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WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MACMHB MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

CMH of Central Michigan receives high rating from JCAHO

CMHCM has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Behavioral Health Care Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. CMHCM is granted this 3-year accreditation by The Joint Commission now 8 times since 1996. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective care. CMHCM underwent a rigorous onsite survey in June 2017.

During the review, compliance with behavioral health care standards related to several areas, including care, treatment, and services; environment of care; leadership; and screening procedures for the early detection of imminent harm was evaluated. Onsite observations and interviews also were conducted. The Joint Commission “commends CMHCM for its efforts to elevate the standard of care it provides and to instill confidence in the community it serves.” CMHCM staff and consumers continue to work together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for those in our community

Congratulations to CMH of Central Michigan.

STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND RESOURCES

Section 298 update

1. Pilots:

a. Identifying CMHs to participate in MHP-run (privatized) 298 pilots: In selecting MHP-run (privatized) pilots, the Project Facilitator and MDHHS will be seeking MHPs interested in participating in these pilots. They will then seek CMHs (CMHs being the parties listed in the Section 298 boilerplate), who are tentatively willing to participate in these pilots, to engage in discussions around the details of the pilots. As those details become clear, these CMHs will be able to indicate their interest in participating in the pilots. MACMHB, MAHP, and other stakeholders will be involved (although the type and level of that involvement is unclear) in the pilot site selection process.

b. The selection of the 298 Pilot Project Facilitator and Research Team is nearing completion, with the selected parties to be named soon.

c. MDHHS has begun to identify the steps that need to be taken to allow the pursuit of the MHP-run (privatized) pilots. Among other things, this list would include statutory and Medicaid waiver changes needed to allow the privatized pilots to move forward. The Project Facilitator will complete this effort with the report due to the Legislature in November.

d. MACMHB submitted its recommendations regarding the design of the 298 pilot initiative and will continue to advocate for involvement (along with other stakeholders) in the pilot process (You received a copy of those recommendations last week.) Among those recommendations was that for the use of comparative and alternate public sector pilots against which the MHP-run (privatized) pilots will be compared.

2. 70 recommendations: MDHHS is sorting through the 70 recommendations contained in the 298 report, categorizing them as to whether they are immediate priorities, long term projects, or related to a current Department effort. Once this analysis is completed, MDHHS will be reaching out to MACMHB and its members to develop and implement plans to address these recommendations

Autism rates

As a result of the advocacy by many Association members and MACMHB (in venues including the Medicaid Ratesetting Workgroup), MDHHS will be increasing the autism capitation rates to better reflect the actual cost of ABA services. These new rates are expected to add \$30 million to the autism payments for FY 18. MACMHB's legislative advocacy around the DAB to HMP revenue issues will include advocacy around the need to increase the autism payments in the current fiscal year as well as FY 18.

Psychiatric inpatient access initiative

A large number of MACMHB members responded to the Association's call for participants in the MDHHS workgroups designed to address the causes of the lack of sufficient access to psychiatric inpatient services. This effort is the result of advocacy by MACMHB, a number of its members (PIHPs, CMHs, and providers), and our allies in the Michigan

Health and Hospital Association and the Michigan Council on Maternal and Child Health. As the efforts of these workgroups progress, we will keep you informed.

Direct care wage increase

Relative to issues raised by a number of Association members over the past few weeks:

1. Rates: While it was initially reported, by MDHHS, that the Medicaid revenues needed to increase the wages of direct care workers by \$0.50 would be reflected in a supplemental rate/certification letter, it looks like these funds will be included in the initial FY 18 Medicaid rates.
2. Definition of direct care worker/services: MDHHS will be using the services that were listed in the Section 1009 report to define the direct care workers who will receive the wage increase. That list is included as Appendix Item 2 in the 1009 report. The report can be found at: <https://phinational.org/research-reports/recruitment-and-retention-challenges-workforce-delivering-most-frequently-used>
3. Applies to all direct care workers: MDHHS underscored that the wage increase is required to be provided to all direct care workers regardless of recent wage increases provided to those workers by CMHs, PIHPs, and/or providers (This was a question raised by a number of MACMHB members).

Changes to licensing requirements

In response by the work of MACMHB, a number of Association members, and advocates, consumers, and families from across the state, LARA is preparing legislation to exempt, from licensing requirements, residential settings of 3 persons or fewer and CMH involvement in the provision of community living supports (CLS) and related services and supports. While not as far reaching as many of us had wanted, it moves the licensing system toward a more person-centered and community inclusion approach.

1115 waiver

CMS and MDHHS are still in discussion around the final details related to the approval of Michigan's specialty (BHIDD) 1115 waiver application. Given that these discussions will not result in approval prior to September 1 (the requirement that new waivers be approved at least 30 days in advance of their start), the current 1915 b and c waivers will be extended through December 2017.

