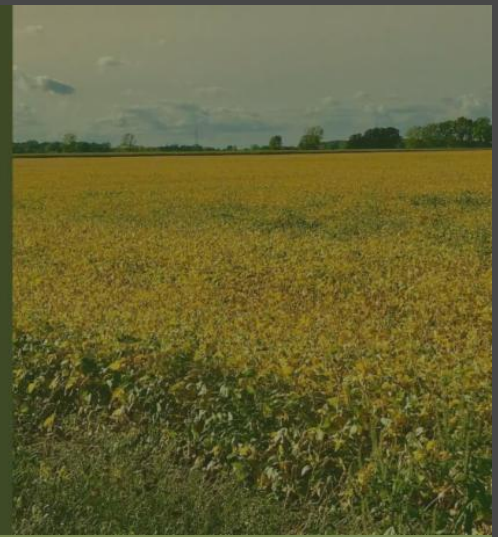




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MCRH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference News



26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference Partner Opportunities Available

Consider becoming an exhibiting or sponsorship partner at the 26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, being held April 27-28 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI, today.

There are multiple exhibitor table packages that will maximize your exposure to this year's attendees along with unique ways to put your brand in front of our audience through technology.

The Michigan Rural Health Conference provides the single most targeted opportunity to reach the Michigan rural health community with your organization's message, products, services, and educational outreach efforts. We expect a diverse

audience to discuss relevant issues, network, and disseminate information.

Contact Doug Siwek (siwekdou@msu.edu) for more details.

[Click Here to View the Full Sponsorship Prospectus and Partner Registration Page](#)



2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Award Nominations are OPEN!

In Honor of Loren O. Gettel

Select a Nominee Today!

For nearly 20 years, this award is presented to an individual deserving of recognition for their efforts in rural health in Michigan.

The award is granted to an individual who has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas, shown excellent leadership in the improvement of health care services to the rural areas of Michigan, and has made worthy contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural Michigan.



mcrh.msu.edu/events/health-conference



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An individual, by nomination by their peers, has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas, shown excellent leadership in the improvement of health care services to the rural areas of Michigan, and has made worthy contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural Michigan.

Though many are worthy, MCRH will announce the winner at our Michigan Rural Health Conference, on April 27th, 2023 at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

The deadline to nominate is April 6, 2023, at 11:45 pm

[Click Here to Complete Your 2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Nomination](#)

[More News & Information You Can Use](#)



Escanaba Public Library Hosts Free Digital Literacy Workshops - Here's How Your Community Can Too!

The Escanaba Public Library recently held free, onsite digital literacy workshops on January 24th and January 25th.

These hands-on workshops presented by Connected Nation, in collaboration with AT&T and the Public Library Association, teach email and computer basics as well as how to navigate the internet to local residents.

Monique Ciofu, Adult Services Librarian at the Escanaba Public Library, explained the importance of residents signing up for a course like this, "We encouraged those in the community that could benefit from these workshops to sign up for one of them. Most people just need some help getting started and these workshops could be just the jump start many people need. Computers and technology have permeated every aspect of our lives and participation in many daily activities requires a basic level of technical understanding to participate."

Taking a cue from our neighbors in Escanaba, we want to share Connected Nation resources and tools that can guide you to host a similar event in your communities.

We encourage you to engage with the local library in your rural community about setting up a similar event for your residents.

Let us know if you are hosting an event like this one and we will help spread the word!

[**Click Here to Learn About Hosting a Digital Literacy and Learning Program In Your Area!**](#)

MDHHS Expands Behavioral Health Service Providers Covered by Medicaid



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a [bulletin](#) Jan. 5 to expand the types of providers who can perform Medicaid-covered, non-physician outpatient behavioral health services.

Effective Feb. 4, Medicaid will cover and reimburse outpatient behavioral health services provided by graduates of board-approved master's or doctoral-level psychology, social work, counseling or marriage and



NEW MCRH Workforce Resource: HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce Footprint Map

In its mission to connect healthcare providers to communities in need, the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) offers programs that support thousands of healthcare sites and tens of thousands of providers at these sites.

