). Below are excerpts from recent social media posts, developed and distributed as part of that campaign.



Post: Michigan Medicaid enrollees need mental health support, but they often don't have access to the care they need. 82% of those with post-traumatic and stress disorders don't receive treatment, while more than 60% of enrollees with depression, anxiety disorders or other mood disorders go untreated. We need to address affordability and increase the public's willingness to receive treatment.



Post: Substance use disorder affects all communities. Michiganders need care across our state, but there are 16 counties in Michigan with no SUD treatment facility and an additional 11 counties with high person-to-facility ratios. It's time to expand care and remove barriers to access.



Post: Twenty-five counties in Michigan have no psychiatrists, of which 10 have neither a psychiatrist nor a psychologist. Further, Michigan severely lacks child and adolescent psychiatrists, with none in the Upper Peninsula and areas of the northern half of the Lower Peninsula. Where you live should not determine your access to care. It's time to change.

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](#)

New! Relias Announces Webinar on Staff Retention: Keep Your Staff by Giving Them What They Need

When your staff feels supported and prepared, they are more likely to stay in their roles than leave for another position, whether at a different organization or in a different field altogether.

Last week, two of our product managers, Melissa Lewis-Stoner and Justin Hess, hosted a fantastic webinar to demonstrate how using assessments and learning in combination can help your employees feel more competent and effective in their jobs.

While the live webinar has come and gone, you can still watch it on demand and read the full Q&A that followed.

Enjoy!

[Watch the Webinar](#)

[Read the Q&A](#)

State and National Developments and Resources:

New! MCRH Awarded \$1 Million HRSA Grant to Combat Opioid Epidemic

The Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) was recently awarded a \$1,000,000 competitive grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) to combat the opioid epidemic in 16 Northern Lower MI counties. These funds will strengthen rural communities' capacity to provide needed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services and build the evidence base for interventions that are effective in rural settings.

HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy awarded more than \$111 million to 96 rural organizations across 37 states as part of its [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\)](#). This included: 80 rural consortia received RCORP-Implementation awards of \$1 million each to implement a set of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities.

12 recipients received RCORP-Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion awards of up to \$725,000 each to establish and/or expand MAT in rural health clinic, hospital, Health Center Look-Alike, and tribal settings.

Three recipients received \$6.6 million each to establish Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders (CoEs) that will identify, translate, disseminate, and implement evidence-based and promising practices related to the treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder (SUD).

The funding will support the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC). This 32-member consortium, established in September 2019 under the [RCORP-Planning funding](#), works across 16 Northern MI counties to identify barriers in OUD prevention, treatment, recovery and workforce. Partners of the NMORC include health systems/hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Community Mental Health agencies, Local Public Health departments, Recovery Networks, Opiate-Treatment Providers, and academic institutions. Under the RCORP-Planning funding, the NMORC has:

New! MDHHS Awarded \$1.66 Million Grant to Transform Health Care for Michigan Children with Epilepsy

Below is a recent news release from MDHHS on its receipt of federal funding to support its work to serve children with epilepsy.

Michigan children with epilepsy will see improved outcomes through expanded services funded by a \$1.66 million grant that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has received.

The 4-year-grant for \$416,000 annually from the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal Child and Health Systems Branch will fund the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project.

The focus of the grant is to improve health outcomes for children and youth with epilepsy, especially those in Michigan's rural and medically underserved areas. This grant enables the Michigan Children's Special Health Care Services Division to expand upon current efforts to improve access to specialized pediatric epilepsy services.

"This new funding opportunity provides greater access to comprehensive services for children, youth and their families living with epilepsy," said MDHHS Director Robert Gordon. "By partnering with four of the major epilepsy centers in Michigan – Beaumont Children's hospital, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, and Mercy Health Hauenstein Neurosciences – epilepsy patients and their families will have better access to specialty care and more successful transitions to adult specialists to effectively manage their epilepsy."

More than 13,000 Michigan children up to 17 years old have active epilepsy, and approximately 25 percent of Michigan's youth population resides in rural areas. Children in rural and underserved areas often have less access to pediatricians, pediatric sub-specialists and coordinated care. By increasing access to care, this funding will help positively impact the overall health and well-being of children with epilepsy.

During the next 4 years, strategies to improve health outcomes among Michigan's children and youth with epilepsy will include widespread implementation of health care transition practices (transitioning from a pediatric to adult provider), adoption of practices to improve collaboration and communication between primary and specialty care providers, expansion of telemedicine, and integration of shared decision-making practices between patients and providers.

