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CMH Association and Member Activities:

Spectrum Community Services receives full CARF accreditation

Spectrum Community Services, a longstanding member of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, has received another three-year accreditation through CARF for the services we provide in community housing, supported living, services to children and adolescents and service coordination. Spectrum has been accredited since 1997.

In awarding that accreditation, CARF said, "Together the board, leadership, and personnel foster a culture of integrity, accountability, transparency, mutual trust, and continuous quality improvement. This culture has served the organization well in building an exceptional consumer-first approach to service delivery. The organization approaches change with an innovative spirit and efficiently and effectively resolves challenges."

Congratulations to Spectrum.

CMHAM Committee Schedules, Membership, Minutes, And Information

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

State and National Developments and Resources:

MDHHS Announces Changes to HCBS Heightened Scrutiny Process

Below is a recent announcement from the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Transition team within MDHHS.

The HCBS Transition team at MDHHS BHDDA would like to share the following information with you.

After analyzing our data and information shared by the field, we have developed a process to review and validate our Heightened Scrutiny (HS) provider list.

As a result of this review we have determined that there are several questions that caused confusion on the part of the providers completing the required HCBS surveys.

Those providers who, after further validation, are found not to be institutional or isolating in nature based upon the evidence reviewed, will be removed from the HS list and will be forwarded to the PIHP lead for out of compliance work.

When BHDDA has completed the evidence review for these providers the PIHP leads will be notified of provider status relative to their regions.

When evidence is present to verify that a provider responded inaccurately to these questions, they will be referred to their PIHP lead for out of compliance work.

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The questions and the remedies the BHDDA team has instituted are below.

Residential Settings HSW Question Number	Question	MDHHS Action
163.	Does the setting offer a continuum of care?	MDHHS has contacted the providers who responded yes to this question and for who this question alone resulted in placement on the HS list. Those providers were given our definition of continuum of care and asked whether they agreed that they do provide a continuum of care. Those providers who said they do not offer a continuum of care will be removed from the HS list and will work with the PIHP leads to address out of compliance issues.
9.	Is the residence separate from or outside of the building and off the grounds of a hospital, nursing, Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities? (ICF/IDD) or Institute for Mental Disease (IMD)?	MDHHS BHDDA has utilized mapping software and internet sites to isolate each address to determine if in fact it is connected to or on the grounds of any other building. These are providers who answered tier 3 questions in accordance with the rule and would not be on the HS list except for this question.
12.	Is the residence located outside of a building and off the campus of an education program, school or child caring institution?	MDHHS BHDDA has utilized mapping software and internet sites to isolate each address to determine if in fact it is connected to or on the grounds of any other building.

Michigan Mental Health Children's Services Director Retiring

Below is a recent letter from Dr. George Mellos, the Director of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Administration, regarding the announcement, by Sheri Falvay, of her retirement from MDHHS, and the invitation to her farewell celebration. We wish Sheri the best in her future endeavors.

All,

Please join me in wishing Sheri Falvay a very happy and relaxing retirement. After 39 years with State Government, Sheri's last day with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will be November 30, 2018.

Since its inception in 1993, Sheri has been the Director of the Division of Mental Health Services to Children and Families. Sheri's leadership in this role has resulted in the development and implementation of innovative service initiatives and improvements: wraparound, Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance, evidence-based practices, prevention services/child care mental health consultation, family driven and youth-guided policy, parent leadership training, and partnership with other child serving system and agencies to improve services for children and families.

Sheri is a past recipient of the Betty Tableman Award in recognition of the outstanding services she has promoted for the welfare of infants and toddlers and their families. She was also the first recipient of the Association for Children's Mental Health "Partnerships Award" for her work with families of children with emotional and behavioral disorders. Sheri is also the past Chair of the Children, Youth and Families Division of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD).

To celebrate Sheri's retirement, there will be a retirement/farewell celebration on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Crown Plaza Lansing, 925 South Creyts Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Please see instructions to RVSP below.

https://www.evite.com/event/003DQUTRKIYEI4ECSEPI3U4H4THSKQ/rsvp?utm_source=NA&utm_medium=sharable_invite&utm_campaign=send_sharable_link

Beaumont's Psychiatric Facility in Dearborn Helps Fill 'Serious Shortage'

Below are excerpts from a recent Detroit News article on the plans, by Beaumont Health, to expand inpatient psychiatric bed capacity.

