

CEO

On June 28, 2019 MDHHS notified the LRE of its intent to terminate its contract with the LRE. The letter stated that despite LRE efforts to improve managed care functions, the contract would be canceled for failure to address financial risk for the region. A month to month contract between MDHHS and the LRE has been signed, while our contract negotiations continue. The contract is consistent with PIHP FY20 Contracts state-wide and utilizes the FY 20 rates, as the LRE requested. I remain hopeful that a settlement agreement is possible in a manner that addresses key regional issues.

FINANCIAL

Revenue-

Statewide PIHPs are still reporting significant discrepancies in their FY20 revenues. The LRE's most significant variances are within the HSW, SED, and Children's Waiver programs. Beacon is developing a report to show the list of eligible individuals we were not paid for in October and November. Other PIHPs are doing the same across the state. The state has agreed to investigate any reported variances and provide additional information as needed.

FY20 Financial Risk Management Plan – Annually the LRE is required to prepare and submit a Financial Risk Management Plan to MDHHS in compliance with its contract. This plan also includes specific information to satisfy the legal requirements of the Michigan Mental Health Code as it relates to regional entities.

Grants-

The LRE received a grant for \$187,500 to help fund clubhouse services in Ottawa, Kent, and Muskegon County. The funding for this grant helps cover clubhouse costs that would otherwise default to general funds due to Medicaid spenddowns. This project is scheduled to start January 1, 2020 and run through September 30, 2020. Research supports that clubhouse services lead to lower levels of hospitalization and/or incarceration, higher levels of stability with mental health symptoms, as well as better health outcomes. We are excited to receive this additional revenue.

KEY DATES

LRE Board Meeting

January 16, 2020 - 1:00 PM:

Location: HealthWest

376 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon 49441

Oversight Policy Board (OPB)

March 4, 2020 - 4:00 PM

CMH of Ottawa County (Board Room)

12265 James Street, Holland, MI 49424

LRE Provider Network Advisory Council (PNAC) Meeting

January 17, 2020 - 1:30 PM

Location: Fillmore Complex

12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive 49460

Main Conference Room

MDHHS Behavioral Health Public Forums (Individuals/Families Served):

- Register for **Detroit** on January 8 [here](#)
- Register for **Grand Rapids** on January 9 [here](#)
- Register for **Marquette** on January 22 [here](#)
- Register for **Saginaw** on January 30 [here](#)
- Register for our **virtual forum** on February 6 [here](#)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FY19 data reporting in our region is well represented but it is still not complete. All service claims/encounters and BHTEDS for FY19 dates of service need to be submitted and accepted in the MDHHS data warehouse by late February 2020 in order to properly supply support year-end financial statements and FY21 rate setting.

BHTEDS completeness for FY19 continues to lag for Mental Health episodes of care at 92.98% (*per the most recent MDHHS assessment in December 2019*). MDHHS requires a compliance threshold of 95% or higher. Those CMHSPs below 95% (Network180 and Ottawa) are working through outlier lists to recover and resubmit missing records.

Our FY20/21 funding rates are dependent on the completeness and accuracy of this data. Without complete data, the state-wide funding algorithms will not be able to fund our region at the full and appropriate level required to support the services that are needed.

MMBPIS changes postponed- MMBPIS Quality Indicator changes proposed by MDHHS (*which were supposed to have taken effect 01/01/20*) have been postponed. The mental health indicator changes will go into effect 04/01/20, and the effective date for SUD indicator changes has not been announced.

For more detail go to www.lsre.org/board-packet or click here: [CIO Board Report](#)

SUD TREATMENT/PREVENTION

Oversight Policy Board (OPB)- the group met December 4, 2019 at Ottawa CMH and the minutes are attached for your review. There were four LARA SUD license applications that the board approved for recommendation to be licensed: Hope Network Behavioral Health Pivot Crisis/Robert Brown Crisis Center, Next Phase Solutions, and Lazarusman Consulting PLLC.

