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State and National Developments and Resources:

CMS May Allow Hospitals to Pay for Housing Through Medicaid

Below is an excerpt from a recent edition of Modern Healthcare outlining the thinking of the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the use of Medicaid dollars to cover housing costs.

HHS Secretary Alex Azar on Wednesday said Medicaid may soon allow hospitals and health systems to directly pay for housing, healthy food or other solutions for the "whole person."

In a speech to the Hatch Foundation for Civility and Solutions in Washington, Azar said Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation officials are looking to move beyond existing efforts to partner with social services groups and try to manage social determinants of health as they see appropriate.

"What if we gave organizations more flexibility so they could pay a beneficiary's rent if they were in unstable housing, or make sure that a diabetic had access to, and could afford, nutritious food?" Azar said in his prepared remarks. "If that sounds like an exciting idea ... I want you to stay tuned to what CMMI is up to."

The CMS has [approved experiments](#) in providing this care for Medicaid beneficiaries in California, Illinois, Minnesota and New York.

The full article is available at:

https://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20181114/NEWS/181119981?utm_source=modernhealthcare&utm_campaign=mh-alert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20181114-NEWS-181119981

MSU Offers Specialized Housing for Substance Use Recovery

Below is an excerpt from a recent news story on the opening of recovery housing on the campus of Michigan State University.

Michigan State University is the first in Michigan to provide on-campus housing to students in recovery from substance use disorders, as it continues to expand student health and wellness services.

Currently, 1,534 students, or 3.2 percent of those enrolled at MSU, identify themselves as being in recovery. On-campus housing provides an important resource because college stresses can threaten the recovery process, said Dennis Martell, director of MSU's Health Promotion department.

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“Students no longer have to choose between recovery and their education,” he said. “Recovery housing through our [Collegiate Recovery Community](#) offers a safe, supportive environment where students can have a real college experience without alcohol or drugs. They form meaningful relationships based on sobriety, friendship and academic success

The full article can be found at:

https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2018/msu-offers-specialized-housing-for-substance-use-recovery/?utm_campaign=standard-promo&utm_source=msufacebook-post&utm_medium=social

MDHHS Announces Conference Call to Understand Recent Agreement Between MRS and BHDDA

Below is a recent notice of an upcoming conference call being sponsored by the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Administration (BHDDA) regarding the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) developed by BHDDA and the Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

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RICK SNYDER
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DATE: November 5, 2018

TO: Executive Directors of Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP's)
Executive Directors of Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSP's)

FROM: Brenda Stoneburner, M.A., LPC *BKS*
Manager
Community Practices and Innovation Section
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

SUBJECT: November 30, 2018 Conference Call re Memo of Understanding between Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) Follow-Up

On December 14, 2017 a newly signed Memo of Understanding (MOU) for employment services between MRS and BHDDA was released. Interactive conference calls with both MRS and BHDDA were scheduled in January, 2018 to discuss the MOU and address questions or concerns. Subsequently, on March 21, 2018 a FAQ document was released addressing questions that were identified during these calls. For reference, both documents are attached to the email with this memo.

We are interested in hearing how implementation of this MOU has been going since its release, as well as any additional questions or concerns you may have. A follow-up conference call has been scheduled for any interested participants. It is anticipated colleagues from MRS will also be on this call.

DATE: Friday, November 30, 2018

TIME: 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Conference Line: 888-557-8511 Access Code: 582 7934

Please share this information with all relevant staff and contracted employment service providers.

Thank you for your continued dedication to help individuals achieve greater independence through employment. We look forward to the dialogue to further support individual competitive integrated employment.

Cc: Jeff Wieferich
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State Legislative Update:

Conservative Hernandez To Chair Approps; Iden New 'Ways & Means' Panel

Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron) was appointed this by incoming House Speaker Lee Chatfield (R-Levering) to chair the House Appropriations Committee for the 100th session of the Legislature. Hernandez is currently a House Appropriations Committee member who chairs the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) budget and vice chairs the School Aid Fund budget.

The freshman House member ended 2017 with the chamber's most conservative voting record based on the calculation of key roll call votes. He also made a name for himself in 2017 when his first MDOT budget cut 191 positions with the idea that the \$20 million saved could go to the roads.

"I am a conservative and I'm going to dig deep into some things so we can make progress as a state," he said. "But I've shown that I'm willing to compromise when necessary and just not be a 'no vote.'"

Chatfield's other big announcement this week was the creation of a House "Ways and Means" Committee. If like a congressional committee of the same name, it will deal more with revenue and government operations than divvying out money, which is what appropriations does.

Rep. Brandt Iden (R-Oshtemo Twp.), rumored to be a contender for the Appropriations Committee chair post, will chair Ways and Means, which is presumed to be Chatfield's go-to committee -- where he would send big, complex bill packages he needs passed.

Iden currently chairs the House Regulatory Reform Committee.

In other news, Chatfield appointed Rep. Jim Lilly (R-Park Twp.) to lead the temporary Committee on Committees, which is in charge of assigning House members their various committee assignments.

Could Whitmer's Old Senate Friends Be Part of Administration?

It may not be her "kitchen cabinet" per se, but as Gov.-Elect Gretchen Whitmer begins her journey, she will have close at hand four former Senate colleagues to whom she is very close. The exclusive list includes former Sens. Bob Emerson, Mike Prusi, Deb Cherry, and Dennis Olshove. All of them served with her in the state Senate and have been closely involved in her campaign.

Emerson, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's former budget director, has decided not to take a post in the new administration. Prusi from the Upper Peninsula is not looking for a job, but has not ruled one out. The drive back-and-forth isn't desirable, but sources say Prusi would consider doing it again for his close friend.

Prusi was at the victory celebration election night in Detroit and she's tapped him to be on her transition team, which will screen possible members of the new administration. He reported the group has not met, yet as some begin to wonder when it will since she needs key players in place by Jan. 1 when she sworn in.

By comparison, when Gov. Rick Snyder came into office, he was well on his way to having assembled his team and by Jan. 1 he had every major department head position filled with one exception -- the

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Department of Corrections.

Prusi explained he is enjoying his retirement, but he did some surrogate speaking for the Governor-elect during the campaign and admitted to feeling good to have the "juices" flowing once more. When asked if he had a favorite job in mind, he confesses he does not adding, "I have not ruled anything out including coming to Lansing."

Running her Upper Peninsula office from his home is always a possibility.

One draw that would make the lengthy drive to Lansing palatable is that he does have five grandchildren, ages 5-11, in Kalamazoo and he enjoys having time with them.

He does report that once the word was out that he was on the transition team he has been fielding at least 50 phone calls from others looking for work.

As for Olshove, a Liquor Control Commissioner, and Cherry, the Genesee County treasurer, they have not spoken to their desires to do something, if anything, beyond being one of her closest friends.

As far as outgoing state legislators, a few possible suggestions for the Governor-elect include Rep. Pam Faris (D-Clio) or Rep. Fred Durhal III (D-Detroit) for their budgetary experience. Rep. Adam Zemke (D-Ann Arbor) is well studied on education policy. Rep. Tom Cochran (D-Mason), the former Lansing fire chief, or Rep. Henry Yanez (D-Sterling Heights) would be good fits for a Fire Marshal role. House Minority Leader Sam Singh (D-East Lansing) has years of experience in local government and the non-profit world that could fit well in a policy role.

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

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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 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

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

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.

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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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