



# CCBHC Caucus Newsletter | June 2026

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## Executive Snapshot

### What Matters This Month

- **CCBHC-T Implementation Phase Launching:** Beginning in July, the next phase of CCBHC-T technical assistance will launch with new Access and Financing modules focused on operational implementation, PPS-1 readiness, same-day access, patient flow, and sustainability strategies. An introductory webinar is planned for June.
- **TA Advisory Committee Established:** Michigan’s new CCBHC TA Advisory Committee held its first meeting to help shape statewide technical assistance priorities, communications, and implementation supports. The committee will provide ongoing operational feedback to ensure TA remains responsive to clinic needs.
- **Growing State and Federal Momentum for CCBHCs:** Michigan introduced bipartisan legislation to codify CCBHCs into state law, while HHS announced 10

additional states joining the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program, reflecting continued national expansion and bipartisan support for the model.

- **SPA and State Policy Discussions Underway:** MDHHS has begun early discussions regarding a potential future CCBHC State Plan Amendment (SPA) and is seeking feedback from clinics on key issues including sustainability, reimbursement, flexibility, and service scope. Additional listening sessions are expected.
- **Statewide Data Infrastructure Proposal Advancing:** CMHA is pursuing a Health Endowment Fund proposal to support development of a statewide CCBHC data warehouse focused on ROI analysis, outcome reporting, interoperability, and long-term sustainability planning.
- **Workforce Investment Continues to Expand:** The CCBHC Transformation Workforce Career Accelerator now includes 27 participating employment sites and more than 345 candidate applications statewide, supporting workforce development and clinical licensure pathways across Michigan CCBHCs.

## Training and Technical Assistance

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

Thank you to the CCBHC finance staff who participated in the recent Cost Reporting & PPS-1 Technical Assistance survey. Responses highlighted ongoing interest in additional support related to PPS-1 methodology, cost reporting processes, allowable costs, documentation expectations, and strategies for navigating operational and financial complexities.

Survey findings are being shared with CCBHC-T program partners to help inform the development of future technical assistance opportunities focused on cost reporting and PPS-1 implementation.

### Missed a TA Session? On-Demand Recordings Available

Past CCBHC technical assistance trainings and recorded learning sessions are available on-demand through the CMHA learning platform. This includes previously hosted webinars, trainings, and collaborative sessions designed to support Michigan CCBHC implementation and operations.

Access recordings and materials [here on the CMHA events platform](#) by selecting “CCBHC TA” as the Topic Area.

The library will continue to be updated as new TA sessions and resources become available.

### CCBHC-T Technical Assistance Rollout – What to Expect Next

Beginning in July, two new CCBHC-T technical assistance modules will launch focused on:

- **Access** – including same-day access implementation, care access workflows, and patient flow
- **Financing** – including PPS fundamentals, cost reporting preparation, financial modeling, and sustainability strategies

To kick off this next phase, CCBHC-T program partners will host an introductory webinar on June 29 designed to showcase available technical assistance opportunities under the CCBHC-Transformation (CCBHC-T) program. Participants will hear directly from technical assistance contractors about upcoming supports, priority topic areas, and the process for signing up for individualized 1:1 technical assistance tailored to clinic needs.

This next phase of TA 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. Recognizing that clinics are at different stages of implementation, technical assistance will remain flexible and responsive, allowing clinics to engage based on their needs, priorities, and readiness.

The CCBHC TA Advisory Committee will continue to play an important role in helping shape priorities, guide delivery approaches, and ensure technical assistance remains aligned with real-world clinic needs.

### **CCBHC Technical Assistance (TA) Advisory Committee Holds First Meeting**

The newly established CCBHC TA Advisory Committee held its first meeting on Friday, May 29, bringing together CCBHC leaders from across Michigan to help guide the development and delivery of the CMHA CCBHC Technical Assistance (TA) Hub.

