

Meeting: Regional Equity Advisory Committee for Health (REACH)

Meeting Date: 3/17/2025

Members:

- ☒ Ricardo Bowden
- ☒ Debbie Edokpolo
- ☒ Afaf Humayun
- ☒ Feliz Rodriguez
- ☒ Anna Winters

MSHN Support Staff:

- ☒ Dani Meier
- ☒ Skye Pletcher
- ☒ Sarah Surna
- ☒ Joe Sedlock

KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Check-in
2. Update on federal & state actions
3. Opioid Settlement Funds
4. Updates:
 - Learning Collaborative:
 - Update based on Q1 reports
 - Update on media campaign
 - Lunch & Learn video [recording is here](#).
 - IDEA Updates
 - Population Health activities
5. New business?

✓ **KEY DECISIONS**

1. Is anyone interested in facilitating this meeting? Debbie is interested and can facilitate.
2. Debbie asks, "What excites you about the work ahead?" Feelings of hopelessness and powerlessness, Debbie says find your power.
3. Update on State actions: massive Medicaid cut that would eradicate what we do and the health of our citizens. MDHHS is also reprocur MSHN and other PIHPs for a competitive bid. We have no details on this. We do not know who is eligible to bid. We oppose this if it is an attempt to privatize. We want something that improves services to people. Unsure if it will proceed as announced. There is nothing imminent about this as this is a months to years long shift. Two priorities: ongoing performance matters and we need to fulfill contractual obligations. MSHN has a good reputation. We will continue to invest in relationships with communities, stakeholders, providers, etc. Also projecting a deficit for our agencies due to repeated cuts.
4. Opioid Settlement funds have largely bypassed our system. Only 10% was given to PIHPs, and equal amounts to each PIHP regardless of population served. State was inconsistent in approvals and the eligibility guidelines were narrow.
5. Learning Collaborative met as a group today, the Dorothy Johnson Center at GVSU took their first shot at evaluating the Q1 progress report from members. Several have made progress and are doing well and others have some ways to go.
6. Media Campaign has moved forward and concepts have been presented. Copy drafts are now being created and are subject to MDHHS approval.
7. Dani shared a lunch and learn, it is recorded and linked above for your viewing.

	<p>8. Planning a series of lunch and learns, 2 are being scheduled and one is in the works. Email Sarah if you or if someone you know could do an equity focused presentation, for an hour or hour and a half.</p> <p>9. SUD Health Homes for wraparound care, coordination between services and physical health and services for social drivers of health. We have seen early successes across the state with this model and we have had interest from providers as well. There is also a population and integrated health plan that takes a look at data throughout the region, including demographics, SES, etc. to prioritize areas where we can make an impact. Revision cycle is this summer. We will be bringing the draft to this committee for review and input.</p> <p>10. Michigan Health Endowment Fund has their behavioral health request out. 500k.</p>	
<p>✓ REVIEW REQUESTED</p>	<p>1. <i>Name of item(s) for review (e.g., policy, procedure, public-facing communication, etc.):</i></p>	
	<p>2. <i>Purpose behind seeking REACH input for this item:</i></p>	
	<p>3. <i>Specific ask in terms of feedback & timeline:</i></p>	
<p>✓ KEY DATA POINTS/DATES</p>		
<p>✓ ACTION(S) REQUIRED</p> <p>By whom?</p> <p>✓ By when?</p>	<p>Email Sarah if you or if someone you know could do an equity focused presentation, for an hour or hour and a half.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Monday, May 12th, 2025, 3:00-4:30</p>	