

Michigan Association of
**COMMUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH**
Boards



2014 Annual Report

From the Leadership



Looking Back— Moving Forward

For the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) and its provider affiliate members, 2014 was a year of looking back and moving forward in continuing the growth and evolution of Michigan's publicly financed mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder system.

The year began with a look back at President John F. Kennedy's Community Mental Health Act of 1963, a major landmark in mental health rights and the centerpiece of federal policy that laid the foundation for publicly financed community based treatment services in this country. Throughout the year, Community Mental Health (CMH) boards and providers across the state celebrated the history and evolution of services and supports in their communities.

Moving forward, MACMHB members worked with the state, local community partners, and stakeholders to educate and enroll eligible persons in Healthy Michigan. Over 400,000 low income persons were enrolled in the first six months of the program. Efforts to improve physical health and behavioral health integration continued to evolve— CMHs and provider organizations formed partnerships with local healthcare providers; care managers supported consumers with regular monitoring of key health indicators; providers developed increased integrated care capacities within their organizations; and health information exchange and data analytics agreements were created across the state.

Building on the foundations of the first Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), the new regional entity PIHPs moved forward in forming their boards, hiring their management teams, creating their substance abuse advisory councils, and realigning their access, quality assurance, reporting, and financing systems.

On behalf of our Executive Board, we want to thank MACMHB members for their work over the past half century in making Michigan's public behavioral health and developmental disabilities system one of the finest in the country.

Steffan Taub
President

Michael K. Vizena
Executive Director

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Provider Alliance

The Year in Review

October 2013 The year began with a special recognition at MACMHB's Fall Conference of the 50th anniversary of the passage of President John F. Kennedy's Community Mental Health Act.

The federally-managed Health Insurance Marketplace opened in Michigan, allowing persons without health insurance, or who purchased health insurance on their own, to select subsidized health insurance. Many Community Mental Health Service Providers (CMHSPs) participated in local special events



From left: Alan Bolter, MACMHB; Steve Luxenberg, Keynote Speaker and author; United States Senator Debbie Stabenow; and Michael Vizena, MACMHB

around the Michigan Humanities Council's "Great Michigan Read" book, *Annie's Ghost: A Journey into a Family Secret* by Steve Luxenberg. MACMHB and 11 CMHSPs provided funding support for the Great Read project, and 58 program sites hosted special

events throughout the year. At the federal level, House Republican leadership forced a government shut down in an effort to defund the Affordable Care Act. The effort failed.

November In an effort to provide more seamless and improved access to behavioral healthcare services, MACMHB recommended that the management responsibility for mild to moderate mental health services be transferred from Medicaid health plans to the PIHPs. The State submitted its Medicaid expansion waiver, "Healthy Michigan," and announced its selection of integrated care organizations (ICOs) for the four demonstration regions of Michigan's duals demonstration, MI Health Link. MACMHB members, Cherry Street Health Services and St. Joseph CMH, were two of nine Michigan organizations awarded Department of Health and Human Services' health center grants. MACMHB agreed to serve as the fiduciary agent for the state's Autism Consultation Project.

December The National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Directors, and the National Association for Rural Mental Health announced their affiliation, providing CMHs with membership in both organizations. The Excellence in Mental Health Act was passed in the Senate, and Representative Tim Murphy introduced his bill to reform the mental health system. The state legislature passed its statutory blueprint for mental health courts, and the Student Safety Act was passed, establishing a student hotline to anonymously report concerns regarding harm, self harm, or criminal acts against K-12 students and schools. The act was modeled after a Colorado program.

January 2014 Effective January 1, the state's 10 realigned Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan regions (PIHPs) began managing all Medicaid financed behavioral health and developmental disabilities services. Governor Snyder's Mental Health and Wellness Commission released its report with a series of recommendations in areas to improve Michigan's publicly funded behavioral health and developmental disabilities services. The statewide Mental Health First Aid Grants were awarded to MACMHB member Training and Treatment Innovations, and to the West Michigan Collaborative—a coalition of several CMHSPs and provider organizations from west and central Michigan. The Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH) became the first statewide advocacy organization to become a member of MACMHB. The state received approval from the Centers



for Medicaid and Medicare Services for its Medicaid expansion waiver, Healthy Michigan. On the national level, Ituha Cloud, Kalamazoo CMH board member and a certified peer support specialist, received the National Council's Rising Star award.