In addition to the epilepsy centers, other key partners in the project include the Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs; Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan; the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Michigan Primary Care Association; Michigan Public Health Institute; Alcona Health Center; Michigan State University's Child Health Care Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, and Neurology Clinic; Northpointe Pediatrics; the University of Michigan Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit; and the Upper Peninsula Health System Marquette Hospital Neurology Clinic.

For more information about the Michigan Pediatric Epilepsy Project, visit www.michigan.gov/pediatricpilepsy.

Note: This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under grant number H98MC26257, Awareness and Access to Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy, in the amount of \$416,000. The contents are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by HRSA, HHS or the U.S. Government.

New! New York Submits Federal Medicaid Waiver to Allow Medicaid to Fund Services to Prisoners

Below are excerpts from a recent press release describing the waiver that New York State has submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow the use of Medicaid to pay for healthcare services to prisoners as they approach their release date. This waiver describes the policy direction that this Association and many of its allies have promoted for the past several years.

Governor Cuomo Directs Department of Health to Apply for Federal Waiver to Provide Medicaid Services to Incarcerated Individuals Leaving Prisons and Jails

Initiative Will Reduce Recidivism and Improve Public Health, without Increasing Healthcare Costs
Federal Approval Required

(August 14, 2019) - The New York State Department of Health today announced that at Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's direction, it is submitting for public comment an application to the US Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, to provide Medicaid services to certain incarcerated individuals about to be released from county jails and New York State prisons. The services will be provided beginning 30 days prior to the release date for people enrolled in Medicaid with certain serious health conditions.

The Waiver Amendment will be posted online for public comment for 30 days beginning today. The comment period is the final requirement before the state can submit the application to amend its Medicaid Redesign program.

"For incarcerated individuals leaving prisons and jails, it is critical that they receive the healthcare services they need for a seamless transition to life outside the correctional facility," said New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "Ensuring continuous healthcare coverage for criminal justice involved populations with serious health conditions will make our communities both healthier and safer."

The waiver application was highlighted in the 2019 State of the State Justice Agenda. The initiative will apply to incarcerated individuals who have two or more chronic physical/behavioral health

conditions, a serious mental illness, HIV/AIDS, or opioid use disorder, and enable them to connect to community-based care prior to release from incarceration. Because criminal justice involved populations have higher rates of emergency department visits and hospitalizations, any increase in Medicaid spending is expected to be offset by reductions in the use of these services.

If the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) grants New York State's waiver request, Medicaid-covered services will include care management, such as "in-reach," a care needs assessment, development of a discharge care plan, making referrals and appointments with physical and behavioral health providers, and linkages to other critical social services and peer supports. Through the initiative, incarcerated individuals will also receive clinical consultation services provided by community-based medical and behavioral health practitioners, to facilitate continuity of care post release. They will also receive a medication management plan and certain higher priority medications for chronic conditions, to support longer-term clinical stability post release.

These services will provide key "bridging care" for the Medicaid members prior to transition to the community and will allow continuous care management through Medicaid Health Homes, a group of health care and service providers working together to make sure Medicaid members get the care and services they need. This effort would further foundational work done by state-funded pilots to link Health Home care management to services for high-risk incarcerated individuals before and after release, in an effort to better coordinate care to avoid hospitalization, reincarceration and other negative outcomes.

Incarcerated individuals with serious health and behavioral conditions use costly Medicaid services such as inpatient hospital stays, psychiatric admissions, and emergency department visits for drug overdoses at a high rate in the weeks and months immediately after release. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), one in 70 people are hospitalized within a week of release from prison or jail (2.5 times higher than people who were never incarcerated) and one in 12 is hospitalized within 90 days (nearly twice as high as people never incarcerated), rates which are likely higher for high-cost, high-need inmates targeted by the demonstration waiver. Nationally, nearly a quarter of criminal justice involved populations have a first emergency department visit within one month of release and are more likely than the general population to visit the emergency department due to a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or ambulatory sensitive condition.

Beginning August 14th, the application can be [viewed here](#).

Comments may be submitted by emailing 1115waivers@health.ny.gov.

The full press release can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/press/releases/2019/2019-08-14_federal_waiver.htm

New! 1115 Waiver Demonstration - Utah Per Capita Cap 1115 Demonstration

On August 1, 2019, the State of Utah submitted a new 1115 demonstration, "Per Capita Cap." This new demonstration requests authority to receive enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the adult expansion population, operate a per capita cap funding mechanism, lock out individuals from the Adult Expansion Population for committing an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), receive federal authority to provide housing related services and supports, provide 12 months continuous Medicaid eligibility to the Adult Expansion population, waive hospital presumptive eligibility for the Adult Expansion Population, receive additional flexibility for providing managed care, and move components including Adult Expansion Population, Targeted Adult Medicaid population, Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Pilot, and the

Substance Use Demonstration from the PCN demonstration to this new demonstration. The federal comment period will be open from August 16, 2019 through September 15, 2019.

