



CCBHC Caucus Newsletter | May 2026

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Executive Snapshot

What Matters This Month

- **Cost Reporting:** Anticipated cost reports have been submitted, highlighting key questions and areas of need. Additional technical assistance is being developed, and clinics are encouraged to complete the cost reporting survey to help shape upcoming support.
- **CCBHC-T Transition to Implementation:** Michigan is moving from planning to implementation, with a shift toward more hands-on, tailored technical assistance to support clinics in operationalizing practice transformation.
- **Mental Health Framework (BH-COVER):** A draft framework was shared with CMHSPs in April. Feedback from CCBHC leadership raised considerations related to sustainability, system alignment, and potential fragmentation.
- **Statewide Data Infrastructure:** CMHA is advancing a proposal to develop a centralized CCBHC data warehouse and is engaging clinics in early planning. This

effort is intended to strengthen data-driven advocacy, quality improvement, and system alignment.

- **Looking Ahead – Federal Funding:** The next round of CCBHC-IA grant funding is anticipated, with the NOFO expected soon. Clinics interested in applying should begin early planning.

Training and Technical Assistance

Cost Reporting and PPS 1

CCBHCs should be commended for the quick turnaround to submit anticipated cost reports on April 27. This effort highlighted key gaps and opportunities related to cost reporting, which will be addressed through upcoming technical assistance focused on cost reporting and PPS-1 rate methodology.

The CCBHC Caucus will partner with MDHHS and CCBHC-T program partners to coordinate and prioritize these technical assistance needs.

Quick Survey to Inform Future Cost-Reporting & PPS 1 Technical Assistance

The CCBHC-T Program is collecting input from CCBHC finance staff to help shape ongoing technical assistance programming in the weeks ahead related to cost reporting and PPS-1 rate methodology. Each CCBHC is asked to identify one representative from their finance team - preferably someone directly involved in cost reporting - to complete a brief survey outlining questions, challenges, and areas of interest.

Responses will not affect the cost reports submitted on April 27 but will directly inform future technical assistance support.

Participants may submit responses more than once as additional needs or questions emerge.

Complete the survey no later than Friday, May 22, 2026:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/mej6TW>

CCBHC Anticipated Cost Report Template Office Hours – Recording Available

On April 23, The CCBHC-T program hosted a technical assistance office hours session facilitated by Scott Banken, CPA, MBA, CCRS of FTI Consulting and Erni Kozlowski of CohnReznick Advisory LLC.

The session supported Michigan CCBHCs in navigating the anticipated cost report template and included:

- Identification of allowable and supportable anticipated costs

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- Strategies to address common completion challenges
- Participant questions and discussion

The recording is available here on the CMHA events platform:

<https://cmham.ce21.com/item/845000-office-hours-ccbhcs-anticipated-cost-report-template-144288>

If you did not attend live, you will be prompted to register to access the recording.

**Important Disclaimer:* This session was not affiliated with or hosted by MDHHS or Milliman and did not provide official guidance, rulings, or determinations. It was intended solely as a peer-oriented technical support resource to assist clinics in developing their completion strategy.

Completion of the CCBHC–T Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation Workshops 3–part series

Multi-disciplinary leadership/management teams from each CCBHC joined session 3 of the three-part CCBHC-T Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation series on May 6: **Peer-to-Peer Learning for CCBHC Practice Transformation Planning.**

This clinic-only session provided a space for leaders to discuss real-world practice transformation challenges, tradeoffs, and lessons learned. Through facilitated discussion, participants explored approaches to leading organizational change, engaging staff, and prioritizing transformation efforts.

You can [view a recording of Session 3 here](#). If you were not previously registered for this session, you will be prompted to do so at no cost when you click on the link.

CCBHC–T Technical Assistance Rollout – What to Expect Next

As the Clinic Vision and Practice Transformation workshop series concludes, the CCBHC-T program is transitioning into the next phase of technical assistance focused on implementation and execution.

This next phase is designed to support both statewide priorities and the day-to-day realities clinics face, combining shared learning opportunities with more tailored, hands-on support. This includes practical tools, direct consultation, and support in advancing each clinic’s action plan.

Recognizing that clinics are at different stages of implementation, technical assistance will be flexible and responsive, allowing clinics to engage based on their needs, priorities, and readiness. Key focus areas will include access, workforce, and system redesign, alongside continued opportunities for peer learning and shared problem-solving. Clinics will have clear opportunities to opt into targeted supports, and some may also contribute to peer learning by sharing effective practices and lessons learned.

CCBHC-T Program partners are currently developing a range of supports, including cohort-based technical assistance (e.g., cost reporting/financing, same-day access) and clinic-specific consultation based on individual TA requests. The National Council is finalizing contracts with subject matter experts, and additional details will be shared in the coming weeks.

The CCBHC TA Advisory Committee will play a key role in this phase by helping to set priorities, guide delivery approaches, and ensure technical assistance remains aligned with real-world clinic needs.

