

UNIFYING EXCELLENCE: A BIPARTISAN SUCCESS STORY OF AWARD-WINNING, COST-REDUCING INNOVATION

MICHIGAN HEALTH & WELLNESS DASHBOARD

Governor Snyder took office and created the Michigan Health and Wellness Dashboard to monitor the State's performance on the following key areas:

- Access to Healthcare
- Health Behaviors
- Preventable Hospital Stays

2011

BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH INNOVATION SUBMITTED

Reinventing Michigan's Health Care System: Blueprint for Health Innovation plan submitted for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) State Innovation Model (SIM) initiative by the State of Michigan.

2014

FUNDING AWARDED

- In 2015, CMS awarded the State of Michigan \$70 million over four years to test and implement an innovative model for delivering and paying for healthcare.
- The State, through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), implemented the SIM initiative under three main umbrellas: population health, care delivery, and technology. Community Health Innovation Regions, or CHIRs, are intended to build community capacity to improve population health as the base of the population health component. Of the five CHIRs designated, Northern Michigan was the only CHIR to serve a rural region, ten counties, and be led by public health.

2015

NMCHIR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPED

Northern Michigan CHIR (NMCHIR) organized a multi-sector Steering Committee and Backbone Network.

- CHIRs represent cross-sector coordination that cannot be sustained through voluntary efforts. Therefore, they are formal associations governed by a Steering Committee of top decision-makers, supported by a 'backbone' organization with a small number of paid staff.

2016

MULTI-LEVEL EFFORTS IDENTIFIED

NMCHIR launched two levels of work:

- Population Health: A collaborative Community Health Assessment between health systems, local health departments, and community-based organizations to establish shared priorities.
- Clinical Community Linkages: A free service connecting adults, children, and families to community resources via Community Health Workers (CHW) to improve utilization of the healthcare system and reduce unnecessary emergency department visits.

2017

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SECURED

- Program grew in response to community needs – additional local, state, and federal funds were secured.
- Exploration of billing mechanisms via Medicaid Health Plans was explored.

2018

“To build a stronger Michigan, we must build a healthier Michigan. My vision is for Michiganders to be healthy, productive individuals, living in communities that support health and wellness, with ready access to [an] affordable, patient-centered and community-based system of care. Health and wellness are important across the continuum of life from prenatal care, to providing children and adults with opportunities for nutritious food and physical activity, to the option of home-based long-term care for seniors who need it.” – Former Governor Rick Snyder



To sustain this successful and replicable model, we must have adequate and ongoing funding. The Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance (NMPHA) asks the legislature to consider including the 31-county Northern Michigan CHIR in the State budget for 2025 at \$3 million and continue with an annual increase reflective of inflation and increased cost of living.

NMCHIR EXPANSION BEGAN

- Governor Whitmer took office and continued the SIM initiative started by Former Governor Snyder.
- Community Connections achieved national certification by the Pathways Community HUB Institute.
- Expansion of Community Connections began in the remaining 21 NMPHA counties.

2019



Transformation of individual lives and the creation of more responsive & effective organizations and a more accessible, coordinated service system (2019 Collective Impact Evaluation by MSU).

SIM INITIATIVE TRANSITIONED

- Federal funding for the Michigan SIM initiative ended and transitioned into a permanent model in Northern Michigan.
- Expansion of the NMCHIR model in the 10 North Central Counties.
- Three health system contracts secured to support the MIThrive Community Health Assessment.
- NMCHIR continues all levels of work through the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020



\$3M in Medicaid Health Plan savings January 2016 – January 2021 by reducing ER visits by 23.5% and inpatient stays by 25.5% (MDHHS Analysis).

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING RELEASED

- MDHHS continued to provide project-based funding to support NMCHIR efforts.
- The NMCHIR was successful in negotiating contracts with four Medicaid Health Plans for reimbursement of CHW services.

2021



\$1.21 in averted medical costs for every \$1 of navigation services (2021 MDHHS Report).

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED

Rural Health Value nationally recognized the NMCHIR with a Rural Innovation Profile for its "exciting and potentially replicable innovations in rural health care that show promise in improving health, improving care, and lowering costs."

2022



Unprecedented levels of cross-sector collaboration and increased recognition among local leaders of the role of social determinants of health in influencing health and other outcomes (2022 MPHI Analysis).

FUNDING SUPPORT CONCLUDED

- MDHHS project-based funding support concluded on May 31, 2023.
- Fifth Medicaid Health Plan successfully negotiated for contract.

2023



NMCHIR and Executive Director, Jane Sundmacher, awarded Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion Award.

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