Mental health advocates lauded plans announced Monday for a new psychiatric hospital in Dearborn, saying it will bring needed relief to the region's strained mental health system.

Beaumont health announced it will begin construction on the new 150-bed, free-standing psychiatric hospital in early 2019. The comprehensive facility will also expand capacity for outpatient mental health treatment and clinical psychiatric training.

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The facility will be constructed on eight acres of vacant land across the street from Beaumont Hospital-Dearborn, near the Southfield Freeway. It will be built in partnership with Universal Health Services, one of the nation's largest mental health providers with more than 200 mental health hospitals serving more than 600,000 patients annually across the country.

The full article can be found at:

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/wayne-county/2018/11/05/beaumont-build-new-psych-hospital-expand-mental-health-services/1861075002/>

MDHHS's Opioid Website – A Rich Source of Information

The state's website provides opioid-related information and resources for addicts and their families, as well as prescribers and pharmacists.

Along with opioid facts and Michigan-specific statistics, the site includes maps that show treatment centers and medication take-back centers. A number of state programs are also linked to the site, such as information on the Department of State Police's Angel Program, which allows those addicted to drugs to seek help at any post without fear of prosecution.

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_4871_79584---,00.html

MDHHS Submits Section 298 Initiative Progress Report to Legislature

Below is a recent press release on the submission of the Section 298 report to the state legislature.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced today that it has submitted a progress report on the implementation of the Section 298 Initiative to the Michigan Legislature. The initiative is a statewide effort to improve the coordination of physical and behavioral health services in Michigan.

Under Section 298, MDHHS was directed to implement up to three pilots and a demonstration project to test the integration of Medicaid-funded physical health and behavioral health services. MDHHS is also required to submit a progress report on the implementation of the pilots, demonstration project and any related policy changes.

Since the last report was submitted to the legislature, previously announced progress on the initiative includes the selection of the pilot sites, preliminary agreements on the financing model framework and progress on the identifying a financing model for services for the unenrolled population.

The three pilot sites are:

HealthWest and West Michigan Community Mental Health
Genesee Health System
Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority

The demonstration project site is Kent County.

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The progress report includes an overview of the structure of the pilots and demonstration project and describes the progress that has been made to date on implementation. The report also provides an update on the implementation of 76 recommendations from the 298 Facilitation Workgroup. Finally, MDHHS provided a related set of detailed action plans for implementing the policy recommendations.

MDHHS is continuing to work with the participants in the pilot and demonstration project sites to implement the models by Oct. 1, 2019.

To view the progress report and related action plans, visit Michigan.gov/stakeholder298.

Rural Healthcare Funding Availability Announced

A funding opportunity of possible interest to those in, or with capacity to reach, rural communities. Although this was shared via the ECHO group (note scope of resources below), the FOA is relevant for other approaches to improving care. It's limited funding but could be enough for a pilot focused on improving access to specialty care for PWE including mental health care, by more systematically linking affiliates, epilepsy centers, and PCP practices.

Due Date for Applications: November 30, 2018

Anticipated Total Annual Available FY 2019 Funding: \$2,200,000

Estimated Number and Type of Awards: Up to 22 grants

Estimated Award Amount: Up to \$100,000

Cost Sharing/Match Required: No

Period of Performance: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (1 year)

Eligible Applicants: To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity - (A) shall be a rural public or rural nonprofit private entity; (B) shall represent a network composed of participants - (i) that include 3 or more health care providers; and (ii) that may be nonprofit or for-profit entities; and (C) shall not previously have received a grant under this subsection (other than a grant for planning activities) for the same or a similar project. See Section III-1 of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for complete eligibility information.

This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program ("Network Planning"). The purpose of the Network Planning program is to assist in the development of an integrated health care network, specifically network participants who do not have a history of formal collaborative efforts in order to: (i) achieve efficiencies; (ii) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and (iii) strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. A rural health network is defined as an organizational arrangement among at least three separately owned regional or local health care providers that come together to develop strategies for improving health services delivery systems in a community. Health care networks can be an effective strategy to help smaller rural health care providers and health care service organizations align resources and strategies, achieve economies of scale and efficiencies, and address challenges more effectively as a group than as single providers. For example, a critical access hospital, a community health center, and a public health department may collaborate to form a network around a shared purpose. Other examples of health care providers could be: hospitals, public health agencies, home health providers, mental health centers, substance abuse service providers, rural health clinics, primary care providers, oral health providers, social service agencies, health profession schools, local

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school districts, emergency services providers, community and migrant health centers, federally-qualified health centers, tribal health programs, churches, faith-based organizations, and civic organizations that are/will be providing health care. The goals of the Network Planning program are centered around approaches that will aid providers in better serving their communities given the changes taking place in health care, as providers transition from focusing on the volume of services to focusing on the value of services. The intent is that rural health networks will expand access to care, increase the use of health information technology, explore alternative health care delivery models, and continue to achieve quality health care across the continuum of care from prevention and wellness to acute and long-term care.

