



HSCB Focus

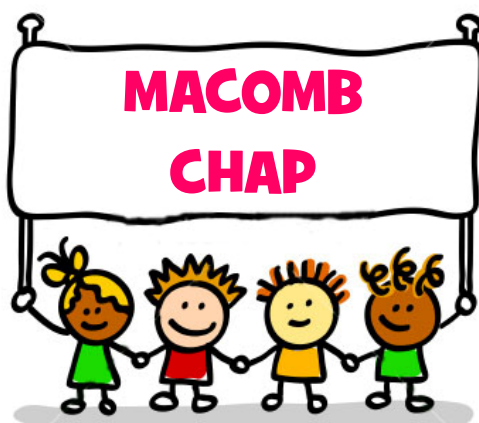
HSCB is the state-designated community collaborative for Macomb County.

Macomb CHAP Gains Support

UPDATES

- A presentation on truancy issues, including DHS's new policy as it affects FIP payments as well as implications of home schooling as it relates to truancy is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. at the Macomb Intermediate School District. This presentation is co-sponsored by CEISS and the Macomb Great Start Collaborative. Registration is online only at: www.misd.net under the "Course Offerings" tab.

The establishment of a Macomb Children's Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) is gaining broad community support and momentum toward implementation of the program in July, 2013.



Sue Gough, R.N., Macomb CHAP Coordinator, has been working diligently to assess the needs, rally support and secure finances to establish CHAP in Macomb. *"The primary goal of a CHAP program is to improve health outcomes of children on Medicaid,"* states Gough, *"while making better use of existing resources and decreasing costs, so a CHAP program needs broad community support."*

Pediatrician Dr. Bridget McArdle, D.O. who specializes in pediatric medicine in Warren, Michigan has been recruited as the Physician Champion for CHAP. A CHAP Physician Champion leverages knowledge and experience among other Pediatricians in the community to improve care for children on Medicaid.

Endorsement, support and/or resources for the Macomb County CHAP program include:

- County Executive Mark Hackel
- MyCare Health Center in Center Line
- Macomb Care Connect Health Plan
- Great Start Macomb
- CARE of SE Michigan
- Macomb County Health Department
- Macomb County Community Mental Health
- Office of Health and Community Services
- Department of Human Services
- Macomb Intermediate School District

A comprehensive data analysis by the Southeastern Michigan Health Association - Center for Population Health relating to the number of children on Medicaid in the county, number and location of Pediatrician offices, and standard health indicators was compiled, reviewed and revealed that Macomb County's unique factors are:

- There is a decrease in the quality of life and health status of young children
- An increase in the number of children on Medicaid. Thirty percent (30%) of these children are on Medicaid with about half of these residing in five communities: south Warren, Eastpointe, the 48310 zip code of Sterling Heights, and Center Line
- Sixty-two percent (62%) of children in these five communities are being treated in emergency rooms instead of Pediatricians' offices

DHS to Pilot Child Welfare Project

The Macomb Department of Human Services (DHS) has been selected by Michigan DHS as one of three sites (along with Kalamazoo and Muskegon) to pilot a program designed to keep "at risk" children ages birth through 5 years in their homes safely rather than entering the foster care system. These counties were chosen due to a higher than typical rate of children in the pilot age group having been removed from their homes and placed into foster care.

These pilot projects were made possible by a waiver granted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which allows for the use of Title VI-E federal funds for the pilot projects over five years starting in 2013. Usually, Title IV-E dollars must be spent for the placement of eligible children into licensed foster care. This waiver permits a portion of these same funds for innovations that

helps prevent the need for foster care. The heart of the project is applying both prevention and preservation services for families with young children at high risk for abuse and neglect.

DHS will partner with private agencies



and directly engage with families in their homes to

prevent abuse and neglect and to also prevent removal and eventual placement in foster care.

Under this federal waiver, DHS will use funding to wrap vital services around at-risk families - keeping children both at home and in care.

The Michigan waiver project will use strength-based engagement with families to build social connections

along with knowledge of healthy parenting and child development. Parents will be screened and linked to supportive community services, treatment for substance use and mental health needs, with trauma screening for children.

The project will allow DHS to address the need for longer-term services and assistance as part of a prevention plan aimed at keeping families together. All families referred to the new project will be provided with in-home and community support services for at least 15 months.

For more information about this project, contact Michael Patterson, DHS, (586) 412-6103.

Macomb HSCB Executive Directors Confirmed

Michael Patterson has been confirmed as the permanent DHS Child Welfare Director for Macomb County.

