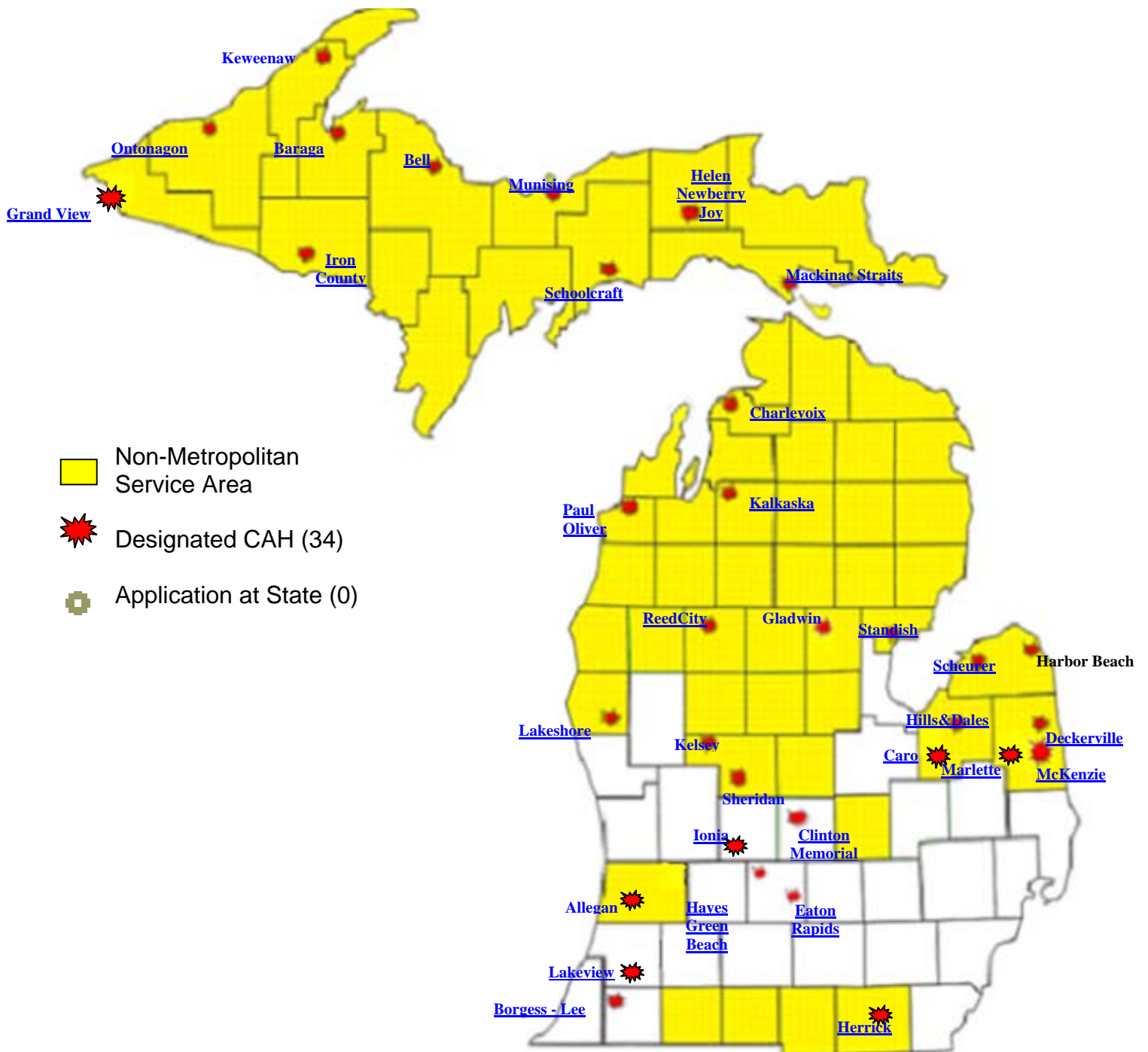


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Comprehensive Reforms to Move Toward Patient-Centered Care

Recommendations Made in Annual Report on “State of the Nation’s Health Care”

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 120,000 internal medicine physicians, related sub specialists, and medical students. Internists specialize in the prevention, detection and treatment of illness in adults.

