



Michigan Association of **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH Boards**

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Chairpersons and Delegates
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Executive Board

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A REMINDER TO VOTING DELEGATES, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, AND CMH AND PIHP BOARD CHAIRPERSONS: NEW SCHEDULE FOR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AT SPRING CONFERENCE

Starting with this spring's Association conference, **the association's Member Assembly, Board Chairpersons Roundtable, and Executive Board meetings are being held at different times and dates than in the past**. These meetings, at this year's Spring Association Conference, and at every spring and fall Association conference in the future, will be held at this new day (the day before each conference in the spring and fall) and new times.

The times and dates, for these meetings at this year's Spring Conference, are listed below:

Monday, May 15, 2017

2:00pm – 6:15pm	Earlybird Registration for MACMHB Spring Conference (so that those participating in the Board Chairperson’s Roundtable, Executive Board and Member Assembly can register prior to those meetings, if they find this helpful)
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Board Chairperson Roundtable & Networking
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Executive Board Meeting
5:30pm – 6:15pm	Member Assembly Meeting & Election of Officers

STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND RESOURCES

RFP for Juvenile Urgent Response Teams issued by MDHHS

Below is a recent RFP announcement from MDHHS:

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), in coordination with the Governor’s Mental Health Diversion Council, recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to develop or enhance existing Juvenile Urgent Response Teams.

Juvenile Urgent Response Teams serve as a mobile crisis response for youth psychiatric emergencies. A priority identified by the Mental Health Diversion Council, response teams help improve the continuum of care for youth with mental health needs and reduce entrance into or involvement with the Juvenile Justice System. Successful applicants will increase urgent mobile response services for youth and offer services available 24 hours per day, seven days per week

MDHHS will award funding up to \$120,000 to successful applicants. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, public agencies, courts, and Community Mental Health agencies. MDHHS expects to award approximately four grants for a total of \$460,000. The grants will be for a one-year period and begin October, 2017.

The Mental Health Diversion Council was created through Executive Order 2013-7 and is comprised of 14 members appointed by the Governor. Coordinated and supported by MDHHS, the Council was established to advise and assist in the implementation of the Diversion Action Plan and to provide recommendations for statutory and procedural changes to improve diversion of individuals with mental health conditions from the criminal justice system.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the MI E-Grants program. Applications must be submitted before May 25, 2017, at 3 p.m.

For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants website at <http://egrans-mi.com/dch> and click the “About EGrAMS” link to access the “Competitive Application Instructions” training manual.

The complete RFP document can be accessed on the MI E-Grants website at <http://egrans-mi.com/dch> in the ‘Current Grants’ section by clicking the “Behavioral Hlth and Dev Dis Adm Standard” link and selecting the “JURT-2017” grant program

2017 Culture of Gentleness Conference announced

MORC, Genesis, and the Center for Positive Living Supports have recently issued a “Save the Date” announcement for the 2017 Culture of Gentleness Conference. This year’s keynote presenter is David Pitonyak Ph.D., a leading national expert in supporting those with complex challenges. Conference sessions will address: Supporting Families, Mentoring others, Alzheimer’s, Mental illness, Secondary Trauma, Staff Recruitment, International perspective on Positive Supports, Pilot project review on reducing suicide risk in youth, and Learning marketplace

The conference will be held on:

August 10-11, 2017

Weber’s Inn

3050 Jackson Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

\$175 for full two day conference; \$100 for one-day registration

To register, go to <https://cog2017.eventbrite.com>

Trump’s pick to run mental health is poised to shake things up

Below is an excerpt from a recent article, written by Meghana Keshavan, and carried by STAT electronic magazine, providing a perspective on the recent nominee to fill the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services.

President Trump’s pick to run federal mental health services has called for a bold reordering of priorities — shifting money away from education and support services and toward a more aggressive treatment of patients with severe psychiatric disorders.

The proposal has some psychiatrists — a generally liberal bunch — cheering despite their distrust of the Trump administration.

But it’s also sparked concern among other health professionals, who worry that the administration will put too much emphasis on medicating and hospitalizing patients, and remove supports that might help them integrate successfully into society.

The full article can be found at:

<https://www.statnews.com/2017/05/11/mental-health-trump-nomination/>

SAMHSA posts new SUD blogs

Two recent blogs from SAMHSA provide new resources and insight in dealing with substance use disorder need and services:

Decisions in Recovery: A New Shared Decision-Making Tool for Medication-Assisted Treatment

<https://blog.samhsa.gov/2017/05/05/decisions-in-recovery-a-new-shared-decision-making-tool-for-medication-assisted-treatment/#.WRM98XIUWUk>

Finding help and Hope

<https://blog.samhsa.gov/2017/05/08/finding-help-and-hope/#.WRM-OHIUWUm>

SAMHSA sponsored webinar: “Partnering for Success: Spotlight on Missouri Medicaid and Department of Mental Health”

SAMHSA webinar to feature unique Medicaid and mental health partnership in Missouri

A SAMHSA sponsored webinar developed under contract by the National Council for Behavioral Health, will take place Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 2:00pm ET: "Partnering for Success: Spotlight on Missouri Medicaid and Department of Mental Health."

