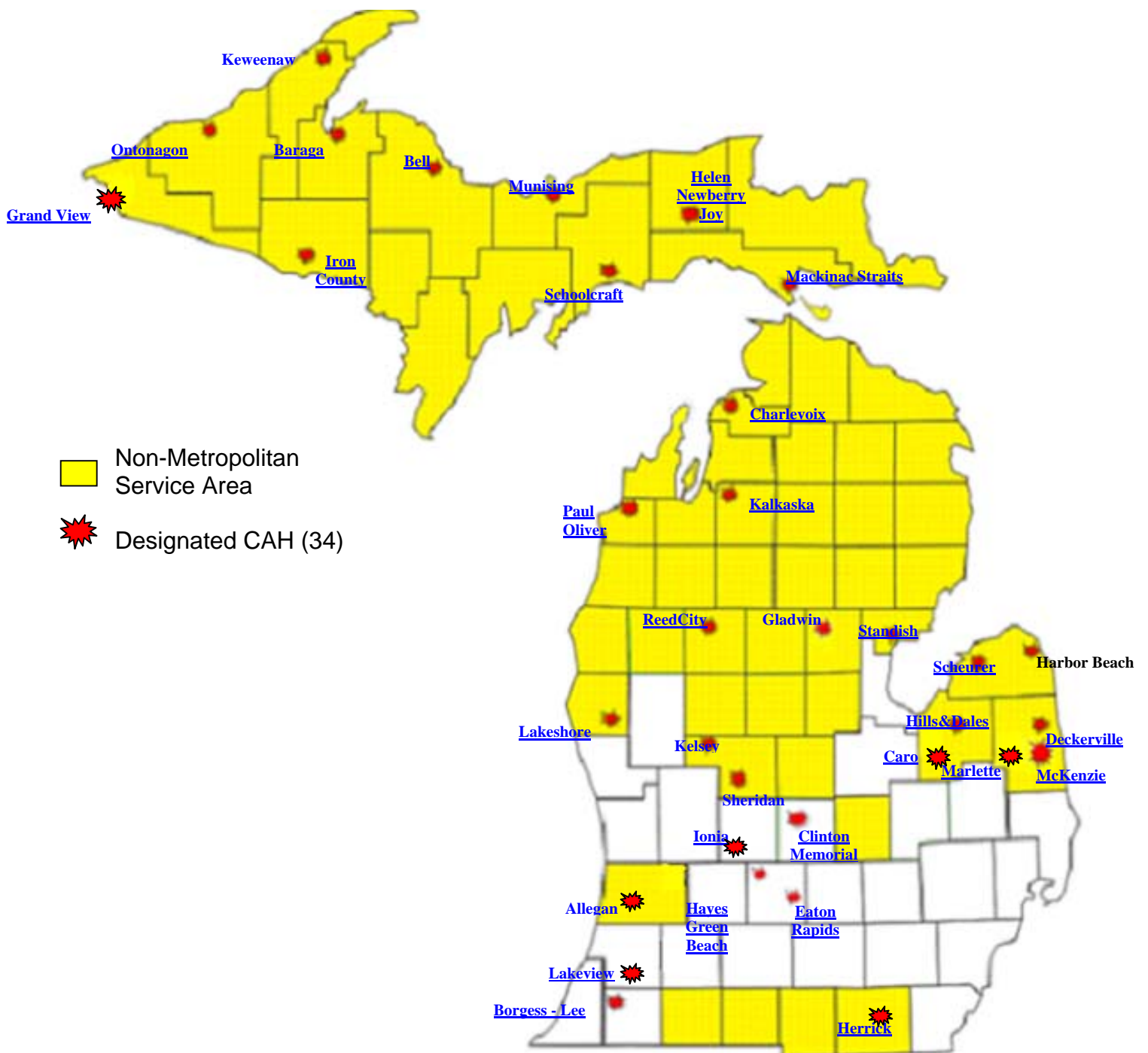


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Munising Memorial Hospital Building Project Update

The new Munising Memorial Hospital is on schedule for a slated October 2007 completion. Phase one of the building is 80% complete and phase two, (Radiology, Emergency Department, patient rooms, Laboratory, etc.) is 30% complete. The building has expanded to a significantly larger area, requiring two photos.

On October 1, 2006, Munising Memorial Hospital MMH broke ground on a new, 58,000 square feet Critical Access Hospital, the first new Michigan Critical Access Hospital. The new facility will replace five buildings including the current 32,000 square foot hospital built in 1961.