Thank you to the following committee members for supporting this effort:

- **Pasquale Vignola**, Chief Strategy Officer, The Guidance Center (Committee Chair)
- **Sheila Hibbs**, Chief Operating Officer, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo
- **Andrew Gilroy**, Chief Financial Officer, Hegira Health
- **Cassandra Watson**, Chief Executive Officer, LifeWays
- **Anne Bicego**, Clinical Administrator, Macomb County CMH
- **Devon Hernandez**, West Michigan CMH

During the meeting, members discussed the vision and structure of the CMHA TA Hub, including the need for a more coordinated, centralized, and sustainable approach to CCBHC technical assistance across Michigan. Discussion topics included technical assistance priorities, communications and engagement strategies, governance and advisory committee roles, and alignment between clinic-level TA and broader statewide implementation efforts. Additional discussion focused on improving communication

pathways for CCBHCs, including centralized event information, clearer audience targeting, and streamlined TA updates and resources.

The TA Advisory Committee will continue meeting regularly to help shape TA priorities, provide operational feedback, and ensure technical assistance remains responsive to the evolving needs of Michigan CCBHCs.

## **Policy, System & Operations Updates**

### **Legislative and State Policy Updates**

Michigan lawmakers recently introduced bipartisan legislation to formally codify Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) into state law through Senate Bills 1000 and 1001, led by Senator Rosemary Bayer and Senator John DeMoose. While passage during the current legislative session may be unlikely due to limited remaining session days, the legislation establishes an important foundation for future advocacy efforts supporting long-term CCBHC sustainability in Michigan.

CMHA leadership also discussed ongoing state budget negotiations, noting that current FY27 budget language continues to prohibit expansion of the CCBHC program. Advocacy efforts remain focused on future opportunities, including potential supplemental budget discussions and longer-term expansion strategies.

Additional discussion focused on the state's proposed "mental health framework" changes and concerns that the proposal does not fully recognize the role CCBHCs already play in improving access, care coordination, and community-based behavioral health services. Legislative language has also been introduced to pause implementation of the framework pending additional review and stakeholder discussion.

CCBHCs are encouraged to continue participating in legislative advocacy efforts and ongoing Caucus policy discussions.

### **State Plan Amendment (SPA) Planning Discussions Continue**

MDHHS has begun early discussions with CCBHCs regarding a potential future CCBHC State Plan Amendment (SPA) and is seeking input from clinics on key design considerations. Initial conversations have included questions related to service scope, reimbursement and rebasing, sustainability, flexibility within the SPA structure, and potential impacts on populations served.

Additional listening sessions and discussions with CCBHCs are expected in the coming months to gather further feedback and inform future planning efforts.

### **Federal CCBHC Policy & Funding Update**

Brett Beckerson from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing provided a federal policy update highlighting continued bipartisan support for the CCBHC model and growing national recognition of CCBHCs as key partners in addressing behavioral health, housing, justice system coordination, and rural healthcare needs.

National Council shared that federal appropriations supporting CCBHCs remain stable and that additional CCBHC demonstration states are expected to launch in the near future. SAMHSA is also anticipated to release the next round of CCBHC expansion and planning grant opportunities in the coming weeks.

Federal agencies, including HUD and the Department of Justice, are increasingly encouraging or requiring partnerships with CCBHCs within grant-funded initiatives, reflecting broader federal alignment around the model. National conversations are also beginning to explore longer-term sustainability approaches for CCBHCs, including potential future funding structures modeled more similarly to FQHC Section 330 funding.

Additional federal investments are also emerging in areas such as CCBHC data infrastructure, quality reporting, and accreditation support.

## **HHS Announces 10 New States Added to the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in partnership with CMS and SAMHSA, recently announced the addition of 10 new states to the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program: Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Washington, and West Virginia. The expansion reflects continued national momentum behind the CCBHC model and its role in strengthening access to comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder services.

With this latest expansion, 31 states will now support CCBHCs through either the Medicaid Demonstration Program or state Medicaid financing approaches, helping create more sustainable funding structures for behavioral health services nationwide. Federal leaders also highlighted the growing role of CCBHCs in crisis response, addiction recovery, care coordination, and whole-person behavioral healthcare.

Additional information is available through the SAMHSA announcement: [SAMHSA Press Release: HHS Welcomes 10 New States into CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program](#)

## **Active Initiatives**

### **CMHA CCBHC Communications Infrastructure**

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.

To support coordination, planning, and timely participation in CCBHC-related activities across Michigan, a new “**Upcoming Deadlines and Dates**” section highlights important upcoming meetings, technical assistance opportunities, reporting deadlines, evaluation activities, and other key dates relevant to CCBHC implementation and operations.