The waiver application can be found here: [Pending Application](#)

Public comments can be submitted and viewed here: [View/Submit Public Comments](#)

New! Study on Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Issued

McKinsey and Company, one of the nation's leading social, government, and business consulting groups, recently issued a ground-breaking study on the economic benefits of closing the racial wealth gap that exists in this country. This issue is of interest to CMHA, its members, and allies given the wealth gap that exists for persons with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual/developmental disabilities, many of whom are persons of color. The announcement of this study is provided below.

The economic impact of closing the racial wealth gap

The persistent racial wealth gap in the United States is a burden on black Americans as well as the overall economy. New research quantifies the impact of closing the gap and identifies key sources of this socioeconomic inequity.

The United States has spent the past century expanding its economic power, and it shows in American families' wealth. Despite income stagnation outside the circle of high earners, median family wealth grew from \$83,000 in 1992 to \$97,000 in 2016 (in 2016 dollars).¹ "2016 survey of consumer finances," Federal Reserve Board, September 2017, federalreserve.gov.

Beyond the overall growth in top-line numbers, however, the growth in household wealth (defined as net worth—the net value of each family's liquid and illiquid assets and debts) has not been inclusive. In wealth, black individuals, families, and communities tend to lag behind their white counterparts. Indeed, the median white family had more than ten times the wealth of the median black family in 2016 (Exhibit 1). In fact, the racial wealth gap between black and white families grew from about \$100,000 in 1992 to \$154,000 in 2016, in part because white families gained significantly more wealth (with the median increasing by \$54,000), while median wealth for black families did not grow at all in real terms over that period.

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

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:

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.

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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

All nominations are due August 15, 2019.

State Legislative Update:

New! Governor Whitmer Signs Executive Order Creating the Michigan Opioids Task Force

This week Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed executive order 2019-18 creating the Michigan Opioids Task Force, which will bring together leaders from across state government to tackle the opioid epidemic. Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, chief medical executive for the State of Michigan and chief deputy director for health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, will serve as chair of the task force.

The task force will be charged with identifying the root causes of the opioid epidemic and implementing response actions to help Michiganders struggling with opioid addiction access the recovery services they need. The task force will also work to raise public awareness about the opioid epidemic and the resources available to those impacted by it.

"As governor, my number one priority is protecting our families and our overall public health," said Governor Whitmer. "Right now, Michigan is among the states with the highest levels of opioid prescriptions and overdose deaths, with 2,053 overdoses in 2017 alone. This task force will bring us one step closer to finally ending the opioid epidemic in Michigan and keeping families safe."

By convening the expertise of numerous state departments, the task force will bring all possible tools to bear and work across systems to meet individuals struggling with addiction where they are. Focuses include increasing access to medication assisted treatment, harm reduction, and specialized populations like pregnant women and returning citizens.

In particular, helping Michigan's returning citizens access the treatment they need will be a key priority for the task force. Individuals exiting emergency rooms after an overdose and jails after an arrest are at extremely high risk when they are released. The task force will work to build coordinated care between substance use disorder treatment provided across the system and warm handoffs to community-based services.

"Too many families have been devastated by the opioid epidemic in Michigan," said Dr. Khaldun. "If we're going to keep Michiganders safe and healthy, we must get to work addressing this crisis. The team at

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MDHHS is ready to work with all of our partners in state government to help Michiganders get on the road to recovery and prevent opioid addiction in the first place.”

The Michigan Opioids Task Force will consist of Dr. Khalidun, Chief Justice Bridget McCormack or the chief justice’s designee, and the directors or the directors’ designees from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Attorney General; Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; Michigan State Police; Corrections; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Insurance and Financial Services; Military and Veterans Affairs; Labor and Economic Opportunity; and Education.

Earlier this year, Governor Whitmer announced a \$10 million partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies to help address the state’s rising opioid overdose death rate. Additionally, in June, Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Opioid Partnership announced \$5 million in grants to Beaumont Hospital in Southeast Michigan, Munson Medical Center in Northern Lower Michigan, and Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice to help people who need treatment for opioid addiction get on a path to successful recovery.

