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Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC) Receives Hometown Health Hero Award for 2023

The Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC), a project
within the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH), has been chosen to receive the Hometown Health Hero award for 2023 by the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership.

This award recognizes individuals and organizations across the state working tirelessly to maintain and improve the health of the local communities. Joyce Fetrow, CPRM, CPRM-M, CHW, and Project Director, received the award on behalf of NMORC.

A ceremony and luncheon were held on April 11 in the new Heritage Hall of the Michigan State Capitol.

The Hometown Health Hero Award is presented annually to individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and measurable contributions to preserve and improve their community's health. Awardees are selected solely from nominations received.

Denise Bryan, District Health Department No. 4’s Health Officer, nominated NMORC for their accomplishments and dedication to the community’s health and well-being through the consortium’s activities to abate the opioid epidemic in northern Lower Michigan.

NMORC brings together many partners to address the opioid epidemic across a 25-county region in northern Lower Michigan. Partners include healthcare facilities (hospitals, hospital affiliated clinics, Rural Health Clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers), Community Mental Health agencies, Local Public Health agencies, prevention and harm reduction organizations, counseling centers, treatment centers, recovery community resources, law enforcement, and EMS. They work to build a better living environment for people affected by opioid and substance use disorder. The NMORC’s focus is on the following core activities:

- Stigma reduction
- Naloxone distribution, training & expansion of access
- Harm reduction activities
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Provider trainings
- Workforce
- Building recovery capital

The Michigan Center of Rural Health congratulates NMORC for all of their tireless efforts!

Click Here To Learn More About NMORC

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Save The Date: 2023 Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit
Returning to The Ellison Place in Gaylord, MI on Thursday, July 20th, 2023, the Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit will soon open registration and offer unique event partnerships.

Presented by the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) and the Northern Michigan Opioid Resource Consortium (NMORC), this year's Summit aims to combine rural programming and presenters who address Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use in rural Michigan.

Stay tuned to MCRH newsletters and social media channels for the latest information on agenda topics and speakers.

We hope to see you in July!

More News & Information You Can Use

**County Health Rankings & Roadmaps**

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

**New County Health Rankings Released for 2023**

On March 29th, the new 2023 County Health Rankings were released. The County Health Ranking & Roadmaps (CHR&R) was created by The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The CHR&R brings actionable data, evidence, guidance, and stories to support community-led efforts to grow community power and
The 2023 report focuses on the connection between civic health, including civic infrastructure and civic participation, and thriving people and places. Incorporating civic health into the County Health Rankings highlights the importance of civic infrastructure in creating opportunities for inclusive civic participation within communities.

Many rural Michigan counties improved their health outcomes and health factors ranking scores this year. Rural counties that improved their health outcomes ranking included Osceola and Hillsdale counties, while rural counties that significantly improved their health factors ranking included Isabella and Wexford.

The updated Michigan Health Outcomes and Health Factors can be accessed at the link below.


**Updated 2023 Michigan Data Sets for Health Outcomes and Health Factors: [Data and Resources](https://www.CountyHealthRankings.org) | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps**

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**Closing Soon: Michigan Area Health Education Center (MI-AHEC) Clinical Rotation Survey**

MI-AHEC seeks to strengthen the state’s healthcare workforce by recruiting, training, and retaining health professionals committed to increasing access to primary care.

Through a statewide network of regional centers, MI-AHEC prepares underrepresented and disadvantaged youth for healthcare careers, promotes clinical training opportunities for students in medically underserved shortage areas, and provides continuing education programs for health professionals.

MIAHEC is asking you to provide some basic demographic information about clinical placements that occur at your clinic by completing a brief survey. Please complete the survey with the following in mind:

- They do not wish to disrupt any current clinical training
- They only wish for capacity information and are not attempting to place students
- They will share any findings. Findings will be reported in aggregate and not individually

**Click Here to Complete the Survey by May 5, 2023**
MDARD’s Office of Rural Development Launches Competitive Rural Readiness Grant Program

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced a new competitive grant program through its Office of Rural Development (ORD). ORD is offering a Rural Readiness Grant program to help empower community-specific solutions that build capacity and readiness in Michigan’s rural areas.