The full RFP can be found at:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/default.aspx?id=820ff0a2-594f-4944-81b4-54365531cab1>

Opioid Deaths May Be Starting to Plateau, HHS Chief Says

Below are excerpts from a recent National Public Radio story on the views of the Secretary of the United State Department of Health and Human Services on the trending of the nation's opioid crisis.

The American opioid crisis is far from over, but early data indicate the number of deaths are beginning to level off, according to Alex Azar, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, citing "encouraging" results in overdose trends.

In a speech on Tuesday at a Milken Institute health summit, Azar walked through statistics suggesting deaths were plateauing and he highlighted efforts he says may be turning the tide in the drug epidemic. In 2017, the number of Americans dying from opioid overdoses rose to 72,000 from 64,000 the previous year.

However, according to new provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control, the numbers stopped rising toward the end of 2017, a trend that has continued into the beginning of this year.

It is "finally bending in the right direction," Azar said. He added that the death toll flattening out is "hardly a victory," especially at such high levels. Current government statistics show that opioids kill over 115 Americans each day.

The full article can be found at:

<https://www.npr.org/2018/10/24/660089369/opioid-deaths-are-starting-to-plateau-u-s-health-chief-says>

Resources SAMHSA First National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2018

The materials from a webinar in celebration to attend the First National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2018 recently sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Administration for Community Living, and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, can be accessed at:

<https://resnet-garm.webex.com/resnet-garm/lsr.php?RCID=c813160849d392242db05d1a0e2adc70>

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Trauma-Related Resources Announced

A recent UCLA study points out a relationship between mental health problems and parents who have experienced trauma:

"Previous research has looked at childhood trauma as a risk factor for later physical and [mental health problems](#) in adulthood, but this is the first research to show that the long-term behavioral [health](#) harms of [childhood adversity](#) extend across generations from parent to child," said the study's lead author, Dr. Adam Schickedanz. He is a pediatrician and health services researcher and assistant professor in the department of pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

See the summary link:

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2018-07-parents-severe-trauma-stresses-childhood.html>

NPR reports on another recently published study out of Harvard -- the largest study to date -- about the broad prevalence of ACEs and their disproportionate impact on minorities:

This new study suggests a need to target prevention resources where they can help most, says Jack Shonkoff, a professor of child health and development at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. This also requires identifying what makes some people more susceptible than others to the effects of adversity.

"Nobody is immune to adverse experiences in childhood but for some population groups, they're a larger burden of childhood adversity than others," he says. "We need to focus on targeting limited resources to the people at greatest risk and making sure those resources go into programs that reduce or mitigate adversity."

See the link:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/09/17/648710859/childhood-trauma-and-its-lifelong-health-effects-more-prevalent-among-minorities>

Very interesting recent study release from the University of Wisconsin-Madison..."Childhood trauma leaves scars that are genetic, not just emotional."

"Neglect, abuse, violence and trauma endured early in life can ripple directly into a child's molecular structure and distort their DNA, according to a new study from the University of Wisconsin-Madison."

The summary is here:

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2018/07/19/uw-madison-study-affirms-trauma-creates-genetic-change-endures/797668002/>

The brief quotes here from persons impacted by trauma -- "25 Things People Don't Realize You're Doing Because of Childhood Trauma" -- are very enlightening, and perhaps most of us can relate in some way! Check them out...

<https://themighty.com/2018/07/things-people-do-because-of-childhood-trauma-habits/>

State Legislative Update:

2018 Election Results

In the link below, please find a detailed summary of Tuesday's statewide races (including ballot proposals). They highlighted newly-elected office holders and, where applicable, seats which were "flipped" yesterday. Republicans will maintain their majorities in the state Senate and state House but by slimmer margins (22 – 16 and 58 – 52, respectively) over the current session.

