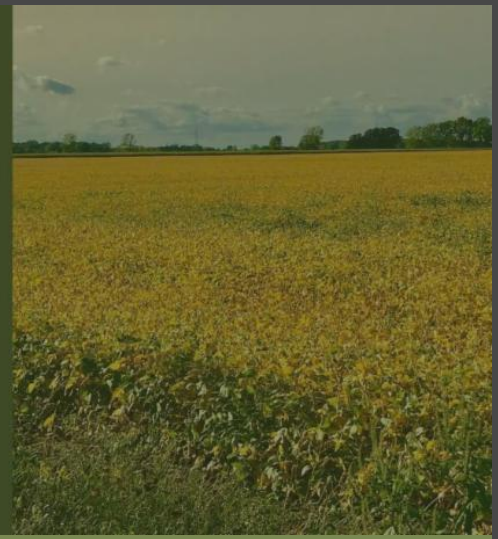




## Our Mission:

TO COORDINATE, PLAN, AND ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVED HEALTH FOR MICHIGAN'S RURAL RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES.



## MCRH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## 2022 Michigan Critical Access Hospital Conference Wrap Up

This month, the Michigan Center for Rural Health held its annual Critical Access Hospital Conference at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, Michigan.

Over two days, there were lively breakout sessions for CAH CEOs, CFOs, and Quality Managers/CNOs, dynamic presentations from a terrific lineup of speakers, engaging exhibits from 16 sponsorship partners, and a fundraising reception that featured a salute to 25 years of the FLEX grant.



Our speakers and panelists delivered insight into topics impacting CAHs statewide, including (presentations linked for reference):



- John T. Supplitt, Senior Director, Rural Health Services - American Hospital Association: **Federal Update and New Models of Payment/Delivery**
- Steve Barnett, CEO McKenzie Health, and Kevin Rogels, CEO Kalkaska Memorial Health Center - Munson Healthcare (Facilitated Q&A hosted by MCRH EMS Programs Manager, Andrea Abbas): *The Value Proposition of Hospital Owned Ambulance Services (Note: There was no presentation available for this panel discussion)*
- Tom Morris, Associate Administrator, HRSA: **Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Update and CAH's in the Rural Landscape**
- Brian Bauer, Attorney, Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman: **Health Law Update**
- John Foss, Vice President of Operations, Trinity Health Shelby Hospital; Billi Jo Hennika, Chief Operating Officer, McKenzie Health System: Darcy Donnelly, Director, Regional Quality – Upper Peninsula, Interim Director, Nursing – Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital, Aspirus Health: *Highlighting Successes of Michigan Critical Access Hospitals (Hennika Presentation - Donnelly Presentation)*
- John Gale, Sr. Research Associate, Rural Health Research Center: **A Vision for the Future - Critical Access Hospitals**



*(MCRH Executive Director John Barnas is joined by Michigan Health & Hospital Association CEO Brian Peters and former Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health Jim Haveman to recognize 25 Years of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program at the CAH Conference Networking and Fundraising Reception)*

