



Michigan Association of **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH** Boards

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Chairpersons and Delegates
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WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MACMHB MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Woodlands behavioral health announces changes in agency leadership

Below is a recently issued press announcement from Woodlands Behavioral Healthcare Network on changes in the leadership of Woodlands:

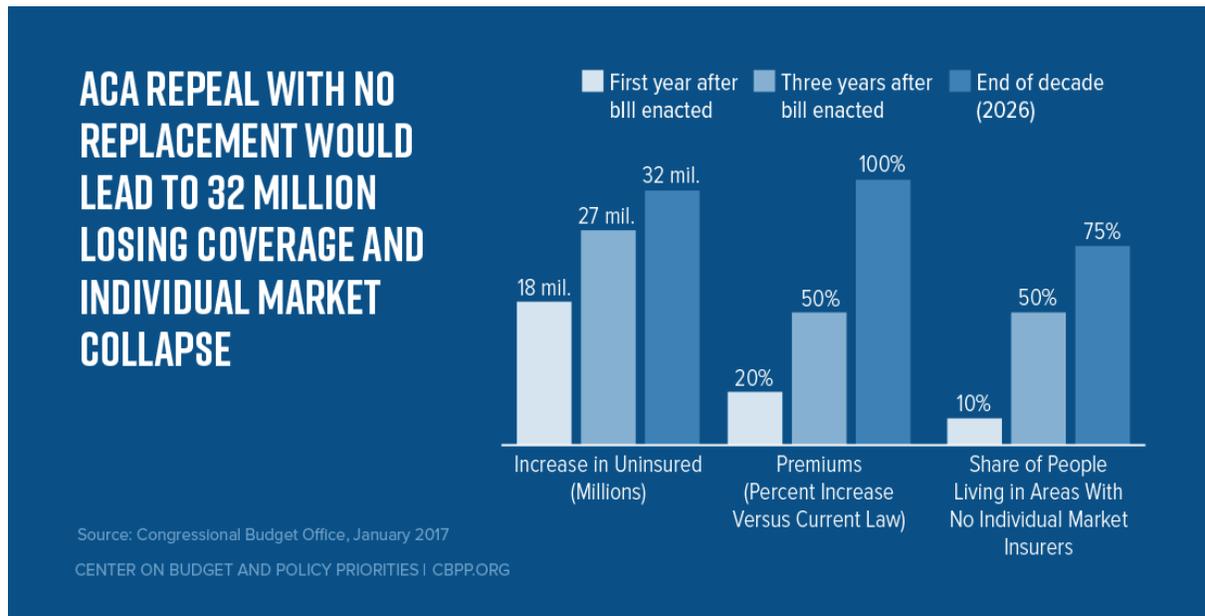
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Best wishes to Kathy Emans in her future endeavors. Welcome to Kathy Sheffield.

STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND RESOURCES

Graphic analysis of impact of repeal of the ACA issued

As the US Senate considers whether to hold a vote to repeal the ACA, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities recently published a graphic which outlines the impact of such a repeal on health care coverage and insurance premiums. This graphic is provided below.



MDHHS launches media campaign, builds on initiatives as data show overdose deaths continued upward trend in 2016

Below is a recent press release from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDHHS) regarding the most recent data on deaths, in Michigan, due to drug overdoses. The findings underscore the need for focused and sustained work on this front. The state's public awareness campaign, on this topic is also highlighted in this press release.

LANSING, Mich. – The number of total drug overdose deaths in Michigan increased by 18 percent in 2016 and the majority of overdoses were related to opioids, according to new provisional data announced today by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. As part of the efforts to reverse this trend, MDHHS has launched a media campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of opioid misuse, the treatment options available, and to educate the public about proper storage and disposal of prescription drugs.

“The addiction epidemic continues to take lives and hurt families in every corner of our state and our country,” said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. “While many initiatives are underway to address this crisis, it’s clear that we have to work harder to reverse this tragic trend. Working together on treatment and prevention efforts will ultimately lead to more second chances and fewer funerals.”

States nationwide have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of opioid-related overdoses in recent years. In Michigan, the number of heroin-related overdose deaths per 100,000 residents increased from 1.1 in 2007 to 7.5 in 2015. Of the 2,335 overdose deaths in 2016, 1,689 were opioid-related, up from 1,275 opioid-related deaths in 2015.

“The initiatives underway for treatment and the public awareness campaign are key to reaching more residents across the state and providing them with the information necessary to find the available prevention,

treatment, and emergency services that can save a life," said Dr. Debra Pinals, MDHHS chief psychiatrist. "The provisional data show that remaining vigilant in our fight against the opioid epidemic is an everyday matter of life or death for many Michigan residents."