HMA offers social determinants webinar

Managing Social Determinants of Health:
A Framework for Identifying, Addressing
Disparities in Medicaid Populations
Thursday, September 7, 2017
1 to 2 p.m. EDT

Social determinants of health are increasingly recognized by Medicaid programs as important drivers of poor health outcomes and disparities that lead to higher costs. In response, Medicaid programs are beginning to analyze social determinants of health as potential causes of health disparities.

During this webinar, Ellen Breslin and Anissa Lambertino of HMA, Dennis Heaphy of the Disability Policy Consortium, and independent consultant Tony Dreyfus will present an analytical framework for understanding the impact social determinants of health have on Medicaid populations. Leveraging work done by the Institute of Medicine, the framework includes measures and statistical methods that Medicaid programs, health plans, and accountable care organizations can use to generate the type of information needed to develop interventions that improve health outcomes.

Register now for this free webinar at:

https://hlthmgtevents.webex.com/mw3200/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=hlthmgtevents&service=6&rnd=0.04862453987811999&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fhlthmgtevents.webex.com%2Fec3200%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2Feventaction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b00000004ceaa93aadb612963297d2d3ffa680ae44a898b5a864fd31bbe8e427ea3b4eb24%26siteurl%3Dhlthmgtevents%26confViewID%3D69737638145326127%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAARZWJHGAMHmOPEPLu1UdCjI4FuZY2_9GIXppoVfH4dMig2%26

CRC announces Public Policy Dinner

Citizens Research Council of Michigan 2017 Public Policy Dinner
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM EDT
Kellogg Center
219 South Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48824

Come Celebrate the Value of the Many Ways Facts Matter!

Featuring a discussion on the value of fact-based research and news with the Pew Research Center's Director of Journalism Research Amy Mitchell and Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley, moderated by Ron Fournier, publisher and editor of Crain's Detroit Business.

Honoring Paul Hillegonds with our first Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award!

Register at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReq?oeidk=a07eea81hmec8793a83&oseq=&c=6a5470b0-40b0-11e7-ae1-d4ae5292c3f3&ch=6ace0d80-40b0-11e7-afcc-d4ae5292c3f3>

Feighan: Medicaid bridges care gap for disabled kids

Maureen Feighan, in a recent Detroit News story, provided a strong argument for the power of Medicaid to support the quality of life of persons with disabilities. Excerpts from the story are provided below:

The first time services were cut for my disabled daughter, I cried in the restroom at work.

My daughter was 7 and we'd been allotted a certain number of hours a week for something called respite. Every other Sunday afternoon, a caregiver came to our house for my daughter, who was born with a rare genetic condition, while my husband, son and I did other family things like visiting a park or going out to lunch. An outside agency paid for it. We'd never had it before.

A funny thing happens when you finally get a chance to step back from around-the-clock caregiving for someone with disabilities. You realize how exhausting it is. You realize that your frantic "normal" — running around to doctor's appointments, therapy sessions, feeding, bathing and keeping your child safe — is anything but. And you realize how heavenly it is to simply sit down on the sofa and breathe.

But six months in, I got a phone call at work. The agency that funded our respite care was going through serious budget cuts. We no longer qualified for outside care. We were on our own. Again.

I wiped away the mascara as it ran down my cheeks. I didn't want to go back to the way it was. Watching the most recent debates to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, I remembered those feelings as I watched the Senate debate massive cuts to Medicaid that would've potentially left millions without insurance

The full editorial can be found at:

Defeating the diseases of despair

Ron Manderscheid, CEO of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Services Directors (NACBHDD) recently wrote an article in Behavioral Healthcare discussing the work needed to address the unique and tragic consequences of what he terms “diseases of despair” An excerpt from that article is provided below:

The growth of the noninfectious diseases—mental illness, cancer, diabetes, heart disease—and the decline of the infectious diseases is a well-known, long-term, worldwide phenomenon related to economic development. Much less well-known is the more recent emergence of the “diseases of despair”—deaths due to suicide, alcohol liver cirrhosis, and opioid overdoses. Although small (40 deaths per 100,000 per year) in comparison with the overall U.S. death rate (725 deaths per 100,000 per year), death rates due to these diseases currently are growing. And opioid-related deaths actually are spiking in an epidemic that is now termed a crisis.

The full article is available at: <https://www.behavioral.net/blogs/ron-manderscheid/policy/defeating-diseases-despair>

Latest on work of federal Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee

The following is an update from the newly formed Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC).

For your information, this is to provide an update on the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC). Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing the appointment of national experts to guide a new initiative to better serve Americans with serious mental illness.

The Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC) was established by the 21st Century Cures Act to improve federal coordination of efforts that address the pressing needs of adults with serious mental illness and children and youth with serious emotional disturbance. Individuals with these conditions too often lack access to evidence-based treatment and supports and experience high rates of suicide, unemployment, homelessness, criminal justice involvement and other negative outcomes.

The ISMICC is composed of senior leaders from ten federal agencies including HHS, the Departments of Justice, Labor, Veteran Affairs, Defense, Housing and Urban Development, Education, Labor and the Social Security Administration along with 14 non-federal public members.

In response to a call for interested participants, HHS received over 200 nominations from outstanding individuals offering to serve on this important body. The non-federal membership will represent mental health researchers, providers, patients, families, judges, law enforcement officers, and other professionals working with individuals living with serious mental illness. The following national experts were selected to serve three-year terms:

- Linda S. Beeber, Ph.D., PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, School of Nursing;
- Ron Bruno, Founding Board Member and Second Vice President, CIT International;
- Clayton Chau, M.D., Ph.D., Regional Executive Medical Director, Institute for Mental Health and Wellness at St. Joseph-Hoag Health;
- David Covington, LPC, MBA, CEO/President, RI International;
- Maryann Davis, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical Center;
- Pete Earley, Author;
- Paul Emrich, Ph.D., Under Secretary of Family and Mental Health Chickasaw Nation;

- Mary Giliberti, J.D., Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Mental Illness;
- Elena Kravitz, Peer Support Provider and Manager, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey;
- Kenneth Minkoff, M.D., Zia Partners;
- Elyn Saks, J.D., Ph.D., Professor of Law, Legal Scholar, University of Southern California Gould School of Law;
- John Snook, Esq., Executive Director/Attorney, Treatment Advocacy Center;
- Rhathelia Stroud, J.D., Presiding Judge, DeKalb County Magistrate Court; and
- Conni Wells, Owner/Manager, Axis Group, LLC.

The ISMICC will report on advances in research on serious mental illness among adults and serious emotional disturbance among children and on federal outcomes related to measures of suicide, drug overdoses, emergency hospitalizations, criminal justice involvement, homelessness, unemployment, and other issues. The ISMICC also will recommend actions that federal agencies can take to better coordinate the administration of mental health services for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance.

The ISMICC will hold its first meeting on August 31, 2017, at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington DC. Public access to the meeting will be available by webcast (<http://www.hhs.gov/live>) and phone (see the link on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website below for instructions). Notice of the meeting appears in the Federal Register [insert link] and on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration website: <http://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/advisory-councils/smi-committee>.

Mental Health America CEO shares views

Blog.Datis recently carried an interview with Paul Gionfriddo, the CEO of Mental Health America. Below is the description of and a link to the interview:

We recently interviewed Paul Gionfriddo, the CEO of Mental Health America, as part of our 'Five Question Friday' interview series.

MHA is the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness. In the interview, Paul provides insight into how he's been able to significantly scale his organization without sacrificing the quality of the services provided. Paul also shares his opinion on the key drivers of demand for Health and Human services.

As an executive leader in the Human Services industry, I thought you would find this interview valuable.

The full interview can be found at:

<http://blog.datis.com/2017/07/14/five-question-fridays-with-paul-gionfriddo/>

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.

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](#)

Register now: 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 LGBTQ+ 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 Mental Health CARES Task Force Update

This week the CARES task force held their second hearing at Hope Network in Grand Rapids. The invited speakers included:

- William DeBoer, KPEP
- Dennis Van Kampen, Mel Trotter Ministries
- Brian Vork & Gary Barton from 70x7 Life Recovery
- The Honorable Harvey Hoffman, President, Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals
- Dr. Cara Poland, Addiction Medicine SHMG Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine Spectrum Health
- Chris Becker, [Kent County Prosecutor](#)

Upcoming meetings:

Monday, August 21 at Mid-Michigan Community College, 1375 S. Clare St., Harrison, MI 48625

1:00 p.m. Meeting at MMCC Main Building on Harrison Campus, Ester C. Room, (2nd floor)

***Please note the meeting room has changed from earlier communications.*

Tuesday, August 29 at Oakland Community Health Network, 2011 Executive Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48236

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meeting

Thursday, September 7 in the House Appropriations Room, 352 State Capitol Building, Lansing MI 48933

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meeting after session (meeting to begin after as soon as session ends).

The House C.A.R.E.S. Task Force webpage is now live and can be accessed at: <https://house.mi.gov/CARES/>. The schedule of our upcoming meetings, as well as summaries of each meeting will be posted here. There is also an option for the public to submit their comments through the website.

NATIONAL UPDATE

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!