Medicaid is the largest payer of mental health services. To ensure Medicaid beneficiaries have access to mental health services an effective working relationship between the State Mental Health Authority and the State Medicaid Office is critical.

This webinar will present lessons learned from MO HealthNet and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) on how to successfully partner to improve the lives of individuals living with mental illness. Webinar presenters will explore the reasons MO HealthNet and DMH chose to work together, identify principles and techniques that made their partnership effective, summarize the benefits of a symbiotic relationship, and showcase initiatives that were a direct result of their collaboration.

Presenters:

- Joe Parks, former Director MO HealthNet and Medical Director, National Council for Behavioral Health
- Natalie Fornelli, Manager of Integrated Care, Missouri Department of Mental Health
- George Oestreich, former Clinical Director MO HealthNet
- Keith Schafer, former Director Missouri Department of Mental Health

Register at: https://nasmhpd.adobeconnect.com/missouri_reg/event/event_info.html

Temple Collaborative on Community Inclusion release county administrators toolkit

The County Mental Health Administrators' Toolkit for Promoting Community Inclusion: The Temple Collaborative on Community Inclusion is excited to announce the publication of its latest in a series of documents that offer mental health decision-makers the tools they need to develop the policies, programs, and practices that promote community inclusion at the local level.

The County Mental Health Administrator's Toolkit for Promoting Community Inclusion reviews the key functions of county mental health executives and discusses the ways in which each of these can be used to broaden the understanding, implementation, evaluation, and funding of community inclusion initiatives in local settings. Authored by two leading county mental health executives from Pennsylvania's Montgomery County, the document draws on the experiences of county mental health decision makers from across the country. A useful Appendix to the toolkit provides additional resources, checklists, and references.

To access the document: http://tucollaborative.org/sdm_downloads/the-county-mental-health-administrators-toolkit-for-promoting-community-inclusion/

CMS releases HCBS casemanagement training curriculum

Self-Direction of Home- and Community-Based Services: A Training Curriculum for Case Managers has recently been released by The CMHS Integrated Care Resource Center. The curriculum is described below:

States implementing Medicaid managed long-term services and supports or other managed integrated care programs seek to provide beneficiaries with person-centered care in the setting of their choice. Increasingly, states are allowing beneficiaries to self-direct their home- and community-based services, which lets individuals determine what mix of personal care services and supports works best for them within the parameters of their person-centered service plan. Health plan case managers play a key role in implementing self-direction.

To assist states and health plans, *the* Integrated Care Resource Center, with support from the former National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services, developed Self-Direction of Home- and Community-Based Services: A Training Curriculum for Case Managers. The webinars and accompanying

resources in the curriculum provide an overview of self-direction, considerations for the design and implementation of a self-direction program, and best practices for oversight of a self-direction program in a managed care context.

About this Curriculum

This curriculum is a product of the Integrated Care Resource Center made possible by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. *The Integrated Care Resource Center* is a national initiative helping states improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. The state technical assistance activities provided by the Integrated Care Resource Center are coordinated by Mathematica Policy Research and the Center for Health Care Strategies.

The curriculum can be accessed at:

http://www.chcs.org/resource/self-direction-home-community-based-services-training-curriculum-case-managers/?utm_source=CHCS+Email+Updates&utm_campaign=a424421cda-HCBS+Curriculum+-+05%2F08%2F17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bbc451bf-a424421cda-152144421

National Council announces resources for serving persons with schizophrenia

Below is a recent announcement from the National Council on lessons learned from pilot projects in serving persons with schizophrenia:

Importance of Care Coordination: Real-World Considerations for Serving Individuals With

Schizophrenia: Schizophrenia is a complex condition associated with a vast array of distinct clinical profiles, co-morbidities and significant medical expenditures¹⁻⁴. In 2013, the economic burden for schizophrenia in the US was estimated at \$155.7 billion⁴. The rapidly evolving healthcare landscape has created new fee schedules and payment models that may require a changed approach to treatment and service delivery⁵. How can payers address the complex challenges of expanding and improving services while simultaneously bending the cost curve?

Join us Tuesday, May 30, 1:30-2:30 pm EDT or Tuesday, June 27, 2:30-3:30 pm EDT as we learn about care coordination for people living with Schizophrenia. By examining real-world pilot projects, you may be able to garner insights on models of care coordination that may be relevant to plan challenges for the management of people with Schizophrenia.