The public awareness campaign is part of Michigan's extensive efforts to address opioid addiction and overdoses. In May, Michigan issued a standing order to pre-authorize the distribution of naloxone by pharmacists to eligible individuals. Naloxone is a fast-acting, potentially life-saving medication that reverses opioid overdose. Since it was issued, more than 700 (25 percent) of Michigan pharmacies have registered to dispense naloxone under the standing order.

Both the naloxone standing order and public awareness campaign were significant recommendations of Governor Rick Snyder's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force. A Commission was also launched at the end of 2016 to pick up where the Task Force left off and drive the agenda to combat the opioid crisis.

Additionally, in April Michigan received more than \$16 million in Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The Opioid STR grant is being used to promote prevention and increase access to treatment by funding State of Michigan initiatives, including:

- Michigan's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Development of a statewide awareness campaign
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Prevention services and strategies
- Improving the availability of Naloxone
- Increasing peer supports, provider supports, tribal supports, and support of law enforcement
- Providing a new model for prison re-entry services for people with Opioid Use Disorder and mental illness
- Collaboration with university partners on re-entry, evaluation, and research opportunities

The MDHHS public awareness campaign includes a variety of media placements, including TV, radio, digital, social media, and direct provider outreach. The TV and radio spots are available on the [MDHHS YouTube channel](#).

To learn more about prescription drugs and opioids, or for resources on opioid addiction, visit www.michigan.gov/stopoverdoses. Pharmacies interested in registering for the naloxone standing order should visit www.michigan.gov/naloxone.

MDHHS issues letter on secure file transfer procedures

Recently, MDHHS issued a letter (known as an L letter) to the state's Medicaid providers with guidance as to how the state's secure file transfer system will work. Excerpts of the letter are provided below. The complete L letter (L-17-25) can be found at:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIDHHS/2017/07/14/file_attachments/847109/L-17-25.pdf

Dear Medicaid Provider:

re: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – File Transfer

Due to recent enhancements to the State of Michigan Single Sign-On access process, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Hospital & Clinic Reimbursement Division (HCRD) is providing updated information regarding MDHHS–File Transfer. The MDHHS–File Transfer application allows for the secure transfer of files between Medicaid providers (Federally Qualified Health Centers, Medicaid Health Plans, Hospitals, School Based Services, Local Health Departments, Rural Health Clinics, and Tribal Health Centers) and HCRD. The MDHHS–File Transfer application is currently used by these providers and the HCRD to securely send and receive files such as Medicaid cost report software, Medicaid filed cost reports, Medicaid filed reconciliation reports, and claims files containing protected health information.

The MDHHS–File Transfer application is now available through the State of Michigan MILogin at <https://milogintp.michigan.gov>. This application is a front-end interface for secure file transfer protocol (FTP) functionality, is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) compliant and uses 128-bit encryption. HCRD continues to approve access to the MDHHS–File Transfer Attached for your information is letter L 17-25, dated July 14, 2017.

L 17-25 - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - File Transfer.

This letter was sent to Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Local Health Departments, Medicaid Health Plans, Rural Health Clinics, School Based Services Providers and Tribal Health Centers.

Medicaid Letters can be accessed on the web at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Communications and Training >> Click 2017 under Numbered Letters.

2017 PAC Campaign Update

Earlier this year we announced our 2017 CMH PAC campaign with the goal of increasing member participation. This year's campaign exceeded last year's contribution levels, but participation remained about the same. Last month we held the drawing for the Detroit Tiger box suite tickets donated by Muchmore Harrington Smalley Associates and the winner was... Lapeer CMH.

Congratulations to Lapeer CMH and thank you to all who generously contributed to the CMH PAC.

Just because the Tiger drawing has been completed does not stop the need for CMH PAC support. If you would still like to support our PAC efforts please mail your contribution to our office, below are the details:

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.

MACMHB'S 2017 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS!

MACMHB's Annual Fall Conference, "Honor the Past...Treasure the Present...Dream the Future," will be held on October 23 & 24, 2017 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Michigan.

Presentation Submission Form: Deadline Friday, August 4, 2017

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL:

https://CMHAM-web.ungerboeck.com/spa/spa_p1_authors.aspx?oc=10&cc=117071218721

DAVID PITONYAK EVENT – AUGUST 10, 2017

Save the Date for an "Evening with David Pitonyak" on August 10, 2017. The MOKA Foundation is hosting dinner and a talk by psychologist Dr. Pitonyak along with co-sponsors Network180 and TBD Solutions to be held at the Pinnacle Center located in Hudsonville, MI just southwest of Grand Rapids.

Association members may remember the David's inspiring keynote at the Fall Conference of the Association. David has focused his work and speaking on positive approaches to difficult behaviors. He speaks frequently on the importance of relationships and "belonging." He believes individuals that have difficult behaviors are trying to communicate through their actions, and the people who serve these individuals need to look beyond the behavior to

understand the meaning behind the behavior in order to properly support the individual. David has consulted with families and organizations throughout Europe and the United States.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.moka.org/donate. Partial ticket scholarships are available. For more information contact Domenica at ddault@moka.org or (800) 644-2434 ext. 648.

