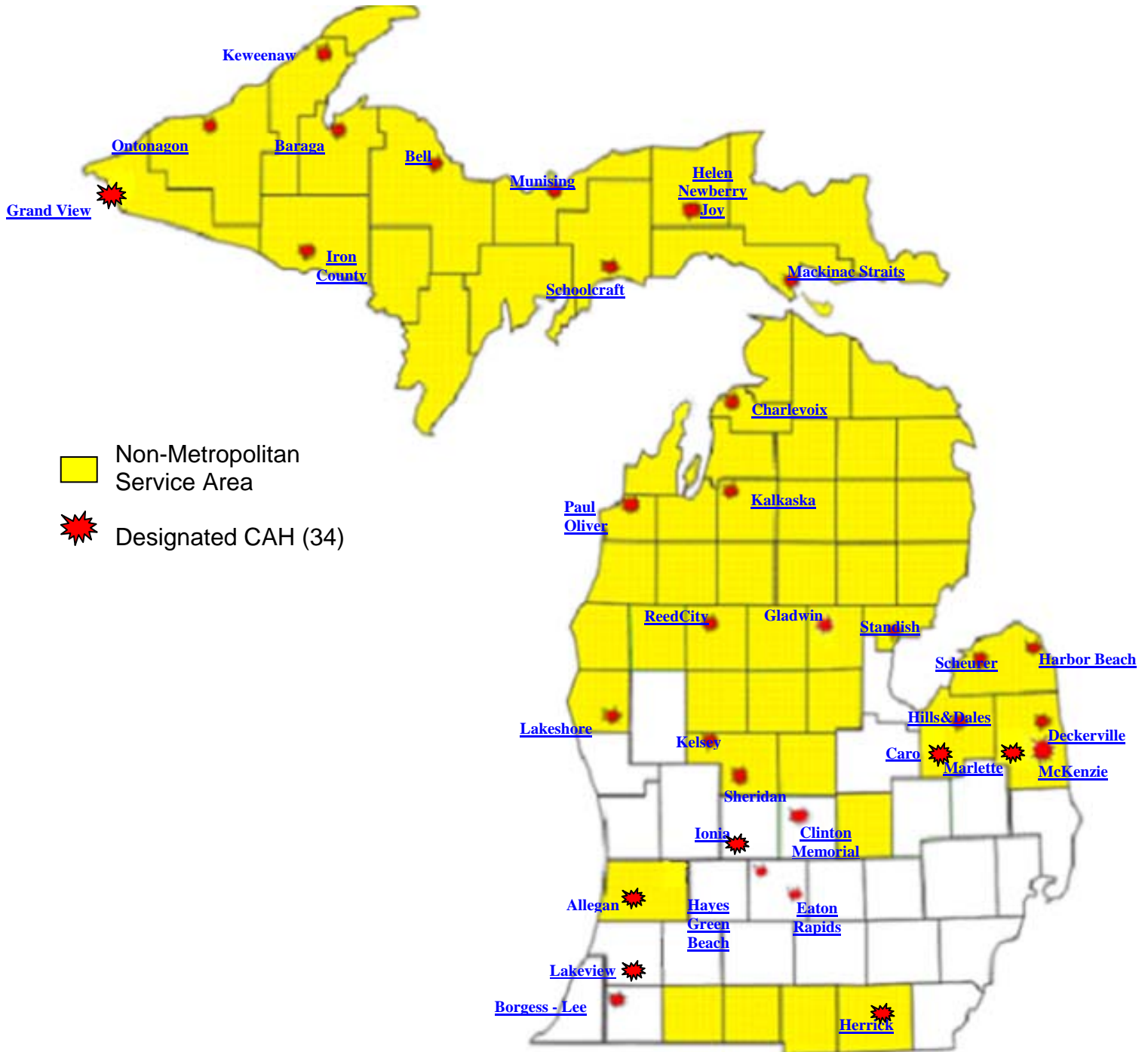


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MICHIGAN CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



MidMichigan Medical Center Gladwin – Dialysis Center

MidMichigan Medical Center Gladwin celebrated the grand opening of Regional Dialysis Services-Gladwin on June 8th. The new 10,350 square-foot state-of-the-art facility includes 19 dialysis stations and can accommodate treatment for more than 100 patients. Treatment is provided in a comfortable, attractive setting that has been designed specifically for dialysis patients.

Dialysis is a life-saving therapy for people who have chronic kidney disease, which is often caused by diabetes or hypertension. The therapy filters out extra water, minerals and toxins dumped into the blood by other organs when the kidneys are unable to perform this function.

Awareness of chronic kidney disease is up, but most people who have the condition still don't know it. Kidney disease raises the risk of heart attack and stroke. It can also cause anemia, bone disease and malnutrition; and can lead to kidney failure. Risk factors include:

- Diabetes or blood sugar problems
- High blood pressure
- Family history of kidney disease
- Immediate family with kidney failure (mother, father, sister or brother).



A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house were held on Sunday, June 8, to mark the grand opening of Regional Dialysis Services–Gladwin. This new facility, located on the campus of MidMichigan Medical Center–Gladwin, will provide life saving dialysis treatment for more than 100 area patients. Ribbon cutting ceremony participants included (from left to right) Nancy Johnson, corporate director of dialysis services at Gratiot Medical Center; Mary Stapleton, corporate clinical coordinator of dialysis services at Gratiot Medical Center; Scott Currie, secretary/treasurer of the Regional Dialysis Services board and vice president of finance for Gratiot Medical Center; Sherry Taunt, executive vice president of MidMichigan Medical Center–Gladwin; Ray Stover, executive vice president of MidMichigan Medical Center–Gladwin; board-certified nephrologist Adeel Khan, M.D., medical director of Regional Dialysis Services–Gladwin; Thomas Winarski, mayor of Gladwin; Sandy Hermann, vice chair of the Regional Dialysis Services board and vice president of MidMichigan Health; Paula Chermiside, Regional Dialysis Services board member and vice president of physician & ancillary services at Gratiot Medical Center.