<https://rwcadvocacy.box.com/v/ElectionResults11-6-2018>

Here are some top-line results:

- Governor – Gretchen Whitmer (D)
- Lt. Governor – Garlin Gilchrist (D)
- Secretary of State – Jocelyn Benson (D)
- Attorney General – Dana Nessel (D)

- Republicans have retained their majority in the State House of Representatives by a margin of 58 – 52 (currently the margin is 67 – 43).
- Republicans have retained their majority in the State Senate by a margin of 22 – 16 (currently the margin is 27 – 11).
- All three ballot proposals were approved by voters.
- U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow won re-election.
- Democrats Elissa Slotkin (D-8th) and Haley Stevens (D-11th) won their congressional races flipping two seats previously held by Republicans.
- Democrats have won majorities on all statewide elected education boards, including the State Board of Education.

On Thursday, the 2019-2020 incoming legislators held their caucus leadership elections. Below is a list of the incoming leadership teams.

2019-2020 Caucus Leadership Teams Selected

Senate Republicans

Majority Leader: Senator Mike Shirkey

Majority Floor Leader: Senator Peter MacGregor

Appropriations Chairman: Senator Jim Stamas

Majority Whip: Senator-elect Pete Lucido (R-Shelby Township)

Majority Caucus Chairman: Senator-elect Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington)

Assistant Majority Leader: Senator Wayne Schmidt (R-Traverse City)

Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Senator-elect Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township)

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Assistant Majority Whip: Senator-elect Dr. John Bizon (R-Battle Creek)
Assistant Majority Caucus Chairman: Senator-elect Jim Runestad (R-White Lake)
President Pro Tempore: Senator-elect Aric Nesbitt (R-Lawton)
Assistant President Pro Tempore: Senator-elect Lana Theis (R-Brighton)
Caucus Dean: Senator-elect Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan)

House Republicans

Speaker of the House: Rep. Lee Chatfield (R-Levering)
Majority Floor Leader: Rep. Triston Cole (R-Mancelona)
Speaker Pro-Tempore: Rep. Jason Wentworth (R-Farwell)
Associate Speaker Pro-Tempore: Rep. Pamela Hornberger (R-Chesterfield Twp.)
Associate Speaker Pro-Tempore: Rep. Jim Lilly (R-Holland)
Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Rep. Mary Whiteford (R-Allegan)
Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Rep. Michael Webber (R-Rochester Hills)
Majority Whip: Rep. Jason Sheppard (R-Lambertville)
Deputy Whip: Rep. Diana Farrington (R-Utica)
Caucus Chair: Rep. Eric Leutheuser (R-Hillsdale)
Caucus Vice Chair: Rep.-elect Graham Filler

Senate Democrats

Senate Minority Leader: Jim Ananich
Senate Minority Floor Leader: Stephanie Chang
Minority Vice Chair, Appropriations Committee: Curtis Hertel

House Democrats

House Minority Leader: Christine Greig
House Minority Floor Leader: Yousef Rabhi

Whitmer Announces Transition Team

Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer today announced key members of her transition team, including a diverse group of policy, business and philanthropic leaders serving as honorary co-chairs for the transition. The website michigantransition.org is now live and will serve as the portal for all news and announcements from the transition.

"I am proud to have this esteemed group of leaders from across Michigan helping set the foundation needed to get to work for the people of this state on day one of my administration," said Governor-elect Whitmer. "These individuals bring the know-how and can-do experience that will be critical to expanding access to affordable healthcare, improving education and skills training, cleaning up Michigan's drinking water and, of course fixing our roads."

Honorary Transition Committee members are as follows:

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha MD, MPH, FAAP – An associate professor of pediatrics and human development at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine and a nationally-recognized child advocate, Dr. Mona is founder and director of the MSU and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, a model program mitigating the impact of the Flint water crisis.

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Barbara McQuade – A professor at University of Michigan School of Law, Professor McQuade served as the U.S attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan from 2010-2017. Appointed by President Barack Obama, she was the first woman to serve in her position.

Dennis Archer – Mayor of Detroit from 1994-2001, Mr. Archer has also served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Regional Chamber and as President of the American Bar Association, National Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan.

Kate Pew Wolters – Chair of the Steelcase Foundation and a Grand Valley State University Trustee, Ms. Wolters is also president of the Kate and Richard Wolters Foundation and is involved with the Progressive Women's Alliance of West Michigan, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service and is co-chair of the Kent County Children's Commission.