WOODLANDS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN AGENCY LEADERSHIP

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COOKIE GANT SPIRIT AWARD

Cookie Gant was a Michigan-grown, but nationally known, advocate for human rights. She was a disability activist, a performance artist, a diversity specialist in every aspect of life. Cookie fought for human rights in the mental health system every day, never giving up her tough spirit, her love for others, or her sense of humor. She was an unstoppable, irreverent activist, who always maintained loving support and affection for people in "the movement." Shortly after her death in 2003, the State Recipient Rights Advisory Committee established an award in her honor with the intent that it be presented annually to a person who exhibits the dedication, demonstrates the tenacity, and advocates diligently for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities - just the way Cookie lived her life. This person may be a consumer of mental health services, a parent, guardian or someone who works in the field of public mental health. If you know of someone who exhibits the dedication, tenacity, and compassion of Cookie Gant and who advocates diligently for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities, please use the link below to download and complete a nomination form. Nominations will be reviewed by the MDHHS Recipient Rights Committee and the honoree will be revealed during the Recipient Rights Conference in Kalamazoo on September 21st. The deadline for nominations is August 15th. [Cookie Gant Spirit Award Nomination Form](#)

MDHHS DIRECTOR'S AWARDS FOR RECIPIENT RIGHTS

Since 2000, the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the outstanding contributions of Recipient Rights staff, offices, or affiliate organizations on the overall impact on Michigan's Recipient Rights Protection system. Recognition is awarded in three categories:

Director's Award for Innovation in Rights Protection

Nominees for the innovation award 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 different way of approaching old problems, creating a new solution for systemic problems, etc. As a result of this innovation, there has been an increased ability to better provide rights services either directly (such as when performing standard rights activities) or indirectly (such as if the innovation improves or enhances the operation of the rights office.) The nominee will also have shown a demonstrated willingness to share the innovation with others when possible.

Director's Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Mental Health Recipients

Nominees for the Advocacy Award will have made an outstanding contribution toward, or have gone to extraordinary means, to advocate on behalf of people receiving mental health services. This may include exceptional effort or initiative by the nominee directly advocating on behalf of an individual consumer or a group of consumers. It may also include extraordinary indirect advocacy, such as a rights office acting as a catalyst for positive change, inspiring other entities or systems within or outside of mental health, to realize their roles in championing the rights or needs of recipients.

Director's Award for Consumer Empowerment

A nominee for the Consumer Empowerment Award 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. Due to the initiative or effort of the nominee, consumers will now be able to advocate for themselves, to the fullest extent possible, in the protection of their own rights, creating hope, control of their own lives, and a valuable place in society.

Nominees may be either: 1] Individuals, 2] Recipient Rights offices operated by MDHHS, CMHSP, or Licensed Private Hospitals/Units (LPH/U), or 3] Programs/projects contracted with, or associated with those agencies. Use the link below to download the nomination form. Deadline for nominations is August 15th. The honorees will be recognized during the Recipient Rights Conference in Kalamazoo on September 22nd. [MDHHS Director's Award Nomination Form](#)

Save the Date: Annual Recipient Rights Conference!

The 24th Annual Recipient Rights Conference, "United in Rights", will be held from September 19th-22nd at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo.

The Pre-Conference session on Tuesday, September 19th will feature Lena Sisco, the author of "You're Lying! Secrets from an Expert Military Interrogator to Spot the Lies and Get to the Truth," and "Marine Scout Snipers; True Stories From U.S. Marine Corps Snipers". She is a former Department of Defense certified military interrogator and Naval Intelligence Officer. Entities she has trained and currently trains include: Naval Special Warfare, Customs and Border Protection, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Defense Intelligence Agency, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Coast Guard, local and federal Law Enforcement Agencies, International Association of Arson Investigators, and numerous private sector companies. She trains people to "Be a Detecting Deception Expert, Be a R.E.B.L.E.™." The acronym R.E.B.L.E. stands for her 5-step detecting deception program that will teach you how to enhance your detecting deception skills and your confidence in detecting deception with the most accuracy a human can possess. Registration for the pre-conference session will be available for anyone interested in body language skills, investigations, etc. The content will be appropriate for rights staff, APS and CPS investigators, hospital administrative staff, local and state police, etc.

