



Your EMS News & Updates



Our office extends our sincere gratitude to all of the EMS providers serving our communities during this challenging time.

The Center News

- **EMS CE Webinar Schedule 2020 is Open**
[Click here](#) to view and register for our free EMS continuing education webinars. The last quarter of course offerings is open. We've got a great line up of topics and guest speakers.
- **PWW EMS Workshops** are going virtual this October. Registration is now open. Click the links below for more information and registration.
 - [Certified Ambulance Documentation Specialist Course](#)
 - [Rural EMS Sustainability Workshop](#)
- **EMS Leadership Academy level III&IV** has been rescheduled tentatively for April 2021. Visit our [EMS workshop web page](#) for more information. We plan to offer another EMS leadership academy series in 2021. More to come!
- **CMS Ambulance Cost Data Collection Information.** Close to 70 Michigan EMS agencies were selected to report in year one. These agencies along with those selected to report in year two will be required to report in 2021. Our office is here to support you through the process.
- Do you have an event the rural EMS community should know about? Or a great story to share? Send us your event or story idea! com.mcrhaa@msu.edu



Seeking Focus Group Candidates!

Are you passionate about EMS? Are you looking for a way to contribute and make an impact on the industry? Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health is seeking providers to participate in a focus work group centered on EMS recruitment & retention and EMS education in the **upper peninsula**.

We are seeking current EMS providers from all license levels currently working in the upper peninsula. All interested candidates please email:

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Please include your name, contact information, agency affiliation, and current role.

All meetings will be virtual. No travel required.

Welcome Elise!

Elise Bur is the Director of the newly established Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health - the first collaborating center with the State of Michigan's Center for Rural Health. Overall efforts include developing a network of committed partners in the Upper Peninsula who support creating efficiencies in healthcare delivery, expanding access to healthcare, increasing the coordination of care and improving the quality of healthcare services. The Center will strive to improve outcomes, reduce costs, ensure access and efficient transitions of care and promote innovative approaches in the region. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the rural healthcare system throughout the Upper Peninsula. In addition to developing the Center, her primary areas of focus in year one includes developing strategies to address diabetes prevention, education and treatment and the recruitment and retention of emergency medical services personnel. She look forwards to connecting with individuals in our communities and creating collaborative opportunities. It is her intent to not duplicate on-going efforts, but rather to understand current initiatives, appropriately contribute (when possible), and assist by linking people together in hopes of strengthening and building upon efforts that are working throughout the nation in rural communities.

Elise Bur completed her undergraduate studies at Finlandia University. She has more than twelve years of experience in the healthcare industry conducting advocacy efforts-developing and maintaining professional relationships with organizations, foundations, partnering agencies and legislators at the local, state and national levels. She has increased awareness and supported various rural healthcare initiatives through involvement as an active Board member for various organizations and was recognized by the Michigan Primary Care Association as "Advocate of the Year" in 2018.

Prior to working in the healthcare industry, she worked 16 years in higher education administration at Finlandia University (Hancock, MI) and Carthage College (Kenosha, WI).

Mark Your Calendars! The 2020 UP EMS Conference



[Conference Registration & Information](#)

MCRH EMS Resources & Grants

Futures for Frontliners

Futures for Frontliners is a scholarship program that pays for frontline workers to attend your local community college tuition-free.

To learn more about this program click [here](#).

Job Posting Michigan Rural EMS Network

The Michigan Rural EMS Network is seeking an Instructor Coordinator for the following position .Please click the [Job Description](#) for details.

Interested?

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