To view the full executive order, click the link below:

[EO 2019-18 Opioids Task Force.pdf](#)

Federal Update:

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:

Save the Date for the 2019 CMHA Fall Conference

The CMHAM Annual Fall Conference will be held on:

October 21 & 22, 2019

Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City, Michigan

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

The Addiction-Trauma Connection: Spirals of Recovery and Healing Conference

Featuring: Stephanie S. Covington, PhD, Institute for Relational Development/Center for Gender and Justice

About the Conference: With the increased awareness of the impact of trauma on women's lives, social service providers are beginning to consider what this means in their specific settings. There is a growing evidence-base documenting the impact of child neglect and abuse (as well as other forms of trauma) on health, mental health and behavior. While research and clinical experience indicate a high incidence of trauma and co-occurring disorders in women's lives, community professionals often struggle with the realities of providing effective, integrated, and trauma-based services. This two-day training provides the definitions of trauma informed, trauma responsive, and trauma specific: the three levels of response needed for comprehensive addiction treatment services. It also discusses the specifics of becoming gender-responsive and trauma-sensitive, as well as offers recommendations for interventions for women. It focuses on the three core elements that both staff and clients need: an understanding of what trauma is, its process, and its impact on both the inner self (thoughts, feelings, beliefs, values) and the outer self (behavior and relationships). In addition, it provides a discussion and demonstration of interventions based on several gender-specific curricula (including Helping Women Recover, Beyond Trauma, Beyond Anger and Violence, and Voices). Examples of coping skills, grounding exercises, and interactive exercises are provided that can be incorporated into work with women in a variety of settings.

September 24 & 25, 2019

8:30am: Registration

9:00am – 4:30pm: Training

Lansing Center

333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

Fee: \$100/person includes 2 breakfasts, 2 luncheons and training material.

Registration Closes Friday, 8/30/19!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS CONFERENCE!](#)

Annual Recipient Rights Conference

Join us for the 26th 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

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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.

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

Overnight Accommodations:

The McCamly Hotel is **currently sold out**. You may request to be put on a waiting list.

Standard Rooms \$119.00 + 11% sales and accommodation tax

Reservations: 269-963-7050 or 888-622-2659

The McCamly Hotel's phone system is currently down. Please contact them at: e-mail

mccamlyreservations@trustrhospitality.com or their temporary phone number: 269-268-5021.

Room block name: 2019 Recipient Rights Conference

Cutoff date to secure hotel accommodations is August 23, 2019

Overflow Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn at 12812 Harper Village Drive, Battle Creek

For Reservations, call: 269-979-0500 refer to Block Code RRC

\$119 single/double plus taxes

Cutoff date to secure hotel accommodations is **September 6, 2019**

Individualized Service Plans Using the ASAM Criteria and Motivational Interviewing Trainings



- August 27-28, 2019 – Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo
- September 24-25, 2019 – Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

Visit www.cmham.org for more information.

20th Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Conference

“Innovative Strategies for Today’s Challenges”

Pre-Conference Workshops: September 15, 2019

Full Conference: September 16-17, 2019

Cobo Center, Detroit, MI

Full Conference - [Click Here to Register!](#)

Pre-Conference Workshop: Prevention - [Click Here to Register!](#)

Pre-Conference Workshop: Treatment - [Click Here to Register!](#)

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).

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

Questions? Call 517-374-6848 OR email cward@cmham.org OR awilson@cmham.org

Behavioral Healthcare: Approaches to Increase Value for the Organization and Meet Community Needs

Education and Networking Event Friday October 18th, 2019
Western Michigan University Fetzer Center
2251 Business Ct, Kalamazoo, MI

9:00 AM Registration and networking
10:00 AM Education Session Panel Discussion:

Moderator: Bradley Casemore, CEO, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health

Panelists: Robert Lyerla, Ph.D., MGIS, former Federal Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Executive; Lia Gaggino, M.D., Senior Medical Executive, Bronson Health Systems, Kalamazoo, MI; Robert Hill, M.D., Senior Medical Executive, State of Michigan, Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital, Internist, former Hospital Executive; Jeff Patton, CEO, Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

11:30 AM Networking Break and transition into Lunch
12:00 PM Lunch and Keynote Address

Speaker: TBD
1:30 PM Adjourn

Price:

\$125 GLACHE Member (includes education sessions and lunch)

\$155 Non-GLACHE Member (includes education session and lunch)

\$ 30 Student (includes education session and lunch)

More information and online registration: Behavioral Healthcare: Approaches to Increase Value for the Organization and Meet Community Needs

New! MDHHS Offers Webinar for Medicaid Prescribers

Below is a recent announcement, from MDHHS, on a webinar designed to provide Medicaid prescribers with information on the recent and upcoming changes to the Michigan Medicaid requirements around prescribing practices and requirements.