The new hospital building's design reflects a fundamental change in healthcare that has evolved over the past 20 years. While once the emphasis was heavily on inpatient care, the pendulum has now swung in the opposite direction. The MMH average daily inpatient census is three. Reflecting this change, the new hospital will have 11 licensed beds, down from 25. Patient rooms will overlook Lake Superior's beautiful Trout Bay. Space for all services will be expanded to nearly three times the current space.



A New Web Site for Senior Transportation

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Web site at www.seniortransportation.net. Six months in development, the site offers extensive resources toward the advancement of transportation options for older adults who wish to live more independently within their communities. The Web site is the NCST's most important way of extending its information and resources to the public, including announcements, facts and tips, publications, special events, opportunities of others, and technical assistance for the aging and human service community, transit providers, and older adults and caregivers.

Based in Washington, D.C., the NCST is a partnership of Easter Seals Inc. and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Additional team members include the Community Transportation Association of America, the National Association of State Units on Aging, the American Society on Aging and the Beverly Foundation. A national steering committee helps to guide the center's work.

Medicare Testing Personal Health Records To Help Beneficiaries Better Manage Own Health Care

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has a new project expanding its efforts to encourage Medicare beneficiaries to take advantage of Internet-based tools to track their health care services and provide them with other resources to better communicate with their providers.

The pilot program will enable certain beneficiaries to access and use a Personal Health Record (PHR) provided through participating health plans, and accessible through www.mymedicare.gov. In general, a PHR is a collection of information about an individual's health or health care services, such as medical conditions, hospitalizations, doctor visits and medications. The data that will be available to beneficiaries include registration information such as name, address, and policy number as well as lists of their medications and medical conditions, to help them manage their own health care. The beneficiary is in charge of his or her own PHR and will control who is able to see the information it contains. Sharing this information with healthcare providers from the PHR will be entirely up to the beneficiary.

CMS has launched the program in conjunction with four health plans to test the use of their PHRs. The plans are: HIP USA, Humana, Kaiser Permanente, and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The pilot is expected to run for eighteen months. During this time, CMS will collect both quantitative and qualitative data to assess the use, usefulness, usability, and feature preferences of the tools.

Rural Emergency Responders Initiative

Program web site http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/Emerg_Responder/rural_emergency_responders_initi.htm

Sponsor [USDA Rural Development](#)

Deadlines Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Purpose The Rural Development, through its community facilities program, provides funding for the Rural Emergency Responders Initiative to specifically strengthen the ability of rural communities to respond to local emergencies. The community facilities program funds are used to support rural emergency responder efforts by financing needed equipment and services.

Eligibility These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes.

Geographic coverage Nationwide

Amount of funding

Application process Contact your USDA Rural Development State Office. A directory of state offices is available at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html.

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Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (RHNP GP)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 93.912

Program web site <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/networkplanning.htm>

Sponsor [Office of Rural Health Policy](#)

Deadlines October 5, 2007

Purpose The major focus of the Network Planning Grant Program is to provide support to rural entities in the development of formal health care networks. The network members should not have a significant history of collaboration and prior collaboration among the Network members is not required. Formative networks are not sufficiently evolved to apply for a three year Rural Health Network Development implementation grant and do not have a formalized structure. The grant program supports one year of planning to develop and assist health care networks become operational.

Eligibility The applicant must be a rural, non-profit or public entity that is or represents a consortium of three or more entities that need assistance to plan, organize and develop a health care network. Applications from profit-making organizations will not be accepted. For-profit organizations may, however, participate in the network.

Faith-based and community-based organizations requesting health related projects are eligible to apply for these grants. Tribal Governments and Tribal Organizations are also eligible to apply.

See Program web site for additional information on eligibility.

Geographic Nationwide

coverage

Amount of funding The Network Planning Grant funding cycle is from March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009 and will be funded from the Federal Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation, pending availability of funds. The approximate amount of funding anticipated is \$1,020,000. It is anticipated that 12 awards will be made. Individual awards are limited to between \$25,000 and \$85,000. Applicants can request budget and project periods for one year only.

Application process The application is available at: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=14606>

A Technical Assistance Conference Call has been scheduled for August 23, 2007 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time. To register for this call e-mail Mary Collier at mcollier@hrsa.gov before August 27 at noon Eastern Time. The call in information will be returned by e-mail as soon as we receive your registration. The information on how to register will also be available on the web at www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov.