In the past, to get data on these programs, providers, and healthcare sites, you would need to separately access multiple dashboards and data sets.

Now, with the new BHW Footprint Map, you can instantly visualize program, site, and participant data – all in one place. And key data sets on participants, sites, and applications are updated daily, so you get the most recent data available.

Click [here](#) to read more about the Footprint Map and [here](#) for a detailed User Guide.

[Click Here to View the BHW Footprint Map](#)



NEW Grant Funding Opportunity: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application Now Open

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application is now open! The objectives of the AFG program are to provide critically needed resources that equip and train

family therapy educational training programs, so long as they have completed the requirements for a limited or temporary license; regardless of whether the license has been issued.

These staff must be supervised by a Medicaid-enrolled, fully licensed provider of the same profession.

Services should be billed to Medicaid under this supervising provider, not the graduate. This time-limited allowance for new graduates is applicable from the date the individual completed their graduate course work for a period not to exceed one year and does not replace the graduate's obligation of obtaining the appropriate limited or temporary license from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. It is strictly a

emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience.

The application deadline is February 10th, 2023.

AFG program overview:

Available funding: 324 million

Projected number of awards: 2,000

Performance period: 24 months

The Michigan Center for Rural offers grant writing technical assistance to rural EMS agencies. Click the button below or email MCRH EMS Programs Manager, Andrea Abbas (Andrea.Abbas@affiliate.msu.edu), for more details.

[Click Here to Learn More and for Application Information](#)



The January issue of the Michigan Rural Health Clinic Bulletin is available!

Click [here](#) to catch up on the latest news and information impacting RHCs.

You can also access past issues of the Michigan Rural Health Clinic Bulletin by clicking [here](#).



Now Accepting Applications for the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

Would you like help to pay off your loans? The [Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) provides loan repayment to nurses in exchange for a minimum two-year full-time service commitment, at an eligible health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses or an eligible school of nursing.

Are You Eligible?

- You must be a:
 - Licensed registered nurse;

to allow behavioral health providers to provide services while they wait for their license to be issued.

Members with questions should contact [Lauren LaPine](#) at MDHHS.

New Law Expands VA Program for Veterans to Buy Vehicles Adapted for Their Disabilities



Under a new law this month, veterans who need modified vehicles to get around will be eligible for an automobile grant from the VA every 10 years. Previously, the VA would only allow one purchase across a veterans' lifetime.

Retired Army Chief Warrant

- Advanced practice registered nurse, such as a nurse practitioner; or
- Nurse faculty member
- You received your nursing education from an accredited school of nursing located in a U.S. state or territory.
- You work full-time in either:
 - An [eligible critical shortage facility](#) in a high need area or
 - An [eligible school of nursing](#)

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program application is open through Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

[Click Here to Apply Today](#)



NEW Workforce Resource: Introducing 3RNET Plus Tools

After many months of development, 3RNET Plus Tools is now available for employers on [3RNET.org](#)!

Key Features:

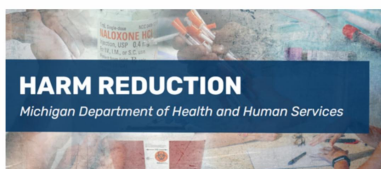
- Gain access to My Professionals' Tracking System, the centralized dashboard that tracks all your interactions with your health professionals.
- My Professionals' Tracking System allows you to streamline all of your potential candidates both from 3RNET and from external sources in one place.
- Keep your jobs updated in one spot with the embeddable job feed. Jobs are automatically updated on your website as well as on 3RNET.org.
- Streamline the application process with embeddable job applicant forms. Candidate submissions are automatically populated within your My Professionals' Tracking System dashboard.
- Set up reminders to follow up with your job candidates.
- No HTML coding or other tech abilities are necessary.

[Click Here to Watch an Informative Video on](#)

Officer Neal Williams has owned several vehicles in the last 25 years that were modified to accommodate his wheelchair and let him drive with hand controls. For his first vehicle, Williams, who is paralyzed as the result of a combat injury in Vietnam, used a one-time grant from the VA and drove it more than 250,000 miles, until it fell apart.