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, a member-driven body responsible for guiding Michigan's CCBHC Technical Assistance Hub.

The TA Advisory Committee is designed to ensure that technical assistance remains aligned, coordinated, and grounded in real-world implementation needs. The committee will play a central role in shaping TA priorities, delivery strategies, and ongoing refinement of supports across the state.

Several CCBHCs submitted recommendations for participation. The committee will include 5 - 6 members and is intentionally structured to maintain a strong operational and implementation focus.

CCBHC Caucus Leadership is currently reviewing submissions to ensure representation reflects diversity across CCBHCs, direct implementation experience, and expertise spanning finance, clinical operations, and systems integration.

Final membership will be announced in the coming weeks, with the committee expected to begin meeting in late May or early June.

Policy, System & Operations Updates

Mental Health Framework

In April, PIHPs, CMHSPs, and Medicaid health plans reviewed a draft of a new mental health services benefit plan (BH-COVER) which will be assigned to Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan (MHP) who meet specified criteria. CCBHC Caucus Leadership that are CMHSPs prepared a joint response in addition to their individual organizational responses.

Several concerns were expressed related to CCBHC sustainability, system alignment, and the potential for increased fragmentation across Michigan’s behavioral health delivery system.

CCBHC Handbook Version 3.1 – Now Available

The CCBHC Demonstration Handbook (Version 3.1) is now available. Access it [here](#) on the MDHHS website.

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 sources of 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 continuing efforts to streamline and better coordinate communications to reduce duplication and improve clarity.

We also recognize there have been some challenges with TA event registration, including calendar integration and access to Zoom links. CMHA is exploring options to streamline this process and improve ease of access. Updates will be shared as improvements are implemented.

An “Upcoming Deadlines” section is currently in development for the CCBHC webpage, which to consolidate key due dates and requests across partners in one place. This section will be finalized and launched in the coming weeks.

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 resource to support implementation efforts.

Together, these updates are designed to make it easier to find what you need, when you need it, and remain connected to the broader work happening across the state.

Field Intelligence & Emerging Issues

Building a Statewide CCBHC Data Warehouse - Update

CMHA continues to explore opportunities to strengthen shared data infrastructure to support CCBHC advocacy, quality improvement, and system alignment across Michigan.

In April, CMHA submitted a concept to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund Behavioral Health Program for “Building a Centralized Data Infrastructure to Strengthen Michigan’s Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)”, and has been invited to submit a full proposal, due on June 1, 2026.

As part of proposal development, **CMHA is seeking to engage CCBHC leaders and subject matter experts in a member-driven CCBHC Caucus Data Warehouse Committee to help inform early planning and proposal design.** If awarded, this group will then transition into an ongoing Data Warehouse Governance Committee.

If you have interest in participating, please email Holly Salazar (holly@aliciadsmithllc.com) no later than May 15, 2026 with:

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

Additional information will be shared as this work progresses.

CCBHC Caucus Member EMR Feedback to Support 3rd Party Billing

In April, CCBHC Caucus members were asked to provide feedback on the functionality of their electronic medical record (EMR) to support third party billing. This feedback was summarized and shared with MDHHS and PCE in an attempt to resolve as many of the identified issues as possible.

A copy of the compiled feedback shared with MDHHS and PCE is [available here](#).

Workforce Opportunity: CCBHC Transformation Workforce Career Accelerator

The CCBHC Transformation Workforce Career Accelerator is now underway, with behavioral health clinics across Michigan registering as employment sites to support staff participation. Registration for employment sites closed on April 30.

Participating clinics receive free training, technical assistance, and support to help clinical staff achieve licensure. Program participants, who must be employed by or have an offer from a registered site, will receive professional development, supervision support, and up to \$8,500 in financial incentives through July 2028.

What’s next:

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- May 22: Candidate application deadline

Clinics that are registered as employment sites are encouraged to share this opportunity with staff and support eligible employees in applying.

For more information, visit the program [webpage](#) or contact CCBHCTworkforce@thenationalcouncil.org.

Report: Administrative Efficiencies in Behavioral Health

A report published by CMHAM in December highlights opportunities to reduce administrative burden and improve system efficiency across Michigan's behavioral health system. Through the CCBHC TA effort, this is a key area of focus - working with clinics to streamline processes, reduce duplication, and support more effective use of staff time and resources. Read the report: <https://cmham.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Admin-Efficiencies-Final-Report-December-2025.pdf>

CCBHC Impact Spotlight

Michigan in the News: Notable Leaders in Health Care 2026

A recent profile in Crain's Detroit Business highlights Jennifer Shumaker's (Chief Clinical Officer at CNS Healthcare) leadership in advancing behavioral health systems in Michigan, including the role of CCBHCs in expanding access and improving care coordination.