May 30th Session: Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8159737855777856001>

June 27th Session: Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5821703345126308865>

A national integration expert will walk through the details:

- Chuck Ingoglia, Sr. Vice President, Public Policy and Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health, drawing upon his experience working with payers, foundations, federal and state agencies, technology vendors, hospitals, health systems, outpatient health facilities, patients and families
- Co- presenter, Dennis Hobb, has been working in the field of mental health and community support for over 30 years. He is Executive Director at the McClendon Center, a DC based behavioral health organization, that in 2015 launched a new Patient Discharge Coordination program (PDC); a partnership effort between McClendon Center, AmeriHealth Caritas DC, and Beacon Health Options to ensure that Managed Medicaid Organizations' members who are admitted to a psychiatric inpatient unit (PIU) experience a seamless transition back into the community.
- Co-presenter, Karen Dale, is the Market President for AmeriHealth Caritas District of Columbia, the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organizations in Washington, DC, where she leads initiatives, including the PDC program, to strategically position the organization as a market leader.

Care coordination provides a compelling approach for practical and significant interventions that get results. By systematically coordinating and organizing care for persons living with schizophrenia, payers and providers can learn to maneuver through a fragmented healthcare system and untangle the intricate web of symptoms, functioning and treatment needs presented by this population.

For questions, contact Sharday Lewis, Project Manager, Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health: shardayl@thenationacouncil.org

Don't Forget About the 2017 PAC Campaign

Earlier this year we announced our 2017 CMH PAC campaign. We must increase our participation, last year we only had 15 boards participate in our PAC campaign. Please take some time over the next couple of board meetings to encourage your board and staff to participate in our 2017 PAC efforts. As you know, our CMH PAC is a key component to our overall advocacy efforts – the need to upgrade our PAC is greater today than ever before.

Boards should forward the results of their campaign and donations to the Board Association offices by May 5 (if available). The results of the campaign will be on-site at the Spring Conference in Dearborn. Final donations should be sent to MACMHB no later than June 30, 2017 in order to be in the drawing for the Detroit Tiger tickets if eligible. This year's Tiger game is Saturday, July 15 at 6:10pm vs. Toronto Blue Jays.

Make checks payable to: CMH PAC ~ 426. S. Walnut St. ~ Lansing, MI 48933 (no corporate checks, please)

Thank you. Please feel free to contact Bob or Alan with any questions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Budget Process to Pick Up Steam

The state budget process is about to pick up steam next week, with the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) meeting on May 17. The CREC will finalize how much money the Governor and legislators have to spend in FY18 budget.

Starting Thursday, May 18, the "target" negotiations are tentatively scheduled to start, during which Gov. Snyder, Senate Majority Leader Meekhof (R-West Olive) and House Speaker Leonard (R-DeWitt) will begin hammering out a final budget deal.

We fully expect the FY18 budget will be passed by the House and Senate shortly after June 1.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Cast Your Vote Now for Ed Woods – 2017 National Council Board Elections

Please take time to vote for Ed Woods, Lifeways Community Mental Health board member and past president of MACMHB, to retain his position on the National Council Board of Directors. Michigan has been represented on the National Council Board for several years, it is important that we keep that seat for Region 5, which represents Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

There are 3 candidates running for two spots – voting is easy, just click on the link below and follow the directions.

Candidates have submitted their applications for the 2017-2018 National Council Board Elections and this is your chance to read their stories, vision, and achievements to help you make a meaningful decision on who you would like to advocate for you in the critical days and year ahead.

Voting for the National Council's 2017 Board of Directors opened on May 1. Elections are being held to fill 7 Regional seats (Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9) this year. Voting will close at 11:59 PM PST on June 1, 2017.

[To vote, click on your region on this page](#), select your candidate, and submit your ballot. Note: One (1) vote per member organization and you may only vote for a candidate in your region.

- Region 1: CT-MA-NH-ME-VT-RI
- Region 2: NJ-NY-PR-VI
- Region 3: DC-DE-MD-PA-VA-WV
- Region 5: IL-IN-MI-MN-OH-WI
- Region 6: AL-LA-NM-OK-TX
- Region 8: AZ-CO-MT-ND-SD-UT-WY
- Region 9: CA-HI-NV

[The National Council Board of Directors is strongly committed to encouraging diversity in all facets of its work](#), reflecting broad representation across our industry and the inclusion of all stakeholders.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have, or you can contact Liane Kluge, Senior Director, Membership for the National Council, LianeK@TheNationalCouncil.org, 202-748-8793.

Register for Hill Day 2017

The time to protect our nation's most vulnerable populations is now, and we know that our voices are louder together.

Join us at Hill Day 2017, October 2-3, the nation's largest behavioral advocacy event, to stand up and be heard on mental health and addictions.

[Register today.](#)

Fired up and ready to go now? Start honing your advocacy skills by taking action today on our [Unite4BH page](#).

The Kaiser Family Foundation released a tool to compare the recently passed American Health Care Act (AHCA) to the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This tool can be accessed at: http://kff.org/interactive/proposals-to-replace-the-affordable-care-act/?utm_source=AHCA+Post+Vote+Alert+-+May+5+2017&utm_campaign=AHCA+May+5+2017&utm_medium=email

MACMHB committee schedules, membership, minutes, and information go to our website at <https://www.macmhb.org/committees>

Have a Great Weekend!