



CCBHC Caucus Newsletter | April 2026

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Executive Snapshot

What Matters This Month

- Michigan is moving from planning to implementation in the CCBHC-T initiative, with a focus on helping clinics operationalize practice transformation through targeted, hands-on technical assistance.
- CMHA has launched the CCBHC TA Advisory Committee, with a call for members to help set statewide TA priorities and guide ongoing implementation efforts (interest due April 10).
- A new centralized communications approach is live, including the CCBHC webpage and weekly updates, with an 'Upcoming Deadlines' tracker coming soon to consolidate information from multiple partners in one place.
- MDHHS has released a proposed policy on the CCBHC Direct Payment Transition (2552-BH), with public comments due April 21; an important opportunity to shape future financing.

- CCBHCs are encouraged to complete the National Council’s CCBHC-T Baseline Assessment Survey as soon as possible to inform TA planning and establish statewide benchmarks.
- Workforce development opportunities are expanding, including a free Community Health Worker (CHW) certification training available to CCBHCs.
- Looking ahead, the next round of CCBHC-IA federal grant funding is anticipated, with the estimated NOFO release now expected May 1, 2026; early planning is encouraged.

Training and Technical Assistance

Formation of the CCBHC Technical Assistance (TA) Advisory Committee

At the March 25 CCBHC Caucus meeting, CMHA formally launched the call for participation in the CCBHC TA Advisory Committee, the primary member-driven body responsible for guiding Michigan’s CCBHC Technical Assistance (TA) Hub.

The TA Advisory Committee is designed to ensure that technical assistance across Michigan remains aligned, coordinated, and grounded in real-world implementation needs. This group will play a central role in shaping how TA is prioritized, delivered, and sustained across the state.

The Advisory Committee will:

- Set direction for statewide TA priorities, ensuring alignment with clinic needs and broader system goals
- Review and approve TA workplans and priorities, supporting accountability and impact
- Coordinate across multiple TA initiatives to reduce duplication and strengthen alignment
- Elevate the voice and experience of Michigan CCBHCs in shaping TA strategy

MDHHS and the National Council will participate as partners and advisors, with the committee remaining fully member driven.

Membership Overview

The committee will include 5-6 members and is intentionally structured to be operational and implementation focused. Members will bring:

- Direct CCBHC implementation leadership experience (including at least one full reporting cycle)
- Collective expertise across finance, clinical implementation, and systems integration
- Representation across geography, including rural communities, and a mix of CMH and non-CMH CCBHCs

- One potential seat for an emerging CCBHC

Call for Interest

CMHA is currently seeking interested participants to serve on the TA Advisory Committee.

- Quarterly meetings beginning May 2026
- Opportunity to directly shape TA priorities and strategy for Michigan CCBHCs

To express interest, please email Holly Salazar (holly@aliciadsmithllc.com) with:

- Name, organization, and role
- A brief description of your interest and perspective

Deadline to submit interest: April 10, 2026

CCBHC-T Technical Assistance Rollout – What to Expect Next

As we move forward from the Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation workshop series, we are shifting into the next phase of technical assistance focused on helping clinics put plans into action. The CCBHC-T approach is designed to support both statewide priorities and the day-to-day realities clinics are facing, with a mix of shared learning opportunities and more hands-on, clinic-specific support. This includes practical tools, direct consultation, and support in developing and advancing each clinic's own action plan.

Because clinics are in different places, TA will be more flexible and tailored, offering opportunities to participate based on your clinic's needs, interests, and readiness. We'll focus on key areas like access, workforce, and system redesign, while also creating space for peer learning and shared problem-solving. Clinics will have clear opportunities to opt into targeted supports, and we expect some clinics will also help share what's working to support others across the state.

The CCBHC TA Advisory Committee will play an important role in this next phase by helping to set priorities, guide how TA is delivered, and ensure it stays aligned with what clinics need most. This will help keep the work grounded, coordinated, and responsive as implementation moves forward.

CCBHC-T Baseline Assessment Survey Reminder

The CCBHC-T initiative is conducting baseline data collection for the program and requesting that current CCBHCs complete a brief baseline assessment survey.