Mike Prusi – Former Michigan Senate Minority Leader, Mr. Prusi represented Michigan's 38th District in the Michigan Senate, serving three terms in the House of Representatives prior to that. He is a native of Negaunee, working more than two decades in the iron ore mines and serving as president of USW Local 4950 in the Upper Peninsula.

Joe Schwarz, M.D. – Former U.S. Congressman for Michigan's 7th District and a practicing physician, Dr. Schwarz is a lecturer at University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and serves on the board of directors of "Voters Not Politicians."

Allan Gilmour – Retired Vice Chairman of Ford Motor Company, Mr. Gilmour held a number of key senior management positions at Ford as well as serving as president of Wayne State University from 2010-2013. Mr. Gilmour currently serves as president of The Gilmour-Jirgens Fund and co-chair of the HOPE Fund Committee.

Dug Song – Co-Founder of Ann Arbor-based internet security provider Duo Security, Mr. Song is a leading voice in the information security industry and has a history of building successful products and companies to solve pressing security problems.

Gary Torgow – Chairman of Chemical Financial Corporation, the holding company of the largest bank headquartered in Michigan, Mr. Torgow is also the founder of the Sterling Group. He is a member of the Executive Board of Business Leaders for Michigan and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit and is a member of the Board of the Detroit Downtown Partnership.

Portia Roberson – CEO of Focus: HOPE, Ms. Roberson spent four years as Group Executive of the City of Detroit's Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department leading the charge on how Michigan and Detroit-based businesses can work together to enhance local employment. Prior to this position, she served as Corporation Counsel for the Law Department as Detroit lead for the White House Domestic Policy Council for "Strong Cities, Strong Communities."

Daniel J. Loepp – President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mr. Loepp also serves on the board of the National Institute for Health Care Management, is the Executive Committee Chairman of the Downtown Detroit Partnership board and serves on the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

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"The election of Gretchen Whitmer is a beacon of hope for Michigan. From strengthening education and healthcare to protecting our environment and public health, I'm fired-up to work with Governor-elect Whitmer's team to ensure that all Michigan kids succeed," said Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha.

"Governor-elect Whitmer is already bringing a diverse and committed group of stakeholders to the table during this transition to solve the very real problems we are facing in Michigan, and I am proud to be part of that effort," said Dr. Joe Schwarz.

In addition to the honorary chairs, **Whitmer has named Mark Bernstein as Director of her Transition Office. Bernstein**, who is president and managing partner of The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, PLLC and serves on the University of Michigan Board of Regents, will lead day-to-day operations of Whitmer's transition. **Also serving on the transition are Awenate Cobbina as deputy director, JoAnne Huls as COO, Mark Burton as chief strategist and Steve Liedel as general counsel.**

The michigantransition.org transition website, which went live earlier today, will serve as a clearinghouse for news from the transition, applications of those looking to apply for positions within the administration, inaugural engagement opportunities and all other activities related to both the transition and inaugural festivities.

<https://michigantransition.org/governor-elect-gretchen-whitmer-announces-honorary-co-chairs-website-for-transition/>

For more information, visit www.michigantransition.org.

Federal Update:

Health Care Emerges as Top Issue in Midterms

With historic levels of voter turnout, Tuesday's midterm election results saw Democrats regain control of the House of Representatives, while Republicans strengthened their majority in the Senate. Health care emerged as a clear priority for voters and Medicaid expansion proved to be a big winner on election night. With power now divided in Congress, the next two years could feature intense political gridlock or force bipartisan compromise. Right now, one thing is clear – the 2018 midterms will send one of the largest classes of freshmen Members to Washington in recent history – and with them come new advocacy opportunities for the National Council and its members.

HEALTH CARE A PRIORITY

According to a CNN exit poll, about four in 10 voters chose health care as the most important issue facing the country, ahead of issues like immigration and the economy. A closer look at the data showed health care to be a much bigger driver for Democratic voters than Republican voters. Although the issue may have driven a lot of Democratic voters to the polls, it did not appear that health care was a decisive factor in many of elections results on Tuesday.

LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK

With Democrats controlling the House, Congress' health care agenda will change dramatically. Most importantly, Republican leaders are expected to abandon their efforts to repeal and replace the

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Affordable Care Act (ACA) and cut Medicaid by converting it to a block grant program. These efforts were strongly opposed by the National Council as they would have resulted in dramatic cuts in funding for behavioral health treatment services and harmed individuals living with mental illness and addiction.