February MACMHB's Winter Conference was held in Lansing, with Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley as a keynote speaker. Fourteen MACMHB members, including eight CMHs

and six provider organizations, were awarded state health innovation grants in its first round of awards. Four CMH

communities – Detroit Wayne, Kalamazoo, Pathways, and St. Joseph, were awarded mental health court pilot grants. Genesee Health System and Hope Network were recognized in the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid report for their innovative and promising partnerships and practices for integrated healthcare services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

March Following a three month period of extensive advocacy and planning with the administration and legislature, a \$25 million general fund supplemental appropriation to CMHSPs, and a modified allocation schedule were approved by the Michigan Legislature to assist in the transition to Healthy Michigan financing. The Michigan Department of Community Health announced its plan for statewide training for use of the Supports Intensity Scale, a standardized assessment tool for persons with developmental disabilities. In partnership with the National Council, MACMHB members participated in the Middle Management Academy help in Grand Rapids. At the federal level, following intense lobbying, CMS announced its intent to abandon its plan to strip mental health drugs of their protected status.

April Michigan’s Medicaid expansion program, Healthy Michigan, opened for enrollment on April 1. Over 100,000 Michigan citizens were enrolled in the first month of operation, allowing persons previously without health care insurance, to begin receiving primary care, wellness, and prevention related health services. As one of the first recommendations implemented from the Governor’s Mental Health and Wellness Commission report, the legislature passed the “R-word” legislation, removing the terms mentally retarded and mental retardation from all Michigan laws.



May At MACMHB’s Spring Conference in Dearborn, the Member Assembly approved the FY15 dues structure for



Senator Debbie Stabenow with Nick Lawson, Gratiot County CMH Services at the MACMHB Fall Conference.

CMHs and affiliates, the fourth year of holding dues assessment without any increases. Officers for 2014 - 2015 were elected: Steffan Taub, president (Oak-



Capitol Steps, Lansing, Michigan



land County CMH Authority board member); Joan Flynn, 1st vice president, (Macomb County CMH Services board member); William Davie, 2nd vice president (Pathways Community Mental Health board member); Jim Johnson, treasurer (Sanilac County CMH CEO); and Tammy Quillan, secretary (Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health CEO). The tenth annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes was held in Lansing, with over 2500 attendees.

In Washington, 37 MACMHB members participated in the National Council’s Hill Day, and Representative Ron Barber introduced his Strengthening Mental Health in our Communities Act.

June Despite intense advocacy and lobbying by MACMHB, the state’s FY15 budget bills passed without the necessary restoration of general fund support. As a result, CMH and provider organizations across the state began service cuts and access reductions for persons and services not eligible for Healthy Michigan financing. \$14.3 million in funding was included in the approved FY15 state budget to finance selected Mental Health and Wellness Commission recommendations. MACMHB closed its 2014 PAC campaign, with over 200 persons from 20 CMHs and several provider organizations donating more than \$10,000. The state announced that as of June 10, 2014, 320,000 persons had enrolled in Healthy Michigan—matching, in ten weeks, the state’s initial projection of total enrollment through the first six months of the program. Due to concerns related to the use and billing for Medicaid services, the federal government announced a series of Medicaid integrity reviews, which began during the summer for Michigan’s PIHPs.

July The state’s health home initiative began, including funding for integrated healthcare services support for two northern Michigan counties, Grand Traverse and Manistee. In addition to the Northern Lakes and Central Wellness CMHs, Washtenaw Community Health Organization and Saginaw County CMH Authority began participation as shadow partners in the initiative. The Health Endowment

Fund (HEF), established in 2013 by funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield to finance healthcare innovation for children and older adults, began its listening tour. Robert Sheehan, CEO of the CMH Authority of Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Counties, was appointed to the board of NACBHDD. At the federal level, the Supreme Court decided to hear another challenge to the Affordable Care Act related to the legality of subsidies in federally managed exchanges.

August In response to the advocacy and report of service cuts by MACMHB and CMHS, the Department of Community Health (DCH) announced targeted reviews at four CMHs—St. Joseph, Allegan, network180, and St. Clair—related to their use of general fund financing. The HEF announced a grant application opportunity for 11 statewide associations, including MACMHB. A planning workgroup helped organize a proposal related to screening, assessment, and early intervention services to children and older adults. MACMHB launched its new web site. DCH announced a series of leadership changes, including the retirement of long time DCH Director James Haveman, Jr., and the Bureau of Community Based Services Director Elizabeth Knisely. At the federal level, President Obama announced 19 executive actions at the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs to improve health and mental health services to veterans.