State and clinic baseline data will serve as the starting point for measuring state-wide changes in CCBHC implementation over the course of the CCBHC-T initiative and establish a baseline for evaluating progress against the initiative's key performance indicators (KPIs).

This survey is used to understand your clinic's current operations, capacity, and transformation needs to inform technical assistance.

- **Deadline: If you have not already done so, please complete this survey as soon as possible**
- One submission per organization via unique clinic link (collaborative completion encouraged)
- Estimated time: 30–60 minutes
- *Note:* This is different than the CCBHC Impact Survey also requested by National Council via the CCBHC Success Center

Questions or support: Contact Elijah Troutman (elijaht@thenationalcouncil.org) and ccbhctransformation@thenationalcouncil.org

CCBHCs can register now for Session 3 of the CCBHC-T Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation Workshops 3-part series

Multi-disciplinary leadership/management teams from each CCBHC should join session 3 of this three-part series: **Peer-to-Peer Learning for CCBHC Practice Transformation Planning.**

This peer-to-peer session provides a clinic-only space for leaders to discuss real-world practice transformation challenges, tradeoffs, and lessons learned. Through facilitated discussion and peer exchange, participants will reflect upon strategies for leading organizational change, engaging staff, and prioritizing transformation efforts.

- **May 6, 2026, 12:30pm – 1:30pm, [Link to Register](#)**
- You can view a recording of Session 1 [here](#) (Passcode: CCBHC2026!).
- A recording of Session 2, which occurred on Thursday April 2, will be available in the coming days via the CMHA TA event page [here](#).

Policy, System & Operations Updates

House Medicaid and Behavioral Health Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing (CCBHC Demonstration)

The House Medicaid and Behavioral Health Appropriations Subcommittee held a hearing on March 10 focused on the CCBHC Demonstration. The committee received an overview presentation from MDHHS, along with testimony from CCBHC sites highlighting the value of the model and its impact on Michigan's public behavioral health system.

For those who were unable to attend or would like to revisit the discussion, the full recording is available here: [Michigan House TV - MEDI-031026](#)

CCBHC Direct Payment Transition – Public Comment Opportunity

MDHHS has issued a proposed Medicaid policy for public comment:

2552-BH – CCBHC Demonstration Direct Payment Transition. This policy outlines the proposed approach for transitioning CCBHC payment methodology under the CMS demonstration.

CCBHCs are encouraged to review and provide feedback. Comments may be submitted to the email listed on the policy’s transmittal sheet.

- **View the Notice of Proposed Policy [here](#).**
- **Proposed Medicaid policies can be accessed [here](#) on the MDHHS website.**
- **Comment deadline: April 21, 2026**

This is an important opportunity to help shape how Direct Payment is implemented moving forward.

Active Initiatives

CMHA CCBHC Communications Infrastructure Expansion

CMHA continues to build the CCBHC TA Hub as a central place for information, resources, and updates to support Michigan CCBHCs. As a reminder, key places to find information include:

- **CCBHC Webpage:** Central hub for resources, updates, and tools, available at <https://cmham.org/CCBHC>
- **CMHA Weekly Update:** Ongoing updates, including a dedicated CCBHC section. Sign up at <https://cmham.org/stay-connected/>
- **Monthly CCBHC Newsletter:** Summary of key initiatives, updates, and upcoming priorities shared on the first Friday of every month, with archived newsletters available on the CCBHC Webpage.

We recognize that CCBHCs are currently receiving a high volume of communications and requests from multiple partners, including MDHHS, National Council, and other external partners. CMHA is working to streamline and centralize communications where possible to reduce duplication and make it easier to stay informed.

To support this, an **“Upcoming Deadlines”** section will be coming soon on the CCBHC webpage, which will consolidate key due dates and requests across partners in one place. This is intended to provide clearer visibility into what is coming up and help clinics prioritize across competing asks.

Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) of Michigan

We have also added an updated [Evidence-Based Practice \(EBP\) Resource Guide](#) on the CCBHC webpage, which includes links to resources aligned with Michigan’s required EBPs. This is intended to serve as a practical, go-to reference for implementation support.