So, what's next on Congress' health care agenda? At this point, little is known about the Democrats' next steps on health care beyond defending the ACA. Notably, Democrats have signaled interest in advancing another opioid-focused package in 2019, as many claimed the recently-signed opioid law does not go far enough for treatment-focused solutions. Each year, Congress has certain "must-pass" bills, including the appropriations bills, which fund the federal government each year. These bills may provide opportunities for bipartisan compromise on health care issues, including the opioid crisis, or we may see these bills fall into political gridlock between the two parties.

Regardless of the political environment, the National Council will work hard to maximize opportunities to advance access to mental health and addiction care for all Americans. We look forward to working with both chambers of Congress to advance key issues like expanding behavioral health treatment capacity through the Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Expansion Act (S. 1905/H.R. 3931), strengthening the behavioral health workforce, securing funding for federal mental health and addiction programs, and more.

MEDICAID EXPANSION GAINS

Medicaid expansion was a big winner at the ballot box this year, representing a great victory for individuals with low-incomes who lack health care coverage and the providers who serve them. Three Republican-led states, Utah, Nebraska, and Idaho passed ballot measures to begin Medicaid expansion. These measures are expected to extend Medicaid coverage to around 300,000 new recipients.

Beyond ballot measures, the outcomes of governors' races in Wisconsin and Kansas may also clear the way for Medicaid expansion in those states. Further, Maine, the first state to pass Medicaid expansion at the ballot box, may finally have the opportunity to implement its expansion with election of a Democratic governor and the departure of Governor Paul LePage (R), a vehement opponent of Medicaid expansion. This would bring the total number of Medicaid expansion states to 37 (with the potential addition of 2 states – Wisconsin and Kansas). These new Democratic governors may also have a big impact in the rollout of their more conservative predecessors' waiver requests, which included Medicaid work requirements and drug testing/screening.

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

With each new Congress comes opportunities for the National Council and its members to forge new relationships with Members of Congress, who can champion our issues on Capitol Hill. Do you have a relationship with any of the new or existing House or Senate members? [Tell us](#) about any key relationships you may have with Members of Congress or their staff. Successful advocacy often comes down to the strength of our relationships with legislators, so we'd love to hear from you!

Education Opportunities:

MDHHS Announces Training on Best Practice in Autism Evaluation for Medicaid Providers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Psychologists, physicians, social workers, BCBA's, BCaBA's, supervisors, medical directors, and other medical and mental health professionals and administrators serving the Medicaid population who are interested in learning about the best practices in the evaluation of autism spectrum disorder.

The Department of Psychology at Wayne State University is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Department of Psychology at Wayne State University maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Dr. Kara Brooklier have partnered to present Best Practice in Autism Evaluation, a course designed to provide mental health professionals and administrators with an understanding of the process for accurate diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in toddlers, children, and teens. The focus of this course will surround 1) understanding the core symptoms of autism, 2) common differential co-morbid conditions, and 3) best practices for evaluation from data gathering to clinical formulation and caregiver feedback. Aspects of assessment needed for differential and co-morbid diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders will be thoroughly reviewed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Participants will be aware of the core variables and symptoms associated with autism spectrum disorder
2. Participants will be able to identify common conditions in the differential diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders
3. Participants will demonstrate understanding of the best practice process for diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in toddlers, children, and teens

ABOUT DR BROOKLIER:

Dr. Kara Brooklier has been a practicing pediatric neuropsychologist for over 15 years. Her specialization is in the area of neurodevelopmental disorders and specifically autism spectrum disorders. She is Director of Neuropsychological Services at the Children's Center of Wayne County and is clinical training faculty at Children's Hospital of Michigan and Wayne State University Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences. Dr. Brooklier works with her team of staff psychologists, doctoral interns, and postdoctoral fellow to conduct neuropsychological and differential diagnostic evaluations of autism spectrum disorders and associated neurodevelopmental conditions.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DATE: November 27, 2018

TIME: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

LOCATION: The Children's Center (Training Rooms A&B) 79 W. Alexandrine, Detroit MI 48201

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CAPACITY: 70 attendees

REGISTER HERE: <https://goo.gl/ifn1Eu>

DATE: December 7, 2018

TIME: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

LOCATION: South Grand Building (Grand Conference Room) 333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing MI 48933

CAPACITY: 100 attendees

REGISTER HERE: <https://goo.gl/QUaXrq>

Ethics for Social Work & Substance Use Disorder Professionals Trainings for 2018/2019

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

This training fulfills the Michigan Social Work Licensing Board's requirement for licensure renewal for ethics.