On January 22, 2007 the ACP, in its annual report, *The State of the Nation’s Health Care*, proposed a fundamental change in the way primary care is organized, delivered, financed, and valued: a patient-centered health care system. Patient-centered health care is a system that builds upon the relationship between patients and their primary and principal care physicians and supports the systems needed to achieve better results. Patient-centered health care provides:

- Access to longitudinal and comprehensive care by a personal physician who is responsible and accountable for managing the care of the whole patient, in partnership with the patient;
- Use of health information and other system improvements to enhance access to care, to provide access to evidence-based guidelines at the point of care, to support the ability of physicians to follow up on recommended treatments and patient self-management plans, and to measure and report on the quality of care being provided.

The ACP also released a companion position paper to *The State of the Nation’s Health Care* report, “A System in Need of Change: Restructuring Payment Policies to Support Patient-Centered Care,” which offers a series of nine recommendations to fundamentally reform current Medicare physician payment and delivery systems.

The nine recommendations include paying physicians on a risk-adjusted, bundled, and prospective basis for providing patient-centered care through a qualified medical home, instead of paying doctors solely on the volume of services billed. The College also proposed an alternative to Medicare’s growth rate formula that may stabilize payments and create powerful incentives for physician participation in programs that will result in quality improvements and cost savings.

For a complete review of the report, please go to the American College of Physicians web site at: <http://www.acponline.org/college/pressroom/snhc1.htm>

Physician Recruitment Trends

The demand for primary care physicians is on the rise. “Particularly notable is the relatively high percentage of 2006 primary care residents who received 26 job solicitations or more. In 2001, the last time the Survey tracked job solicitations for primary care doctors, only 22% indicated they had received 26 or more job solicitations during the course of their training. In 2006, by contrast, 79% of primary care physicians indicated they had received 26 or more job solicitations during the course of their training.” (MHA)*

Internal Medicine and Family Medicine are the leading drivers in the increase in demand for primary care. While demand is beginning to rise, supply is not catching up. Many residency programs, particularly in family practice, do not come near to filling their available positions. The increased demand has not resulted in higher starting salaries although anecdotal analysis suggests salary inflation is imminent. Many hospitals are utilizing signing bonuses and loan repayment as incentives to gain a competitive advantage.

Loan repayment programs are available through both the federal and state governments. In rural and underserved communities these programs can be the key to successful recruitment and retention. If you would like more information on any of these programs please contact Steve Shotwell. Shotwe14@msu.edu or 517-355-7758.

Tomorrow's Child -SIDS Prevention: The Importance of Infant Safe Sleep Practices

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is a major cause of infant mortality in the United States, accounting for 2,246 deaths in 2004. Michigan experienced 51 SIDS deaths in 2004. Michigan's overall infant mortality has stubbornly hovered around 8.0 deaths per 1,000 live births for the past ten years. During this same period, the national infant mortality rate has steadily declined from 7.3 to 6.8 deaths per 1,000 live births. Findings indicate that nearly one-third of SIDS deaths are related to unsafe sleep practices and may be preventable.

With leadership from the Governor's Children's Cabinet, Michigan has the distinction of being the first state to endorse *Infant Safe Sleep* policies. Working with the Children's Cabinet and community programs across the state, Tomorrow's Child is Michigan's resource for information, public health campaigns, materials and training on *Infant Safe Sleep*. In partnership with Michigan health associations, hospitals, health plans, childcare and other infant health champions, we are instituting policies and standards to assure that every new parent and infant caregiver is told about the safest sleep practices for their baby.

In 2005, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued recommendations for infant safe sleep practices. Tomorrow's Child, Michigan's lead resource for infant safe sleep information, provides strategies that reflect the AAP recommendations to ensure babies have a healthy, safe sleep environment. These strategies are: 1) Make sure babies sleep by themselves in a crib, portable crib or bassinet; 2) Always place babies on their backs to sleep; 3) Babies should sleep on a firm, well-fitting mattress with a tightly fitted sheet; 4) Keep babies' sleep area free of blankets, comforters, stuffed animals, bumper pads, and other soft items; 5) Make sure babies' faces are kept uncovered during sleep for easy breathing; 6) Babies should sleep, play and live in a smoke-free environment; and 7) Keep babies dressed lightly in order to prevent overheating.