TalkSooner- We are continuing to work with Seyferth Marketing to determine the scope of work for this fiscal year's marketing plan. The final draft of the marketing plan will be brought to the TalkSooner core team at their January meeting for approval. Once fully approved, then a copy will be provided to the LRE Board of Directors.

Gambling Disorder- Kelly Kondrat, Gambling Disorder Coordinator created a youth prevention curriculum to be used with our prevention providers who are receiving gambling disorder funding. The train the trainer session is scheduled for December 17th. There are 20 registered including two individuals from neighboring regions. The goal is for this curriculum to be taught this school year as a pilot for our region.

GAIN Update- This past month several mixed messages regarding the GAIN and MDHHS have been floating around the region. The GAIN is not on hold, what is on hold is the local trainer train the training that the state conducts. Director Gordon has expressed that he is reviewing the GAIN however, there has been no notification on a change in direction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 LRE Board Meeting Schedule

The new 2020 LRE Board Schedule has been posted on the LRE website.

Suicide Hotline

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved using the 3-digit number 988 as a [suicide](#) prevention hotline number

MDHHS Public Forums

will host forums to provide families and individuals served the chance to ask questions and provide feedback. Applications are due by January 14, 2020

New Licensure Requirements for BCBA's (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) and BCaBA's (Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst): Beginning January 7th, 2020, BCBA's and BCaBA's must be licensed to provide services in the State of Michigan.

Infant Mental Health – Home Visiting Learning Collaborative, MDHHS has **revised the deadline** for submission of the checklists and application questions from CMHSPs.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 22nd
Click here for materials

MDHHS

Michigan Behavioral Health System Changes-

Building on a presentation at the October CMHAM Fall Conference, MDHHS Director Robert Gordon provided testimony to the House Appropriations Committee on December 4, 2019. He proposed a model of "Specialty Integrated Plans" taking over the role of PIHPs in Michigan. He suggested that MDHHS would consider several models within the SIPs:

- ▶ **Public Led Systems**
(Association of CMHSPs)
- ▶ **Medicaid Health Plan Led Systems**
- ▶ **Provider Led Plans**
- ▶ **Public/Private Partnership Led Plans**
(Note: This is consistent with LRE and Beacon partnership)

MDHHS will host forums to provide families and individuals served the chance to ask questions and provide feedback. Please see under Key Dates or go to:

[www.michigan.gov/
FutureOfBehavioralHealth](http://www.michigan.gov/FutureOfBehavioralHealth)

WAIVERS

HCBS-

The LRE is currently finishing the B3 site review visits and are working to bring providers into compliance that had previously been in heightened scrutiny.

During the upcoming months MSU will be contacting providers in heightened scrutiny to gather information for the Heightened Scrutiny Review Committee and MDHHS to make HCBS compliance recommendations. MSU is gathering information by region and will notify the LRE when they plan to contact providers in Region 3. The PIHP will work with the CMHSPs and providers to coordinate this exchange of information.

The next round of HCBS surveys are expected to be sent out in February.

Autism-

We are currently serving just under 1400 individuals throughout the region through the Medicaid Autism Behavioral Health Treatment Program.

There are now 17 different Autism providers contracted to provide services in the region.

The LRE will host an ADOS-2 Booster Training on June 15th, 2020. Registration will be through MDHHS and will be announced when it is open. In a region, we will provide feedback as LARA requests it from the field on the SARF category and provide a regional response and attend meetings if they hold them.

HSW-

The LRE was granted an additional 27 HSW slots by MDHHS in October 2019 for appropriately maintaining those already obtained for a total of 625 slots. These slots are managed and kept full by the LRE.

CW & SEDW-

MDHHS transferred oversight of the Children's Waiver and the Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver Programs in October of 2019 from the CMHSP's to the PIHP's.

Workgroups have been established between the PIHP and CMHSP's to collaboratively improve the services for our waiver individuals.