James Haveman, Jr.

September 2014 In response to questions and concerns from policy makers related to the organization and management of Michigan's publicly funded behavioral health and developmental disabilities, MACMHB initiated a project to commission two papers—one to analyze Michigan's current CMHSP/PIHP system, and a second to provide a national review of other states' efforts to restructure their publicly financed behavioral health systems. MACMHB retained the services of a public relations firm to guide the messaging and educational plan for the material from the papers. Thirty-five CMH service providers and PIHP members contributed voluntary special assessments to finance the project. Healthy Michigan ended fiscal year 2014 at over 400,000 enrollees, a number close to the total enrollees the state had projected for the end of FY15. MACMHB was selected as the grant awardee for the FY15 combined MDCH Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder training grant. The grant is a five year award.

Excellence in Mental Health Act

On March 31, 2014, Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 4302). This legislation includes provisions of the Excellence in Mental Health Act, which will increase access to community mental health and substance use treatment services while improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. The legislation, championed by Michigan US Senator Debbie Stabenow, is one of the most important accomplishments for the behavioral healthcare field since the passage of the federal mental health parity act. The legislation establishes a \$900 million, two year demonstration program in eight unspecified states to offer a broad range of mental health and substance use treatment services, including 24 hour crisis psychiatric services, while setting new standards for provider organizations.

A summary of the act provisions includes:

- Creates criteria for "Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics" as entities designed to serve individuals with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders that provide intensive, person-centered, multidisciplinary, evidence-based screening, assessment, diagnostics, treatment, prevention, and wellness services. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services is directed to establish a process for selecting states to participate in a two year pilot program.
- Provides \$25,000,000 that will be available to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in the 2- year pilot. Only states that have received a planning grant will be eligible to apply to participate in the pilot.
- Stipulates that eight (8) states will be selected to participate in the two year pilot program. Participating states will receive 90% FMAP for all of the required services provided by the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- Requires participating states to develop a Prospective Payment System for reimbursing Certified Behavioral Health Clinics for required services provided by these entities.

Michigan is expected to apply for a planning grant in 2015.

State Public Policy Initiatives

Healthy Michigan Implementation

Following a contentious legislative process, the Michigan Legislature passed its version of Medicaid expansion in September 2013 without immediate effect. Dubbed Healthy Michigan, the state's waiver was approved in December, with an implementation date of April 1, 2014. The delay in implementation required an allocation of additional general fund support in the FY14 budget, since the budget passed in June, 2013 had assumed GF savings based on an October 1st implementation.

With the help of all CMHSP members looking back over prior year GF expenditures, MACMHB was able to successfully advocate for additional GF support to CMHSPs to minimize service disruptions and financing shortfalls. Moving forward with the state's enrollment organizing activities, MACMHB CMHSP and provider members deployed trained staff and peer specialists to work with consumers and community members to enroll eligible persons in Healthy Michigan and significantly exceed enrollment projections for the fiscal year.

Unfortunately, MACMHB advocacy efforts related to FY15 GF supplemental needs were not successful. The FY15 budget approved in June, 2014 resulted in CMHSPs across the state beginning to reduce services and limit access for persons and services not eligible for Healthy Michigan financing. Moving forward, MACMHB and its members will continue advocacy efforts to restore GF in FY15.

Mental Health and Wellness Commission Report:

Improving Quality of Life by Supporting Independence and Self Determination

The Governor's Mental Health and Wellness Commission, established in 2013, issued its report and recommendations in 2014. Chaired by Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, the Commission members included Department of Community Health Director James Haveman, Senator Bruce Caswell (R-Hillsdale), Senator Rebekah Warren (D – Ann Arbor), Representative Matt Lori (R – Constantine), and Representative Phil Cavanaugh (D – Redford).

Looking back at both the strengths and opportunities for improvement, the Commission organized five workgroups and a series of statewide open forums during 2013 to provide input to its members. In December, 2013, the Commission's report was issued with fifty nine (59) recommendations organized around three overarching goals: 1) Advancing more opportunities for independence and self determination; 2) Better access to high quality, coordinated, and consistent service and care; and 3) Measuring outcomes and establishing meaningful metrics.