Valerie Nunn, former Warren Office District Manager, was named the Macomb DHS County Cash Assistance Director.

Katherine Benford was hired as the Director of Senior Citizen Services.

Mary Solomon was promoted to the position of Director of the Macomb County Community Services Agency.

Deb Bouts is the Director of Michigan Rehabilitation Services - Macomb

William Ridella is the new Director/Health Director at the Macomb County Health Department.

Welcome to all the new Executive Directors!

The roster of the HSCB Executive Council and all of its Committees is posted on the HSCB website:



From the Lead Agency Chair

John Kinch
HSCB Lead Agency Chair



Macomb County is one of four sites to be chosen for a pilot project to develop new ways to provide services and supports to individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, commonly referred to as "dual-eligibles". The key goal of this project is to address the episodic and fragmented care consumers can experience as they navigate these two programs with distinctly different rules. There are 198,644 such dual-eligible individuals in Michigan receiving services locally from CMH, Martha T. Berry, Health Department, and DHS.

Medicare and Medicaid cover different services, which can lead to confusion for beneficiaries. In addition, Medicare and Medicaid may disagree about which program should cover certain health care or other services. Different sets of covered services along with conflicting rules for deciding what is covered can lead to confusion among beneficiaries and - in some cases - lower quality of care.

The goal is to develop an integrated care plan that will simplify things for dual-eligibles and also increase coordination among care providers. An integrated care model covers both Medicare and Medicaid services and benefits, including inpatient and

outpatient acute care, skilled nursing facility services, nursing home care, behavioral health services, hospice, home health care, durable medical equipment, and prescription drugs. The goal of integrated care is to offer person-centered, coordinated services that meet the unique needs of dual-eligibles.

Community Mental Health will be lead agency for this initiative which will also include efforts from other HSCB member agencies in planning, implementation and promotion of this project.

CHAP (continued)

- Forty-two percent (42%) of Pediatricians don't participate with any of the 6 Medicaid plans. Only 25% participate with one plan and only 33% participate in two or more Medicaid plans. Of those Pediatricians accepting Medicaid, most have their offices in northern Macomb County
- 73% of all Medicaid patients are enrolled in four of the six Medicaid plans.

In addition to these data, a parent, health care providers and Pediatricians survey will be completed by May 30, 2013. The distribution of the parents survey was assisted by the Macomb Great Start Collaborative, Head Start, CARE of SE Michigan and several other community partners.

Three medical practices have already signed up to participate in the Macomb CHAP program. Benefits for Pediatric practices include assistance to improve their status as a quality medical home, opportunities to connect and collaborate with other medical practices on health care issues present in the community and the opportunity to learn about and better connect families to needed community resources.

The preliminary work for the establishment of the Macomb County CHAP program has been overseen by an HSCB Steering Committee. When the program is established, a permanent free-standing, non-governmental Advisory Council will be assembled.

A presentation highlighting how to implement CHAP in Macomb County is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township. Maureen Kirkwood, Director of Health Initiatives from the Kent CHAP program, will share Kent County's experience in establishing a CHAP program. Kent was the first CHAP program in Michigan and the model for the Macomb CHAP. Registration will be online only at www.misd.net, under the "Course Offerings" tab.

For more information about CHAP, contact Sue Gough, (586) 419-0648.

2013 Traveling Tours

“All Over the Map” is the theme of the 2013 HSCB Traveling Tours scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 & 2, 2013 at various tour sites around the County.

The registration information flyer is posted on the “Events” page on the HSCB website:

mhscb.mccmh.net

REGISTRATION FOR TRAVELING TOURS

IS ONLINE ONLY AT:

www.misd.net

TOURS INCLUDE:

- **Adult Well-Being**
- **Amelia Agnes Transitional Home for Women**
- **ARC of Macomb**
- **Bozymowski School**
- **Catholic Services of Macomb**
- **Creuse Connection Student-run Restaurant**
- **Emergency Services Training Center**
- **Harbor Oaks Psychiatric Hospital**
- **Hope Center in Macomb**
- **Lake House Gathering Place**
- **Lutz School**
- **Macomb Animal Shelter**
- **MCCSA North Action Center**
- **Medical Examiner’s Office**
- **MedStar Ambulance**
- **Michigan Works!**
- **MyCare Health Center**
- **North Action Center**
- **North Shore High School**
- **Safehaus - Children’s Intensive Crisis Residential**
- **Salvation Army - Mt. Clemens**
- **Sensory Systems, Inc.**
- **Stilson Specialty Center**
- **Strong Military Families Parent Program**

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