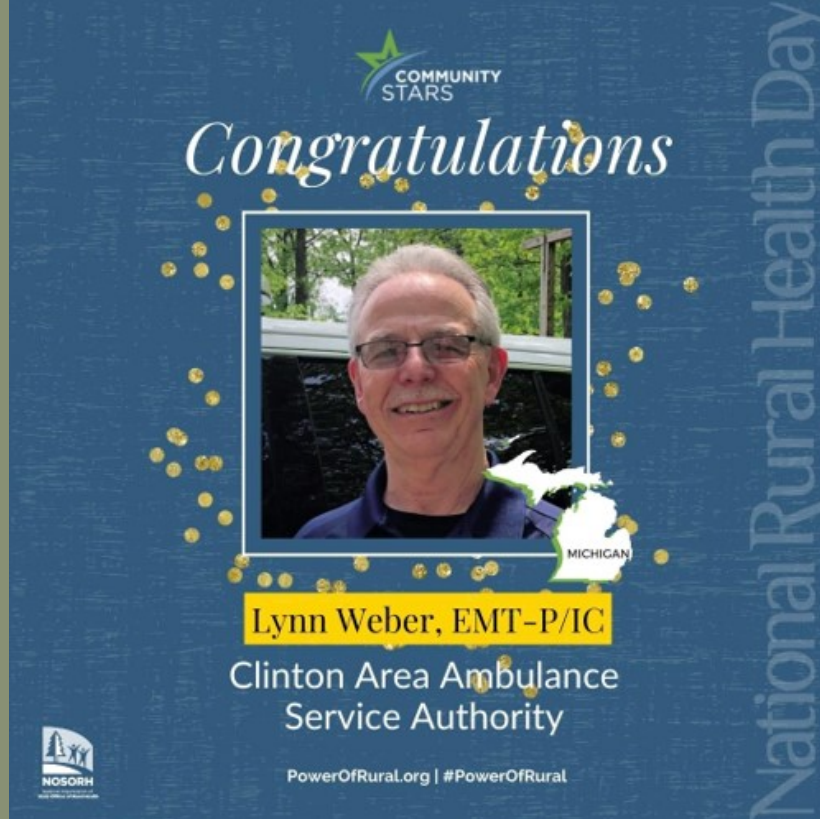


In addition, a silent auction was held with gift baskets donated by a dozen Michigan CAHs to help raise money to support MCRH's efforts to provide full scholarships for five rural high school students to participate in the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine's summer **Osteochamps** program!

We are thrilled to report that \$2350 was raised at this event to boost those scholarships! Thank you to the hospitals that donated and to the basket winners for their overwhelming generosity!

This year's CAH Conference was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone on November, 9th and 10th, 2023 at Park Place in Traverse City!

**Congratulations to Lynn Weber of Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority - Michigan's 2022 National Rural Health Day Community Star!**



MCRH congratulates NOSORH's 2022 NationalRuralHealthDay Community Star from Michigan, Lynn Weber EMT-P/IC, Director of Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority in St. Johns, Michigan!

Lynn is a devoted advocate for EMS education and payment reform. He also started one of Michigan's first Community Paramedicine Special Study programs. Over the years, Lynn has ensured the community is aware of what is happening in rural ambulance service and healthcare. However, his passion for EMS education goes beyond just his work efforts. He also spends his free time teaching CPR and first response-related skills.

Congratulations, Lynn on this tremendous recognition! Thank you for all of your tireless efforts in serving Michigan's rural health populations!

To view the complete 2022 National Rural Health Day Community Stars book, and read more about Lynn on Page 27, please click [here](#)!

**The Michigan Center for Rural Health Celebrates  
National Rural Health Day!**



*Governor Whitmer's Rural Health Day in Michigan Official Proclamation. Click [here](#) to see it in full.*

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health sets aside the third Thursday of every November to celebrate National Rural Health Day.

National Rural Health Day (NRHD) is an opportunity to “Celebrate the Power of Rural” by honoring the selfless, community-minded spirit that prevails in rural America.

NRHD showcases the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health, and other rural stakeholders to address the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face today and into the future.

In honor of this year's NRHD, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared November 17th, 2022 as Rural Health Day in the State of Michigan! Click [here](#) to view the full proclamation from Governor Whitmer.

You can also head over to our [Facebook page](#) to check out how Michigan's rural hospitals and clinics showed their support for NRHD!

## Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health Essay Contest Winners Announced!



The Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health has announced the winners of its annual essay competition for U.P. high school seniors to coincide with National Rural Health Day. The Literacy Legacy Fund of Michigan and the Michigan Center for Rural Health sponsored this year's contest. The top three prizes in each U.P. region—east, central and west—were \$500, \$250, and \$100.

Students were asked to write an essay of 500 or fewer words that addressed the following topic: "Identify two ways that college and university students can contribute to efforts in any of the five key areas of social determinants of health: healthcare access and quality; education access and quality; social and community context; economic stability; or neighborhood and built environment."

To read the winning essays, click on the students' respective names in the list below. These essays express the individual author's opinions and insight and may not necessarily reflect regional, accurate, statistical data.

### Eastern Region Winners

1st Place: **Kiarie Williams**, Sault Ste Marie, MI  
2nd Place: **Morgan Brow**, Sault Ste Marie, MI  
3rd Place: **Nevaeh Haines**, Pickford, MI

### Central Region Winners

1st Place: **Madison Couillard**, Rapid River, MI  
2nd Place: **Hannah Ruuska**, Marquette, MI  
3rd Place: **Megan Dausey**, Rapid River, MI

### Western Region Winners

1st Place: **Meghan Hemmer**, Houghton, MI

MCRH congratulates the winners of the 2022 Essay Contest and we look forward to their contributions to improving rural health in the Upper Peninsula in the coming years! Great work!

## MSUCOM Partners with MCRH To Serve Rural Communities



College of  
Osteopathic Medicine  
Michigan State University

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean Dean Andrea Amalfitano D.O, P.h.D, discusses how MSUCOM partners with the Michigan Center for Rural Health to serve rural communities, where access to healthcare can be challenging. Learn about highlights of this partnership, including Project ECHO and OsteoCHAMPS.

This is a great read!

We are proud to have this wonderful partnership and we thank them for all the work they do for rural health, and with us!