The Conference's opening keynote speaker will be author and ethics expert Chuck Gallagher. Chuck's practical tested and time proven methods will enhance your personal and professional performance. What Chuck shares in his presentations, are understandings of not only "how to", but also "what motivates behavior"—behavior of individuals that can create personal and professional success. Some of the 26 conference breakout sessions include:

- Creating Inclusive Spaces for LGTBQ+ Community
- Medication, What Every Rights Officer Needs to Know
- Confidentiality and Recipient Rights: The Intersection of Federal and State Laws Impacting Patient Privacy
- AFC Licensing Issues

Details about the conference can be found at: [24th Annual Recipient Rights Conference](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

House Announces New Mental Health CARES Task Force

This week, Speaker Tom Leonard announced a new House CARES Task Force (Community, Access, Resources, Education, and Safety) co-chaired by Representatives Hank Vaupel & Klint Kesto.

The task force will hold public meetings during July and August to receive input from individuals and professionals around the state. Additionally, the task force will tour facilities to gain a better understanding of programs already available. The information gathered will help develop reforms that result in more consistency in mental health services across the state, better support for our veterans, additional attention to substance abuse, improvements to mental health courts, enhanced training for law enforcement, and any other ideas brought forward.

Other members of the task force include Reps. Dr. Edward Canfield (R-Sebewaing), Fred Durhal III (D-Detroit), Vanessa Guerra (D-Bridgeport), Abdullah Hammoud (D-Dearborn), Robert Kosowski (D-Westland), David LaGrand (D-

Grand Rapids), Dave Pagel (R-Berrien Springs), Daire Rendon (R-Lake City), Sylvia Santana (D-Detroit), Jason Wentworth (R-Clare), Mary Whiteford (R-Casco Township) and Robert Wittenberg (D-Oak Park).

The first meeting of this group is slated for:

10:30 a.m.
July 31, 2017
Second floor of the Howell Auditorium
Livingston County EMS Building
1900 Tooley Road
Howell

The public can submit suggestions regarding mental health care in Michigan to Rep. Vaupel via email at HankVaupel@house.mi.gov.

Scheduled to testify are the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Community Mental Health, Livingston County Courts, Brighton Hospital, Veterans Administration, Woodland Correctional Facility and St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

Dates and locations of future task force meetings will be announced shortly.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Senate Health Bill: Revised, Dead, Alive Again?

In a whirlwind week on Capitol Hill, the Senate health care plans have gone from revised to dead to alive again. As of this writing, GOP Senators are working together to bridge the divide between the party's more moderate and conservative wings. It remains to be seen whether there are enough votes to pass the legislation, though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has promised a vote – on something – early next week.

HOW WE GOT HERE: A TIMELINE

Saturday evening: News broke that Senator John McCain (R-AZ) had had emergency surgery and would be recovering for a week in Arizona. With Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Rand Paul (R-KY) already publicly stating they would not support a motion to proceed to debate on the Better Care Reconciliation Act, Leader McConnell did not have the 50 votes needed to begin debate on the bill. It was announced on Sunday that the vote would be delayed until July 24.

Monday evening: Senators Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Mike Lee (R-UT) jointly announced they would not support the motion to proceed. Senator Moran made headlines during the recent recess when he held town hall meetings and heard firsthand the impact the ACA had had on families in Kansas. That constituent outreach and advocacy, he said, pushed him to oppose the health care bill in its current form.

Leader McConnell, now officially short of votes to secure passage, pulled the Better Care Reconciliation Act entirely and moved to vote on a straight repeal of the Affordable Care Act, introducing a new bill called the Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act (ORRA). Citing Congress' successful votes on the 2015 ACA Repeal bill, Leader McConnell said the Senate will vote on "a repeal of Obamacare with a two-year delay to provide for a stable transition period to a patient-centered health care system."

Tuesday afternoon: Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) all announced they would vote against the motion to proceed on "repeal and delay." While Senator Collins had voted against the similar 2015 measure, Senators Murkowski and Capito cited the dangerous impact such a strategy would have on the health insurance market and families throughout their states.

Wednesday morning: President Trump called on the Senate to “repeal failing Obamacare now and work on a new health plan that will start from a clean slate.” He also tweeted he would “let Obamacare fail and then come together and do a great healthcare plan. Stay tuned!”

Wednesday evening: With a vote scheduled for early next week and pressure building from the White House and conservative advocacy groups, GOP Senators in opposition or undecided status gathered together to hash out their differences. It remains unclear who attended that meeting and what policy points were discussed.

Thursday/Friday: Senators continue to negotiate on a strategy to move the bill forward. According to news reports, the Senate will hold a vote on a health care bill early next week. It remains to be seen whether that is a revised version of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, a modified version of the Obamacare Repeal Reconciliation Act, or something else.

On Thursday, the Congressional Budget Office released its score of the modified Better Care Reconciliation Act and projected 22 million Americans would lose insurance by 2026. It is important to note, this score projection does not include the Cruz amendment, which would likely be added as amendment during the voting process.

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](#).

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

Have a Great Weekend!