Moving forward, the Commission report committed to working with the Administration and Legislature to identify actionable recommendations and financial investments to implement the prioritized findings in their report.



Service Awards

Each year MACMHB recognizes some of its most important partnerships with a series of awards recognizing outstanding leadership and service on behalf of Michigan's publicly funded mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder system. Award winners in 2014 were:



Jan Wilson

The **Hal Madden Outstanding Services Award** is given each year to recognize a person from within the public mental health system who, over time, has made an outstanding contribution to the system. The 2014 award was given to **Jan Wilson**, children's advocate and board member of the Macomb County CMH Board.

The **Go to Bat Award** is presented annually to a person outside the public mental health system who exemplifies extraordinary concern, advocacy or leadership aimed at improving the quality and quantity of community based mental health services. Co-recipients in 2014 were **Representative Matt Lori** (Constantine) and **Representative Al Pscholka** (Stevensville) for their leadership related to the passage of Healthy Michigan, Michigan's Medicaid expansion.



Al Pscholka



Matt Lori



Above is Jim Johnson, Sanilac County CEO, (left) presenting the award to Bob Armstrong

The **Jim Neubacher Media Award** is given to a person or organization from the media who has portrayed mental health services accurately and positively in an effort to reduce stigma. The 2014 award winner was **Bob Armstrong** of Sanilac Broadcasting, nominated by Sanilac County CMH.

The **Nick Filonow Award** is given to recognize a person who has made a contribution to the overall efficiency and effectiveness of services through a process of quality improvement. **Susan Lawther**, the 2014 recipient has long demonstrated her commitment to the improvement of the lives of persons served by the public mental health system.



Susan Lawther with Greg Hofman, COO, Lakeshore Regional Partners



Partners in Excellence Awards are regional recognitions to individuals who enhance the perception of community mental health services and their recipients within their communities. The recipient in 2014 was **Carol Serylo**, nominated by the Northern Region. Ms. Serylo was recognized for her deep commitment to recovery system transformation, and for increasing public understanding of and decreasing stigma associated with mental illness.

Pictured at left are Greg Paffhouse and Debbie Freed, both from Northern Lakes CMH Authority with Carol Serylo (center).

Financial Report

Dues from CMHSP and affiliate membership increased by 1.8%, while conference and training revenues declined by 17%. The decline in conference and training revenues was reflective of the budget reductions most CMHSPs and provider organizations implemented related to PIHP rate rebasing and the general fund reductions.

During the fiscal year, the Executive Board approved use of a portion of the MACMHB fund balance to pay down its mortgage. The additional payment will result in a savings of interest payments of \$ 40,000. Net retained earnings for the fiscal year were \$ 33,926.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

	FISCAL 2013-2014	FISCAL 2012-2013
REVENUE		
CMH Dues	558,762	547,527
Affiliate Dues	100,072	99,153
MDCH Grant	1,362,448	1,361,394
Conferences	515,813	566,620
Training	161,365	249,447
Products	118,265	140,780
Miscellaneous	82,913	74,217
Autism Project ¹	21,200	0
Total Revenue	2,920,838	3,039,138
EXPENDITURES		
Core Services	946,004	865,709
MDCH Grant	1,362,448	1,361,394
Conferences	310,829	282,994
Training	141,849	198,901
Products	95,364	144,829
Autism Project ¹	21,200	0
Art Show ³	1,705	0
Walk a Mile ²	7,513	0
Total Expenses	2,886,912	2,853,827
Net Retained Earnings	33,926	185,311
TOTAL	\$2,920,838	3,039,138

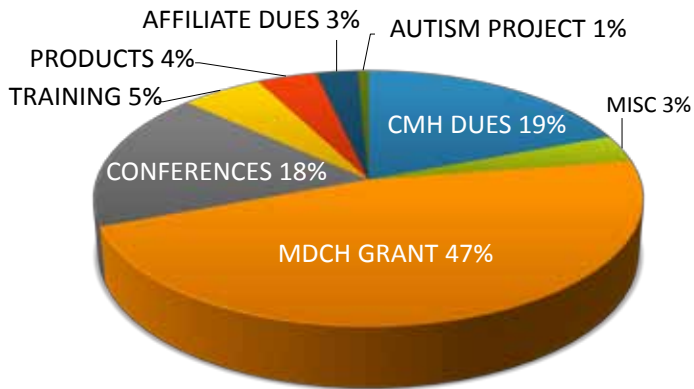
¹MACMHB served as fiduciary for this pilot project