[Click to read the Dean's Update!](#)



## Michigan SLRP 2023 Application Update

**2023 Application Period: March 6 through March 31, 2023 Submission Dates Only**

The Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP) assists employers in the recruitment and retention of medical, dental, and mental health primary care providers who continue

to demonstrate their commitment to building long-term primary care practices in underserved communities designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

MSLRP will assist those selected by providing up to \$300,000 in tax-free funds to repay their educational debt over a period of up to ten years of participation. New applicants and current participants compete for consecutive two-year MSLRP agreements requiring them to remain employed for a minimum of 40 hours per week for no less than 45 weeks per year at eligible nonprofit practice sites providing primary healthcare services to ambulatory populations. Providers must remain with the employers who sponsor them during their two-year agreements, and employers must continue to employ the providers they sponsor during their two-year service obligations.

Employers must not use MSLRP payments to offset participants' salaries or other components of their compensation packages. MSLRP payments must be in addition to participants' salaries, which must be based on prevailing rates in their practice areas.

Due to significant program changes starting with this application period, providers and employers are urged to carefully read this update, as well as the entire updated MSLRP website and instructions for all application forms.

[Click Here to Download The Complete Update!](#)



## Increasing Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Options in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Providers in rural settings must address unique needs in the effort to increase access to opioid use disorder treatment options. Michigan Opioid Collaborative (MOC) and Helen Newberry Joy Hospital offer insightful perspectives about their work in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Reducing stigma about the disease and encouraging physicians to expand care options to include harm reduction methods is at the core of MOC's work. "Some providers believe substance use disorder is a choice and recovery only looks like abstinence without relapses from all substances," says Melissa DeMarse, a behavioral health consultant for the organization serving the UP region. "We have to meet people where they are

## Michigan's First RN Apprentice Program Signed Into Effect



The first-ever registered nurse apprentice program in the state of Michigan was signed into effect on Nov. 3 at a ceremony held at Soaring Eagle Casino in Mount Pleasant.

The new program will pave the way for those interested in a nursing career to receive a combination of classroom instruction and practical experience with a nurse mentor as a paid full-time apprentice at **Corewell Health Ludington Hospital** for a less cumbersome pathway to registered nurse licensure.

The entities involved in the RN apprenticeship include **West Shore Community College** in Scottville, **Corewell Health Ludington Hospital**, the new name for **Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital** in Ludington, **Michigan Works!**

and let them decide what recovery looks like to them."

Through a recent collaboration with the Community Foundation, MOC is expanding its work to include emergency departments (ED) at UP hospitals committed to establishing MOUD programs. Helen Newberry Joy Hospital is one of the institutions at the forefront of this movement to expand access to care throughout the region.

West Central and the Michigan Department of Labor.

Click Here to Read the Full Story!

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## Upcoming MCRH Educational Events for December 2022

### DECEMBER PROJECT ECHO AND GRAND ROUNDS

#### GRAND ROUNDS:

December 7th 12-1 PM EST

**Geriatrics Grand Rounds: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Older Adults**

Presented by Patricia West, RN, PhD

Registration: [here](#)

CE for Physicians, Social Work, Nurses, CHW – CHW still needs to be applied

December 13th, 12-1 PM EST

**Pharmacy Grand Rounds: Treating Hypertension When It's Difficult**

Presented by Curtis Smith, PharmD

Registration: [here](#)

CE for Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Physicians, Nurses

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#### Project ECHO:

December 14th, 12-1 EST

**Hepatitis A, B Update for Primary Care**

Peter Gulick, DO is presenting and offering cases!

Registration: [here](#)

CME available for Physicians

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### DECEMBER EMS WEBINAR SERIES

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 @1800EST

**Topic:** The 48 Laws of Power and Politics

**Speaker:** Andrea Abbas, MCRH EMS

Register: [here](#)

\*EMS & IC CE available for live attendees

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### DECEMBER EMS PEDIATRIC MEDICAL SESSION

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm EST



**CE Credit:** Pediatric Medication Administration

Register: [here](#)

**Description:** The MSU Learning Assessment Center offers these courses virtually in a simulated learning environment. Each course is one hour and offers 1 EMS continuing education credit. The class size is limited to 16 participants.

## **ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:**

**NEW! WORKFORCE TRAINING RESOURCE:** [HRSA Invests \\$13 Million To Grow and Strengthen the Nursing Workforce](#)

**NEW! CONNECTIVITY GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** [FCC Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program - Deadline January 9, 2023](#)

**NEW! PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE:** [Helping Curb The Spread of RSV](#)

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - CLOSING 12/12/22:** [HRSA Teaching Health Center Planning and Development Program](#)

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

**COVID-19 RESOURCE:** [Reaching Farm Communities for Vaccine Confidence Toolkit](#)

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

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - DEADLINE 01/27/23:** [American Association of Birth Centers \(AABC\) Foundation - Accreditation Grants](#)

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

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

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