As Jennifer notes, *"CCBHCs are transforming how care is delivered by increasing access, strengthening coordination, and ensuring people can get the services they need when they need them."*

This recognition reflects the broader impact of the CCBHC model across the state and the continued progress being made through local leadership and system collaboration. Read more: <https://www.craisdetroit.com/recognitions/notables/leaders-health-care/2026/cdb-jennifer-shumaker/>

Preliminary Michigan CCBHC Demonstration Impact Findings Shared at NatCon26

The CCBHC evaluation team at the University of Michigan Center for Health Research Transformation (CHRT) shared preliminary impact findings of the CCBHC demonstration to a national audience at NatCon26.

Key Takeaways from Evaluation to Date:

- CCBHCs in Michigan have experienced tremendous growth in individuals being served and success at expanding access to Behavioral Health Services

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- This expansion has not been without challenges, particularly in staffing
- CCBHCs can function as a pathway for people to get behavioral health care, particularly for those who had no prior diagnosis
- Crisis services with the CCBHC model can be an important access point to stabilization and on-going care
- Impacts on key system drivers (ED utilization, IP, RTF, and PCP) show promising improvements

Several data points highlighted the impact of the CCBHC model:

- The number of persons served by CCBHCs has increased steadily since the beginning of the demonstration. Despite the growth in persons served, the core services have remained at a fairly consistent level which indicates CCBHCs have been able to keep up with the increased demand (especially despite the challenges identified).
- Crisis services are a key entry point to CCBHC services. 16% of new CCBHC service recipients initiated CCBHC services through a crisis contact. 49% of those individuals were children and youth.
- The average time reported from initial contact to initial evaluation has been decreasing. Among Cohort 1 CCBHCs (joined in FY22), time to initial evaluation has reduced by 18.3% (FY22-FY24), and overall CCBHC performance on the time to initial evaluation measure has decreased by 14.4%.
- Primary care utilization at CCBHCs was 35% higher than the comparison group of similar behavioral health providers.

Quote from a CCBHC:

“It’s our...promise that if someone comes to our front door—whether through our referral system or just walking in—we’ll serve them. I think that’s made the biggest impact because there’s no wrong door for them. They have immediate access, and they don’t have to deal with the eligibility requirement through the Medicaid system.”

For more information, detailed evaluation reports can be found at www.michigan.gov/ccbhc.

Future CCBHC Spotlights

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

CCBHC Demonstration Evaluation – Community Partner Survey

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has partnered with the Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT) to evaluate the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) Demonstration.

A CCBHC Demonstration Community Partner Survey has been sent to community partner contacts provided by individual CCBHCs, and is open until May 14, 2026. Please be aware that community partner contacts you provided received an email containing the survey link through Qualtrics.

The table below provides a summary of upcoming CHRT evaluation activities for your awareness:

Activity	Purpose	Time Commitment and Staff Involvement	Schedule
Evaluation: Community Partner Surveys	Understand how community partners perceive working with CCBHCs and the impact these centers have on the community.	<u>CCBHC (Program Lead):</u> About 20 minutes to send intro email to community partners <u>Community Partners:</u> About 30 minutes to complete survey.	Collecting data from Community Partners through May 14, 2026
Evaluation: CCBHC Interviews	Learn more about the experiences, successes, and challenges involved in implementing CCBHCs. This follow-up to the previous survey will explore priority topics in greater depth.	<u>CCBHC (Program Lead, Clinical/Financial/IT representation depending on questions):</u> About 60 minutes for interview	May – June 2026
Evaluation: Focus Groups/ Interviews	Understand the experiences and perspectives of persons served by CCBHCs in Michigan.	<u>CCBHC (Program Lead):</u> About 20 minutes to connect existing advisory group point of contact to CHRT. Potential additional time required depending on involvement with interviews.	June – August 2026

		Persons Served: About 60 minutes of interview time and will either be virtual or in-person (based on guidance from each CCBHC).	
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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) is May 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

- **July 2, 2026** – MDHHS Quarterly Lunch and Learn (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Meetings

- **May 13, 2026** – CCBHC Caucus Data Quality Workgroup Meeting
- **May 21, 2026** – MDHHS CCBHC Bimonthly Meeting Series (10:00am – 11:00am)
- **May 27, 2026** – CCBHC Caucus Meeting (8:30am – 10:00am)

Deadlines / Due Dates

- **May 15, 2026** – Quarterly Claims Reconciliation Template due to MDHHS
- **May 15, 2026** – Quarterly Grievance, Appeals, and Service Authorization Denials due to MDHHS
- **May 15, 2026** – Submit interest to Holly Salazar (holly@aliciadsmithllc.com) for participation on the CCBHC Caucus Data Warehouse Committee
- **May 22, 2026** - CCBHC Cost Report & PPS 1 Quick Survey due to CCBHC-T Program Partners to identify CCBHC needs to inform future cost reporting technical assistance
- **June 30, 2026** – Annual Clinic-Reported Measures (Including DEP-REM-6) up to May 31 due to MDHHS

Other

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