For more information contact:

Applicants may obtain additional information regarding business, administrative or fiscal issues related to this grant announcement by contacting:

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EMS Teleconference – “Seasonal Trauma”

Thursday, September 27, 2007 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and The Michigan Association of Ambulance Services

Presenter: Melissa Gladieux, EMT-P I/C Paramedic Instructor

Melissa Gladieux has been a paramedic for the past thirteen years and an instructor for the past six years. She received a Bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration in 2000. She currently works for Medstar Ambulance as a Clinical Manager. She has been an ACLS Instructor, AHA BLS Training Center Coordinator and is the 2007 MAAS Star of Life Recipient. .

Continuing Education Credits: Participants who participate for the entire program will receive 1 Lecture Credit in the Trauma category.

Cost: There is no cost to participate in the conference call.

Program Focus: Session will focus on seasonal accidents: hunting and fishing injuries and pediatric trauma, i.e. bike, pedestrian, car and playground injuries.

To Register: Please fax or mail the Registration Form to:
The Michigan Center for Rural Health

Michigan State University
B-218 West Fee Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824
Fax (517) 432-0007

Upon receipt of your registration form, you will be provided via fax or e-mail the teleconference call in number Two or three days prior to the program, download an Attendance Sheet, a copy of the Power Point presentation, program evaluation, and a short quiz from the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) web site: www.com.msu.edu/micrh. You are required to return the attendance sheet, program evaluation and quiz to the MCRH in order to obtain credit.

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



Web-based Tools Help Rural Leaders Understand and Shape Federal Policy

Rural Policy Research Institute, Jul 24, 2007

Two Web-based database policy tools are now available to help rural leaders understand and shape federal policy, according to the Southern Rural Development Initiative and the Rural Policy Research Institute.

The first data tool allows users to see federal funding for fiscal years 2001 to 2003 by federal agency, type of funds and intended function. Users can design custom queries of the funding data for a specific federal agency or all agencies. This system is useful for policy analysis and research.

The second database tool offers county summaries of key United States Department of Agriculture program funding. This tool can help rural leaders see the USDA funding patterns for agriculture, rural development and nutrition missions for their county. Through these tools rural leaders and policy makers will have more information about how federal policy priorities shape the funding patterns and be more equipped to articulate a federal policy partnership that serves their needs.

The tools can be found at: <http://circ.rupri.org/srdi>.

Trauma Nurse Core Course Funding

The Michigan Center for Rural Health, with funding through the Michigan Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, is pleased to provide up to \$1,500 per CAH for reimbursement toward the Michigan Emergency Nurses Association Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC) training. Grant funding applies to the cost of the TNCC course.

A copy of the 2007 TCNN class schedule can be found at the Michigan ENA web site: <http://www.michiganena.org/general.phtml?catid=10>.

Directions for course reimbursement and expense forms are located on the MCRH web site: www.com.msu.edu/micrh. Please contact Angie Emge at: 517-355-7757 or aemge@msu.edu with additional questions.

GRAND ROUNDS:

ARTHRITIS

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.

- September 12 – The Extra-Articular Manifestations of Rheumatoid Arthritis, -Joseph Weiss
- October 10 -- Use and Misuse of Medications in the Patient with Fibromyalgia, Dan Clau
- 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

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.

- September 5-Herbal Supplements –Mark Ensberg, MD
- October 2-Hospice & Palliative Care -Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC, GNP
- November 7- Assessment & Treatment of Somatic Dysfunction-Frank Komara, DO
- December 5-Prostate Disease (BPH) and Cancer TBA

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 Osteopathic Medicine and the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

NURSING

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

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and MSU College of Nursing

- Sept. 4 – TBD
- November 6 – TBD

Accreditation: Participants who attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form will receive a certificate for 1.8 contact hours.

Michigan State University College of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Michigan Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

PSYCHIATRY

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

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

- 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.

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SOCIAL WORK

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

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

- Sept. 28– TBD
- Dec. 6 - Pain Management

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-approved providers. Social workers should verify recognition of ACE approval with their state boards.

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

Interesting Quote:

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.”
-Vincent T. Lombardi

Interesting Web Site:

The Commonwealth Fund

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/>

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults.

The Fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/statescorecard/>

The Commonwealth State Scorecard

This interactive U.S. map draws from the Commission on a High Performance Health System's report [Aiming Higher: Results from a State Scorecard on Health System Performance](#). Use the map to view state-specific rankings and results compared to benchmarks, and to view the number of lives and dollars each state could save by achieving benchmark levels of performance.