This training fulfills the MCBAP approved treatment ethics code education – specific.

Trainings offered on the following dates.

- January 23 – Lansing [Click Here to Register for January 23](#)
- February 20 – Lansing [Click Here to Register for February 20](#)
- March 13 – Lansing [Click Here to Register for March 13](#)
- April 24 – Troy [Click Here to Register for April 24](#)

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

\$115 CMHAM Members

\$138 Non-Members

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council – Upcoming Events

The Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council is hosting learning opportunities and a train-the-trainer session November 26-28, 2018, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing, MI.

Monday, November 26th [Charting the Course to Employment Summit:](#)

Join us to learn about Charting the LifeCourse and the roles we hold in our day-to-day lives to support individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). You will learn about key principles for supporting individuals and engaging families to enhance a person-centered approach for planning and supporting life experiences that will provide preparation for employment.

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Tuesday, November 27th [Train-the-Trainer: Family Engagement around Employment and Partnering with Families around employment:](#)

The Michigan Employment First Initiative has sponsored the creation of two training resources to build the capacity of educators, employment professionals and advocates in Michigan to better engage families around employment. This event will provide curriculums and presenter notes for each.

Wednesday, November 28th [Charting the LifeCourse Community Wide Event:](#)

Join us for this interactive, hands-on workshop to learn about tools that can be used at every life stage to enhance a person-centered approach for planning and supporting life experiences that support a person to reach their vision of the life they choose.

The cost to attend each day is \$20. There are scholarships available for self-advocates and family members. Please call the DD Council office at 517-335-3158 to request a scholarship. [Registration](#) deadline is November 16th. Space is limited so please register ASAP!

Please contact Yasmina Bouraoui at bouraouiy@michigan.gov, with questions related the Employment Summit and Family Engagement Train-the Trainer, or Tracy Vincent at vincentt1@michigan.gov with questions about the Charting the LifeCourse Community wide Event.

Miscellaneous News and Information:

Job Opportunity: Michigan Healthy Transitions (MHT) Project Director

Purpose: To coordinate a grant-funded initiative to provide the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) model in Kalamazoo and Kent counties by collaborating with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), MDHHS, the Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH), the Community Mental Health Services Providers (CMHSPs) in Kalamazoo and Kent counties, Stars Training Academy (TIP model purveyor), the MPHI Evaluation Team and the MHT Leadership Team and stakeholders.

Experience: Experience with supervision and oversight of an evidence-based practice. Familiarity with Transition to Independence Process Model preferred. Experience providing community-based mental health services to children and their families. Public mental health system experience preferred. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Demonstrated coordination and organizational skills.

For more information, [Click Here!](#)

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc. (MPAS) is seeking an Executive Director

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc. (MPAS) is seeking an Executive Director to lead this non-profit organization responsible for providing legally-based protection and advocacy services that advance the rights of individuals with disabilities in Michigan. The position is located in Lansing, MI. MPAS' next Executive Director will continue to advance the high-quality advocacy, legal representation, and connection with the disability rights and social justice communities in the state. Must have a commitment to the mission of MPAS and to the rights of people with disabilities.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates with strong non-profit or legal services experience and a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college in Business Management, Psychology, Social Work, Public Administration, or another

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human service related field with minimum of ten years of experience, or Master's Degree or JD and seven years' experience.

- A minimum of seven to ten years of leadership experience in a complex organization that includes engaging in strategic planning, management, development and supervision of personnel, financial planning, and monitoring internal controls for a multi-funded budget.

Application Process:

- Candidates should send a current resume and cover letter detailing the candidate's interest in the position, describing any experience with people with disabilities, and noting relevant leadership experience to mbrand@mpas.org
- Electronic submissions are preferred. Mailed submissions may be addressed to Michele Brand, Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc., 4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500, Lansing, MI 48911 or via fax at 517-487-0827.
- MPAS offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Position is open until filled.
- MPAS is an equal opportunity employer with a commitment to diversity. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.mpas.org>.

CMH Association's Officers and Staff Contact Information:

CMHAM 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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