²MACMHB contribution to additional expenses for the Walk a Mile Tenth Anniversary Rally

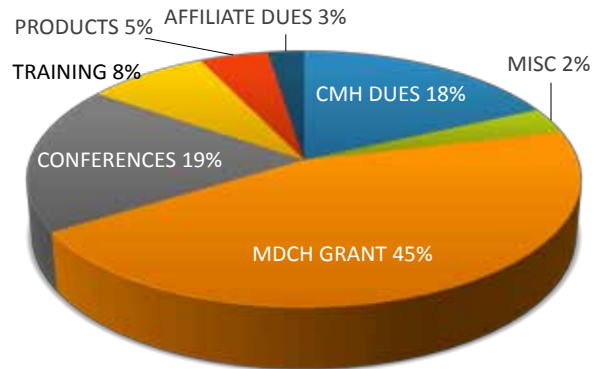
³MACMHB contribution to additional expenses for the Traveling Art Show

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL 2014 AND 2013**

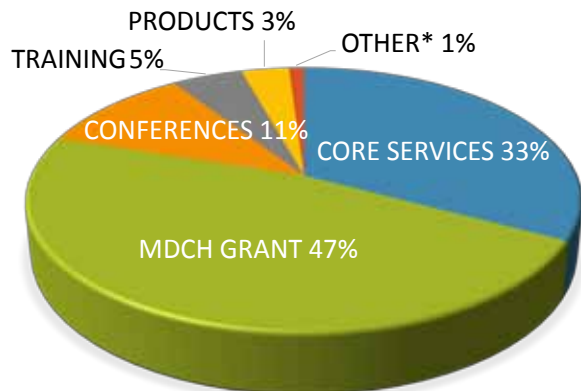
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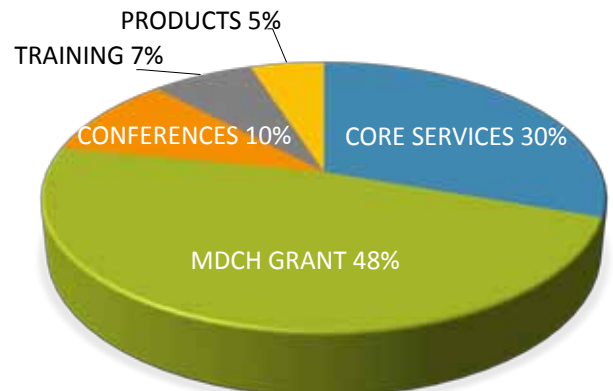
2013 REVENUE



2014 EXPENDITURES



2013 EXPENDITURES



*OTHER includes the Autism Project, Walk a Mile, and Art Show

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LifeWays CMH

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Our Purpose

The Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) is a trade association comprised of 46 Community Mental Health (CMH) boards and 80 affiliate members, mainly provider organizations under contract with one or more of the CMH boards. Organized under the Internal Revenue Code as a 501(c)(4), MACMHB services include the following:

- Legislative and public policy advocacy on behalf of its membership
- Ongoing conferences and trainings to provide education and training services to its members
- Access to products and services at discounted rates, such as e-learning, publications (booklets and pamphlets), and services (teleconference consultation, SUD-related testing, and consultation)
- Organization and support of annual CMHSP and PIHP contract negotiations with Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA)
- Regular access to members in leadership from BHDDA
- Organization of standing and ad hoc workgroups membership to work with BHDDA

The role of CMHSPs and their contracted provider networks in the mental health system of the future is to:

- Provide the "safety net" for persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses, serious substance use disorders, serious emotional disturbance, and intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Be the "network of choice" to effectively manage specialty services for 1.3 million Medicaid beneficiaries and for children enrolled in the MIChild program, in partnership with agencies of county, state and federal government.
- Preserve and promote the value of serving and supporting individuals in the least restrictive setting by providing a full range of community-based services and supports (including housing, employment, transportation and other essential supports) and by providing community-based long-term care for persons with psychiatric, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disabilities.
- Be a valued resource to community schools, jails, law enforcement/criminal justice organizations, primary care providers, and other community agencies and organizations.
- Improve services to children and adolescents in partnership with other state and local organizations and agencies through collaborative planning, service coordination and delivery.