Tomorrow's Child is your source for comprehensive *Infant Safe Sleep* materials. Multi-lingual brochures and posters, DVDs, doorknob hangers, the Community Toolkit and local trainings are among the resources available at no charge. To request materials or more information on infant safe sleep, please contact Tomorrow's Child at (800) 331-7437 or visit www.tcmisids.org. Submitted by Kristin M. Patmos, MPH, with a supplement by MDCH.

Grant Opportunities

Test your "small grant" writing skills:

2007 Community Dentistry Award

Web site http://www.ada.org/ada/prod/adaf/prog_access_awardasp

Sponsor [American Dental Association](http://www.american-dental-association.org)

Deadlines May 15, 2007

Purpose The Community Dentistry Award recognizes programs focused on improving oral health at the community level.

Eligibility Not-for-profit programs in the United States or its territories are eligible.

- Geographic coverage** Nationwide
- Amount of funding** The first place recipient will receive a \$5,000 award and a wall plaque. Meritorious awards of \$2,500 may be given to up to three other entrants.
- Application process** Download complete information, including a brochure, entry form, program summary format and Compendium of Winning Entries in PDF format from the Program web site.

For more information contact:

Award Programs
Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations
American Dental Association
211 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
312-440-2673
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3-A-Day Dairy Nutrition Education Grants

- Web site** <http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org/NationalDairyCouncil/Health/ThreeADay/grant.htm>
- Sponsor** [National Dairy Council](#)
- Deadlines** April 6, 2007
- Purpose** America's low calcium intake is recognized as a major public health problem. To address this concern, the National Dairy Council will award grants in the amount of \$5,000 each at a state/regional basis to organizations/individuals proposing innovative, community-based nutrition education programs aimed at empowering kids to become advocates for healthy eating, including three servings of dairy a day, and an active lifestyle, which contribute to a healthy weight.
- Eligibility** Grants are open to all groups or individuals in the U.S., including those self-employed, commissioned by or employed by organizations of local government, state and local health departments, regional and state agencies and schools, medical facilities and extension specialists.
- Geographic coverage** Nationwide
- Amount of funding** Awards are for \$5,000 each.
- Application process** Information about the 3-A-Day of Dairy nutrition education campaign can be found at www.nationaldairycouncil.org or www.3aday.org. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Linda Magiera at 847-627-3275 or lindam@rosedmi.com and information will be sent to you.
- For more information contact:**
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American Psychiatric Foundation Grants for Early Treatment of Mental Illness

- Web site** http://www.psychfoundation.org/call_for_proposals.cfm

- Sponsor** [American Psychiatric Foundation](#)
- Deadlines** July 1, 2007
- Purpose** Funds public education, information and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. Grants from the foundation can support a wide variety of public education activities in this arena. Grants may be sought for new initiatives or expansion of current programs. Requests must be for educational, informational or outreach efforts targeting the public. Efforts may focus on a specific mental disorder, mental illness in general or target a specific population.
- Eligibility** Eligible applicants are organizations that have been in existence for at least two years and currently maintain 501(c)(3) charitable status. American Psychiatric Association district branches and subsidiaries are eligible. Organizations need not be mental health programs.
- Geographic coverage** Nationwide
- Amount of funding** The foundation is making up to \$750,000 in grant funds available over the course of three years (2005-2007) to fund public education, information and outreach initiatives that promote the early recognition and treatment of mental illness. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount; average grants are in the \$50,000 range.
- Application process** All applicants must complete the Foundation's grant application and budget forms, which are available on the Program web site.
- For more information contact:**
apf@psych.org

Social Work Grand Rounds Huge Success

On Thursday, January 18, Margaret Dimond presented information on "Aligning the Hospital Staff with the Patient/Family...Often a Daunting Task for Social Work" via videoconference. This session was the first in a series of videoconferences/teleconferences sponsored by MSU College of Social Work and the Michigan Center for Rural Health. Twenty-two hospitals connected to listen to the program via videoconference with another 10 via teleconference. Participants received 1.0 continuing education contact hours.

