



Health and Human Services Council 2008 Year in Review

Background Information

The Health and Human Services Council summit set the backdrop for the year. A list of priorities including the “Top Ten List” was developed. These priorities included obesity, smoking, youth alcohol use, transportation, poverty, basic needs, homelessness, homeless populations, teen violence and teen depression and suicide.

Issues Addressed

The Council brought in workgroups or speakers that dealt with identified community priorities.

- January – youth alcohol use (Circle of Health Partnership)
- April – homelessness and homeless populations (Continuum of Care)
- May – teen depression and suicide (Community Mental Health)
- June – obesity and smoking – health concerns (Mi Vibe)
- August – transportation (Dial-A-Ride and County Connection)

In addition, the Health and Human Services Council addressed the following topics through discussion or speakers.

- January – Early Childhood Investment Corporation – Great Start/Great Parents
- February – Summit follow-up
- September – Michigan Health Information Alliance
- October – Family Coordinating Council & Youth Master Plan

In addition, the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Committee (CHAI) formed the Community Epidemiological Workgroup to develop a comprehensive community-wide systemic strategic plan focusing on addressing substance abuse prevention in Midland County.

Support for Grants

The Health and Human Services Council considered and provided support for the following initiatives or grant proposals.

- January – ECIC to establish and maintain an early childhood collaborative
- February – Great Start/Great Parents funding continuation plan (MCESA)
- February – Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services - NMSAS (FCS)
- February – Homelessness/Systems Transformation Grant (CMH)
- April – Crisis Mobilization Intervention Team/Centralized Access System (CMH)
- April – Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (CMH)
- April – 5 County Expansion of MI Alliance of Informal & Referral Systems
(United Way/First Call For Help)
- June – Baby Court (Probate/Juvenile Court)
- June - Early On funding continuation (MCESA)
- June - Designation as Chartered Value Exchange Community (MiHIA)
- September – Prevention Services North Michigan Substance Abuse Services (COHP)
- October - Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services final report/grant (CEW-FCS)
- November - Emergency Shelter Grant/Midland County Continuum of Care

Areas of Concern for the Upcoming Year

Three major goals for the upcoming year are: (1) structuring a youth master plan for the community, (2) planning related to substance abuse now that the needs assessment has been completed by the Community Epidemiological Workgroup, and (3) addressing poverty in community. The demand for basic needs including housing and food has grown with the increase in poverty.