These efforts are designed to make it easier to find what you need, when you need it, and to stay connected to the broader work happening across the state.

Now Hiring: Michigan CCBHC–T Positions

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is hiring to support Michigan’s CCBHC Transformation (CCBHC-T) initiative. Michigan is one of only three states selected to participate in this three-year, multi-state effort focused on advancing the reach and impact of the CCBHC model.

Two new positions are now open and will serve as key members of the Michigan implementation team, helping to lead priority initiatives aligned with the state’s roadmap:

- [Project Management Specialist, Michigan CCBHC-T](#)
- [Systems Integration Advisor, Michigan CCBHC-T](#)

These roles will be National Council staff embedded within the state, working closely alongside MDHHS and partners as part of the broader CCBHC-T effort.

Click the links above to learn more and apply.

Field Intelligence & Emerging Issues

New Toolkit: Supporting Veterans and Military Families

SAMHSA has released a new toolkit to help CCBHCs strengthen engagement and support for service members, veterans, and their families, who may face unique behavioral health needs.

The toolkit includes:

- Strategies to better engage veterans and military-connected families
- Guidance on military culture and lived experience
- Ideas for building partnerships with veteran-serving organizations
- Practical tools to strengthen behavioral health services

Download the Toolkit [here](#).

CCBHC Impact Spotlight

Michigan in the News

A recent article highlights how Michigan CCBHCs are expanding access and transforming care across communities. The piece shares examples of how the model is improving access, coordination, and outcomes for individuals and families.

Read the article [here](#).

We are building this CCBHC Impact Spotlight section as an ongoing space to highlight innovative practices, milestones, implementation lessons, and practical strategies from across Michigan. The goal is to support peer learning and shared visibility, whether it's a workforce approach that's working, a quality improvement success, a new partnership, or a creative operational solution.

If your CCBHC has something you would like to share, we encourage you to submit for a future spotlight. Please email Holly Salazar (holly@aliciadsmithllc.com) with a brief description and any relevant details.

What's Coming Next

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Heads up! The CCBHC Demonstration's Community Partner Survey is planned for mid-April. Your feedback is important in helping us better understand and support our community collaborations and assess the Demonstration's impact on our partners. Please keep an eye out for the survey link!

Update: CCBHC-IA Grant Opportunity Timeline

An updated forecast has been released on Grants.gov for the upcoming CCBHC Improvement and Advancement (CCBHC-IA) grant opportunity. Based on the latest update, the estimated posting date for the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been pushed to May 1, 2026.

This opportunity may provide additional resources to support CCBHC implementation and sustainability efforts across Michigan. **CCBHCs interested in applying should begin early planning in anticipation of the updated timeline.**

Upcoming Deadlines and Dates

Technical Assistance Sessions

- **May 6, 2026** – CCBHC-T Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation Workshop
Session 3: **Peer-to-Peer Learning for CCBHC Practice Transformation Planning.** (12:30pm – 1:30pm) - [Register here](#)

Meetings

- **May 27, 2026** – CCBHC Caucus Meeting (8:30am – 10:00am)

Deadlines / Due Dates

- **ASAP** – CCBHC-T Baseline Assessment Survey due to National Council
- **April 3, 2026** – Clinic Specific CCBHC Direct Care Transition MOUs due to MDHHS
- **April 15, 2026** - Veteran’s Navigator Reporting due to MDHHS
- **April 30, 2026** – Sentinel Events Semiannual Reporting due to MDHHS
- **April 30, 2026** – CY26 Q1 Quality Measure Reporting (for 1/1/2026 - 3/31/2026) due to MDHHS
- **May 15, 2026** – Quarterly Claims Reconciliation Template due to MDHHS
- **May 15, 2026** – Quarterly Grievance, Appeals, and Service Authorization Denials due to MDHHS

Other

- **May 1, 2026** – Likely release of SAMHSA Planning and Development (PD) and Implementation and Assessment (IA) grants under the CCBHC program