The next session is scheduled for April 12 from 12:00-1:15 p.m. Watch for more information, or contact Phyllis E. Ball, Education & Communications Coordinator at: ballp@msu.edu or, 517-355-8250.

SOLUTION FOCUSED BRIEF THERAPY WORKSHOP

Dr. Gerald Sklare

Date: June 19, 2007

Time: 8:30-4:30

Where: Radisson Hotel

Kalamazoo, MI

Target Audience

This experiential workshop is designed for both beginners and experienced school counselors, mental health counselors, psychologists, social workers and educators who want to learn an innovative approach to empower their students/clients to recognize and utilize their resources.

Presenter:

Dr. Gerald Sklare completed his B.S. in Education, M.A. in Counseling and an Ed.D. in Counselor Education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) in Kentucky, a nationally Certified Counselor (NBCC) and is a professor in the Department of Educational & Counseling Psychology at the University of Louisville. Dr. Sklare has been at U of L since 1975 and is recognized for his expertise in solution-Focused Brief Counseling as he has conducted many solution-Focused Brief Counseling workshops throughout the United States for professional associations, mental health centers and school districts.

Workshop Objectives

Through a combination of didactic discussion, handouts, practice exercises and role-playing, participants will be able to:

- Identify the major assumptions of Solution-Focused Brief Counseling (SFBC)
- Assist students/clients to identify and move toward solutions to reach their goals
- Utilize innovative SFBC assessment and interview methods that initiate change immediately
- Implement the five step solution focused brief counseling treatment process

Cost: \$165 (includes continental breakfast and book – Solution Focused Brief Counseling by Dr. Sklare
Lunch is on your own

Continuing Education Contact Hours: Contact hours have been applied for, but not approved at this time.

Registration Information: Enrollment limited to 50 participants.

For More Information, please contact Phyllis Ball at (517) 355-8250 or ballp@msu.edu.

GRAND ROUNDS:

SOCIAL WORK GRAND ROUNDS

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU School of Social Work

- April 18 – 12:00 noon – 1:15p.m. – TBD.

Accreditation: Michigan State University School of Social Work (Provider No. 1136) is approved by the Association of Social Work boards (ASWB) approved continuing Education (ACE) program: www.aswb.org: 1-800-335-6880. ASWB ACE-approved programs are recognized in Michigan. In addition, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana recognize ACE-approve providers. Social workers should verify recognition of ACE approval with their state boards.

ARTHRITIS GRAND ROUNDS

Held the second Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except in July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Arthritis Collaborative Partnership.

- February 14 – New Developments in Treatment of RA, -David Fox
- March 14 – Use and Misuse of Medications in the Patient with Fibromyalgia, -Dan Clauw
- April 11 – Hematologic Complications of RA, -Wendy Marder
- May 9 – Approach to Musculoskeletal Complaints in the Geriatric Patient, -Vladimir Ogenovski
- June 13 – Approach to the Adolescent with Joint Pain, -Hillary Haftel
- September 12 – The Extra-Articular Manifestations of Rheumatoid Arthritis, -Joseph Weiss
- October 10 – TBD
- November 14 – Psoriatic Arthritis, -Robert Ike
- December 12 – Rheumatologic Emergencies, -Joseph McCune

Accreditation: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, an organization accredited by the MSMS Committee on CME Accreditation, designates that this activity meets the criteria for a maximum of one (1) credit hour in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

GERIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS

Held the first Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan.

February 7 - Pressure Ulcers, -Frank Komara, DO

March 7 – TBD

April 4 – TBD

May 2 – TBD

June 6 TBD

September 5 – TBD

October 2 – TBD

November 7 – TBD

December 5 - TBD

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through

PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS

Held quarterly from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU Department of Psychiatry.

- April 25 - Management of Aggressive Behavior, -Dale D'Mello, MD
- July 25 - Depressive Disorders in Children and Adolescents, -Jed Magen, DO, MS
- October 24 - Neurobiology and Treatment of Deliberate Self-Injury, -Brian Smith, MD

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

For more information, contact Phyllis Ball, Education Coordinator at: ballp@msu.edu or 517-355-8250.

INTERESTING QUOTE:

“Watch out for emergencies. They are your big chance”

Fritz Reiner

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