"I've worn out several vehicles. This legislation allows veterans with mobility issues to be able to get their medical care and go about their normal daily routines that they otherwise wouldn't be able to on their own," Williams said in an interview with Military.com from his home in rural Maine.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story](#)



Save The Date: 2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit

Please save the date for the **2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit**, to be held May 16-17, 2023. The summit will be hosted in person (Lansing, MI) with a select number of sessions streamed virtually. For access to all sessions, participants are encouraged to attend the in-person conference.

Target Audience: All public health, public safety, nurses, physicians, social workers, community health workers, therapists, health educators, as well as professionals working in the substance use space are encouraged to attend.

Registration is to open in the coming months.

To subscribe to receive future Michigan Harm Reduction updates and a link to the upcoming Summit registration, please e-mail:
MDHHS-SyringeAccess@Michigan.gov



Upcoming MCRH Educational Events for February 2023

FEBRUARY GRAND ROUNDS AND PROJECT ECHO SESSIONS

GRAND ROUNDS:

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 12-1 PM EST

Geriatric Grand Rounds: ENDING ELDER ABUSE: Information for Health Care Providers

Presented by Bethany Duyser DNP, AGPCNP-BC Research Associate Michigan State University

Registration: [here](#)

CE for Nursing, Social Work, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Thursday, February 9th, 2023 12-1 PM EST

Special Topics Grand Rounds: Psoriasis 101

Presented by Ronald Prussick, MD

Registration: [here](#)

CE:

- The National Psoriasis Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
- The National Psoriasis Foundation designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 Hour(s) of Attendance w/ No Credit. Participants should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Thursday, February 16th, 2023 12-1 PM EST

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Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 12-1 PM EST

Psychiatry Grand Rounds: Interplay of Vascular, Metabolic, and Mental Health

Risks for Cognitive Decline in the cART Era

Presented by Amara E. Ezeamama, PhD

Registration: [here](#)

CE: Nursing, Social Work, and Community Health Workers (CHW).

Project ECHO:

Thursday, February 16th, 2023, 12-1 EST

Infectious Disease ECHO: Topic TBD

Peter Gulick, DO is presenting and offering cases

Registration: [here](#)

CME available for Physicians

Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, 12-1 EST

One Health ECHO: Introduction to One Health

Dr. Jim Sunstrum is presenting

Registration: [here](#)

CME available for Physicians

ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:

NEW: [CMS Awards 200 New Medicare-funded Residency Slots to Hospitals Serving Underserved Communities](#)

UPCOMING WEBINAR - 1/31/23: [From Crisis to Care: Michigan's Evolving Behavioral Health Ecosystem](#)

NEW BROADBAND GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: [MIHI Launches ROBIN Grant Program](#)

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - CLOSING 3/7/23: [A Strategic Approach to Advancing Health Equity for Priority Populations with or at Risk for Diabetes](#)

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - CLOSING 3/31/23: [Administration for Native Americans - Social and Economic Development Strategies](#)

NEW VETERANS UPDATE: [VA Plans to Waive Medical Copays for Native American Veterans](#)

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

NEW: [HHS Renews Public Health Emergency for Another 90 Days](#)

NEW VETERANS RESOURCE: [Veterans Now Eligible for Free Emergency Mental Health Care](#)

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - CLOSING 2/7/23: [HRSA Funding for Rural Health Innovation and Transformation Technical Assistance Provider](#)

LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINAR 2/13/23: [Managing and Addressing Workload Challenges in the Workplace](#)

CLOSING SOON: GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - APPLICATION DEADLINE 1/30/23: [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program Grants](#)

TELECOM FUNDING - APPLICATION DEADLINE 4/1/23: [Rural Health Care Telecommunications \(Telecom\) Program](#)

IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING: [Michigan State Medical Society Presents Reducing Unconscious Bias - an Imperative \(RUBI\) Series](#)

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

RESOURCES FROM VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FOR ELDERLY VETERANS: [Telemedicine for Geriatric Care in Rural Areas From VHA](#)

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

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

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