All Providers,

You are invited to join the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) webinar Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM EST. This webinar will discuss enrollment requirements that will apply to providers who prescribe drugs to Medicaid beneficiaries as outlined in MSA policy bulletin 19-20.

To register for the webinar please visit: www.Michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders, click on training, click Medicaid Training Dates, under Webinar Training Dates and Times locate, "Click here to Register".

**Please note audio for this webinar will be available through your computer speakers

New! AMHS Issues "Save The Date" for Its Fall Conference

The Association for Children's Mental Health recently announced the date for its fall conference. That announcement is provided below.

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, September 30th

2019 ACMH Conference

What is your superpower? Is it your quick wit or brilliant mind? Your drive to keep going and looking for better solutions? Or your ability to listen and support others in a non-judgmental way? Is it the wisdom you have learned along your journey? Your skill for thinking outside the box and finding supports that people actually need or want? Or a toolbox of tricks you have learned navigating a winding and sometimes challenging mental health service system? Do you have a special technique that can help others move toward their goals in life? Or a knack for using your experience to help others feel heard, understood or confident in their abilities to navigate their journey?

If you have these traits or others.. Please join ACMH, youth, families and community partners from across Michigan as we spend the day discovering our individual and collective 'Super Powers' and plan how we can collaborate together to use our powers for good!

This year's conference is once again a bargain! Registration is only \$40.00 and covers conference registration, materials and lunch. A limited number of family scholarships will also be available.

Further details about the agenda, program and presenters will be coming soon but mark your calendars today! Learn more or reserve your spot today on the ACMH website at: www.acmh-mi.org or registration link: <http://www.acmh-mi.org/events/acmh-2019-annual-conference/>

Questions? Contact Terri Henzri at: acmhterri@sbcglobal.net or call the ACMH State Office at 517-372-4016.

Family Engagement Workshops Offered by MDDC and MARO



Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council



The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC) and MARO have announced a workshop designed for professionals and families related to employment, independent living and related topics. The details of these workshops are outlined below.

Lighting the Way: Helping Families See Possibilities in Competitive Employment. A workshop for professionals. Provider Sessions will be from 1-4 pm

Families play a crucial role in the lives of youth and individuals with significant disabilities. They are often the first and most consistent influence a person with a disability will have. Families are responsible for making many decisions and coordinating services and support, all while trying to cultivate and honor what youth want for themselves.

For many families, their youth's transition to adulthood is an uncertain time. Where will they work? Where will they live? Will they have friends and be able to do things they enjoy? Families of youth with significant barriers to employment may not be able to envision employment in the community for their sons and daughters. This session is intended to serve as an introduction to the topic of building partnerships with families and the following topics:

Improve partnerships between employment professionals and families of youth and individuals with disabilities in Michigan

Provide regional teams of professionals/parents with a presentation to train professionals on engaging families

Expand capacity within Michigan's employment and provider community to partner with families

Improve the ability of families in Michigan to understand the value of competitive employment and their role as partners in the employment process

A Future that Includes Employment: A Workshop for Families Family session will be from 6-8 pm

Parents of youth with significant disabilities may have a difficult time envisioning community-based competitive employment as part of their son or daughter's future. This workshop is intended to be a tool that advocates, educators, and service providers can use to provide accurate information to and help raise the expectations of families in Michigan. The goal is to show that work is possible for all people regardless of disability, to help address questions families may have, and to connect families

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with the resources they need to begin advocating for competitive employment for their sons and daughters.

No single presentation can answer all the questions about employment or show all the available resources and supports available to people with disabilities. This session is meant to be an introduction to seeing employment as an option, and addresses the follow topics:

- Opportunities for people with disabilities in today's society
- Challenges faced
- Employment First and competitive employment (what are we trying to accomplish?)
- Core employment concepts
- Benefits of your son or daughter working
- The power of high expectations (and the impact of low expectations)
- Helping youth create a vision statement
- Preparing for employment success
- Addressing your concerns
- Social Security benefits overview
- Action steps: Getting started

Sessions are free but space is limited. YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND!!

The Links Below will take you to the individual session registration pages:

[September 16 Provider Session Troy](#)

[September 16 Family Session Troy](#)

[September 17 Provider Session Grand Rapids](#)

[September 17 Family Session Grand Rapids](#)

[September 19 Provider Session Marquette](#)

[September 19 Family Session Marquette](#)

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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