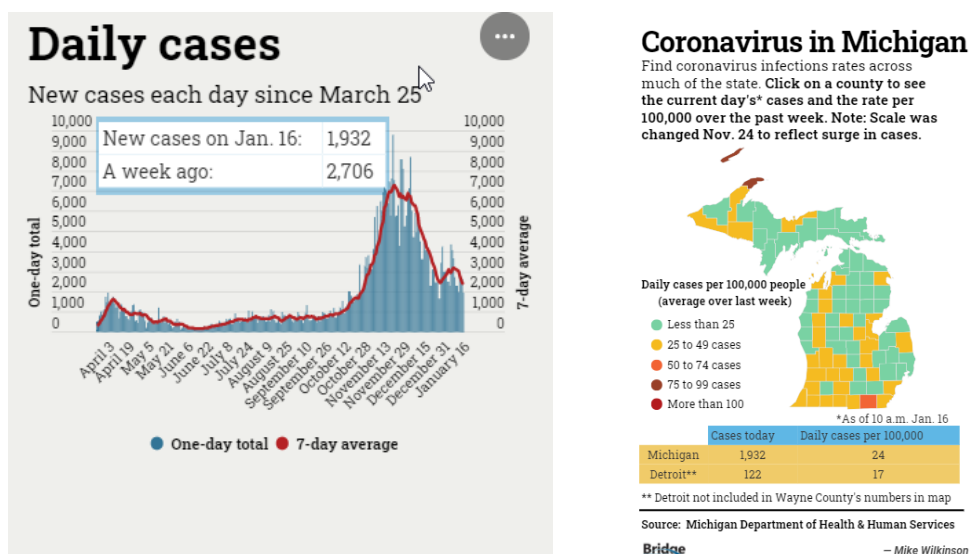


January CEO Report

Good afternoon,

Below is the January 21, 2021 CEO report to The LRE Board. Welcome to the new year; better than the last!

1. **COVID-19** – Improving news in Michigan! Trends are down on all measures: Positivity, Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths. Below are two charts from the Bridge newsletter from January 16th.



The LRE submitted an updated Network Stabilization Update:

- No providers, that we are aware of, have closed due to COVID,
- we received a new, very large shipment of KN95 masks that are being distributed to AFC homes,
- financial related assistance has been provided at several levels: rate adjustments, funding assistance, Ottawa County provider stabilization efforts,
- Direct Care Worker rate premium is extended to February 28th,
- financial support in active COVID homes in Muskegon,
- Network-180 is working with its only ACT provider under financial distress.

COVID vaccines supplies are limited. Local health departments and CMHs are working to replenish their supplies.

Beacon Contract – The development of the new Beacon contract is moving quickly. While there is still work to complete, I am hopeful we can bring the final contract to the Board meeting in February.

CEO Search – The first set of initial interviews are complete. The Search Committee is reconvening to review results.

Historical Deficit Plan – LRE Leadership has developed a strategy to resolving the historical deficit. The proposed solution includes a contribution from the State of Michigan combined with LRE funds. We are currently scheduling a meeting with the State to discuss.

Year-End Data Reporting – With the end of the year drawing close, we are increasing the intensity of work on FY20 encounter submissions and BH-TEDS compliance. Encounters need additional work; however, BH-TEDS is currently in compliance. The BH-TEDS data could change with additional encounter data. Complicating the year end close is a new MDHHS report that replaces the previous MUNC report(s) with the EQI report. This is the most critical report in support of future funding levels. First goal to gain success with this report: Submission of all encounters into the LRE.

CEO Transition – B. Riley has taken over full duties of the CEO from G. Hofman. Greg continues to provide critical back-up of historical issues at the LRE.

System Reform – No news since last month. MDHHS would like to defer the transformation discussion until FY22, however, there appears to be pressure from the legislation to pick up the pace.

Thank You – A much deserved thank you to Greg Hofman for providing leadership in the past two and a half years. The LRE has been stressed from many directions, Greg has been a reliable, stable leader for The LRE during this period. Thank You, Greg!

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