Information will be updated regularly and is intended to serve as a centralized reference point for CCBHC leadership teams and designated staff. **Please review this section routinely to stay informed about upcoming requirements, engagement opportunities, and time-sensitive activities involving MDHHS, CMHA, CHRT, and other CCBHC partners.**

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 recently shared updates on a proposed statewide CCBHC data warehouse initiative currently being pursued through a Health Endowment Fund grant proposal. The proposal requests approximately \$750,000 over two years to support development of a centralized CCBHC data infrastructure designed to strengthen data access, reporting, and long-term sustainability planning for Michigan CCBHCs.

The proposed data warehouse would support statewide Return-on-Investment (ROI) analysis and outcome reporting, improve access to actionable CCBHC data, enhance interoperability and future integration efforts, and help build stronger infrastructure for demonstrating the impact of the CCBHC model over time.

CMHA leadership also emphasized the importance of developing a system that is more responsive and adaptable to CCBHC operational needs than existing legacy state systems.

CCBHCs were encouraged to submit letters of support for the grant proposal.

## **Workforce Opportunity: CCBHC Transformation Workforce Career Accelerator**

The CCBHC Transformation Workforce Career Accelerator continues to gain momentum across Michigan, with 27 CCBHCs and crisis providers now participating as employment sites and more than 345 candidate applications submitted to date. Additional applications continue to be reviewed as the program works to confirm eligibility and employment site alignment.

The initiative is designed to help strengthen and expand Michigan's behavioral health workforce by supporting unlicensed staff in pursuing clinical licensure pathways. Participating candidates receive professional development opportunities, peer networking, supervision support, and up to \$8,500 in financial incentives through July 2028 while remaining employed at participating organizations.

Current program data reflects an average of 12.7 newly trained or upskilled clinicians per participating organization, highlighting the program's potential to significantly expand workforce capacity statewide.

Participating clinics are encouraged to continue sharing the opportunity internally and supporting eligible staff throughout the application and onboarding process.

## **CCBHC Impact Spotlight**

### **Future CCBHC Spotlights**

The CCBHC Impact Spotlight section is 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](mailto:holly@aliciadsmithllc.com)) with a brief description and any relevant details.

## **What's Coming Next**

### **CCBHC Demonstration Evaluation – CCBHC and Focus Group Interviews**

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.

Through the summer months, CHRT will be conducting CCBHC interviews to understand the experiences, successes, and challenges involved in implementing CCBHCs, and Focus Group interviews to understand the experiences and perspectives of persons served by CCBHCs.

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

Activity	Purpose	Time Commitment and Staff Involvement	Schedule
<b>Evaluation: CCBHC Interviews</b>	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
<b>Evaluation: Focus Groups/ Interviews</b>	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.  <u>Persons Served:</u> About 60 minutes of interview time and will either be virtual or in-person (based on guidance from each CCBHC).	June – August 2026

### 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 forthcoming.

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

### Upcoming Deadlines and Dates

Please see the “Upcoming Deadlines and Dates” section at <https://cmham.org/ccbhc>.

#### *Technical Assistance Sessions*

- **June 29, 2026** – CCBHC-T Informational Session (1:00pm – 2:00pm)
- **July 2, 2026** – MDHHS Quarterly Lunch and Learn (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

#### *Meetings*

- **June 9, 2026** – CCBHC Caucus Meeting (At CMHA Conference) (4:00pm – 5:00pm)
- **June 15, 2026** - Special CCCBHC Caucus Meeting with Amy Kanouse/MDHHS -- Review and Discuss CCBHC Post Demo Policy Considerations (11:00am – 12:00pm)
- **July 16, 2026** – CCBHC Bi-Monthly Meeting Series (10:00am – 11:00am)
- **July 22, 2026** – CCBHC Caucus Meeting (9:00am – 10:00am)
- **June/July (TBD)** - Additional CCBHC Post-Demonstration / SPA Listening Sessions

#### *Deadlines / Due Dates*

- **June 30, 2026** – Annual Clinic-Reported Measures (Including DEP-REM-6) up to May 31 due to MDHHS
- **July 31, 2026** – CY26 Quarter 2 Quality Measure Template Due to MDHHS

#### *Other*

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