The Rural Readiness Grant Program (RRGP) will provide up to $50,000 to support collaborative planning and capacity initiatives in rural communities. Grants will support and invest in underserved areas and populations by providing reimbursement grant funding for planning, capacity building activities, development readiness initiatives, and building collaboration and partnerships across communities and sectors. For a complete list of eligible counties, visit [www.michigan.gov/ord](http://www.michigan.gov/ord).

Interested communities and organizations must submit a Letter of Intent using the form provided at [www.michigan.gov/ord](http://www.michigan.gov/ord) outlining a summary of the proposed project, how it meets the parameters of the Rural Readiness Grant Program goals and include the total estimated project cost via email [WiitalaM@Michigan.gov](mailto:WiitalaM@Michigan.gov) no later than 3 p.m. on May 25.

ORD will review the submissions, select the top applicants, and then those top candidates will be asked to submit a full grant application which is due on August 3.

NEW: Register for the
Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist Course

This certification is offered through NAAC and is designed to provide a broad understanding of the rules and standards of EMS documentation.

Students that successfully complete the final exam will receive a CADS certification.

This event will be held virtually. There are 2 Preparatory and 4 Operations continuing education credits available for live attendance.

Click Here for More Information and to Register

Upcoming MCRH Educational Events for May 2023

MAY GRAND ROUNDS AND PROJECT ECHO SESSIONS

GRAND ROUNDS:
Wednesday, May 5, 2023, 12-1 PM EST
Geriatric Grand Rounds: Communication Techniques for Those Living with Dementia Part 2
Presented by Linda Keilman, DNP
Registration: Here
CE for Nursing, Social Work, Physicians, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 12-1 PM EST
Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Pain and Opioid Use: Evidence-Based Information for Health Care Providers
Presented by Curtis Smith, PharmD, BCPS
Registration: Here
CE for Nursing, Social Work, Physicians, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 12-1 PM EST
Special Topic Grand Rounds: Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
Presented by Danielle Pitchford & Amanda Larraga
Registration: Here
CE for Nursing, Social Work, Physicians, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 12-1 PM EST
Special Topic Grand Rounds: Asthma Medications: What’s New?
Presented by Karla Stoermer Grossman, MSA, BSN, RN, AE-C
Registration: Here
CE for Nursing, Social Work, Physicians, and Community Health Workers (CHW).
**Project ECHO:**

*Tuesday, May 10, 2023, 12-1 EST*

**Infectious Disease ECHO:** Topic TBD
Presented by: Dr. Peter Gulick
Registration: [Here](#)
CME, CHES, and NEHA, are provided. (Physicians, Health Educators, Environmental Health)

*Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 12-1 EST*

**One Health ECHO:** More on Tickborne Diseases
Dr. Peter Gulick & Dr. Jim Sunstrum, & Dr. Megan Moriarty presenting
Registration: [Here](#)
CME, CHES, and NEHA, are provided. (Physicians, Health Educators, Environmental Health)

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**ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:**

NEW: [Rural Working-Age Adults Report More Cost Barriers to Health Care Care](#)

NEW GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - Apply by 7/10/2023: [Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant](#)

NEW WORKFORCE APPLICATION OPPORTUNITY: [National Health Service Corps (NHSC)](#)
Application Cycle Now Open

CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL RESOURCE: [Telehealth Guide for Critical Access Hospitals](#)

VETERANS RESOURCE: [Accessing New Toxic Health Care and Benefits - A Benefit Map](#)

NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: [National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians Diversity Scholarships](#)

EVENT REGISTRATION STILL OPEN: [6th Annual North American Active Assailant Conference (NAAAC)](#)

NEW COVID-19 RESOURCE: [Updated Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

RHC RESOURCE: [Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution (RHCVD) Program](#)

ONGOING: [HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers](#)

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**Public Health Emergency (PHE) Information and Resources**

[White House To End the PHE Until May 11, 2023](#)

[Hospital Centric Resource on PHE Unwinding offered by the MHA](#)

[Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers (1135) for Health Care Providers](#)

UPDATED: [Additional Information on 1135 Waivers](#)

[Kaiser Family Foundation Article on PHE Flexibilities](#)

UPDATED: [CMS Current Emergencies Page](#)
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