Mackinac Straits Ground Breaking

May 28th was a great day to celebrate the ground breaking of Mackinac Straits Health Systems. Father Jim Williams opened the ceremonies with a prayer, which was followed by the honor drum song performed by the Bahweting Singers. Over 100 people including several community and government leaders were able to attend. M.S.H. and the Kewadin Casino provided food for the event. Many times it was mentioned throughout the afternoon what a wonderful partnership we have between Mackinac Straits Hospital and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Together they have made the dream of a new health system possible for our community.



Left to right are: Margaret Doud, Mackinac Island, Mayor; Bonnie Culfa, Sault Tribal Health Director; Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indian's Chairperson; Peter Morgan, USDA Rural Development Associate Administrator; Sherri Davies, Senator Debbie Stabenow's U.P. Representative; Ronald R. Mitchell, Mackinac Straits Health System, Inc. Chairman; Amy Berglund, Senator Carl Levin's Representative; Gene DeRossett, Michigan Director USDA Rural Development; and Congressman Bart Stupak.



Osteopathic Careers in Health And Medicine Program Services

Rural Michigan recruitment in partnership with the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

History; The OsteoCHAMPS program was established in 2000 initially to encourage, prepare and foster the health career interests of high school students in Michigan. The program partners with several schools and Foundations in various communities across the state of Michigan towards fulfilling its objectives. Program activities and services continue to expand annually.

Goal; To increase the number of high school students in the rural communities of Michigan who select Osteopathic Medicine as their profession of choice and to assist in the pre-professional preparation of those interested in other health fields.

Components; Summer PREcollege Enrichment Program (PREP); Outreach program activities; Professional mentoring; Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid seminars.

OsteoCHAMPS summer PREcollege Enrichment Program (PREP); The PREP program is a two-week intensive residential program at the MSU campus for selected entering 11th and 12th grade students. The program includes an intensive instruction in pre-college science curriculum, as well as non-academic enrichment services and activities including: Anatomy; Physiology; Chemistry; Math, and Writing; Research project; Structural Exam Demonstration; Physical Exam Demonstration; Social activities, and MSUCOM student mentoring (Big Sibs).

Eligibility; Applicant must: Complete 10th or 11th grade at one of our partnering schools, apply and be recommended by a school guidance counselor. Have an interest in or a desire to learn more about health careers, including osteopathic medicine. Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. If you do not have sponsorship, the option of attending is available with a tuition cost of \$2,000 for the session. Submit a completed application, attaching all required documents by specified deadline. Sign a contract agreeing to actively participate in all projects, and abide by the rules of conduct.

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Critical Access Hospitals Receive MPRO's Michigan Award of Excellence

The Michigan Award of Excellence honors nursing homes that are performing and embracing quality initiatives to improve resident care and safety. In last month's Chronicle we acknowledged CAHs with nursing homes that received the award. We missed: Deckerville Community Hospital – Lakeview Extended Care & Rehab. Congratulations.

On May 7, 2008 the 2007 Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in the Ambulatory Care Setting was awarded to several CAH outpatient clinics. Presented by the Governor, in partnership with MPRO, Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization, the award honors Michigan physicians' offices that are performing quality initiatives to improve patient care. Last month we acknowledged recipients of that award. We missed one: Deckerville Community Hospital – Pany Descossard Clinic. Congratulations.

Do Telehealth!

Lately there seems to be quite a bit of advertising about video conferencing. There are claims that you can "Increase productivity 30%". For health care organizations in Michigan, this is already well known and proven – we call it telehealth. Used broadly, the term telehealth includes applications like distance education, administrative meetings and of course, clinical telemedicine visits. Telehealth programs have been active around the state since the early 1990's and they have been primarily focused on increasing access to services in rural communities. Still, there is more to do!

With telehealth:

- Access to specialty health care services is improved
- Costly travel for patients and health care providers is reduced
- Health care dollars remain in local communities
- Administrative meetings save time and travel for busy professional
- Community education can be made available from many sources
- Learning opportunities are more accessible for health care professionals and students.

The Midwest Alliance for Telehealth & Technology Resources is a resource center that supports the growth and expansion of telehealth activities to meet the health care related needs of people in rural areas. MATTeR is federally funded from the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth. Are you doing telehealth? MATTeR would like to hear from you. Contact them at 866-603-4733 or info@midwesttrc.org

New Rural Assistance Center Resources Available

The Rural Assistance Center www.raconline.org has recently added [Leadership Information Guide](#) to their Resource Directory. The Leadership Information Guide - includes an overview of the topic, along with frequently asked questions and links to resources, including organizations, publications, maps, and related web sites.

Guide to Developing Effective Citizen Engagement

[Developing Effective Citizen Engagement: A How-To Guide for Community Leaders](#)

At the heart of this guide is the belief that local governments, community organizations and public agencies make better decisions and have greater positive impact on their communities when they increase the frequency, diversity, and level of engagement of community residents. Significant gaps and barriers exist to effective citizen engagement. In many rural communities across the nation), most citizens do not participate in the decisions that affect their daily lives, and there is often a lack of trust between citizens and local officials. A crucial bridge over this gap is the use of appropriate strategies and tools to encourage citizens and local officials to interact regularly, increase their knowledge of each other, and develop trust. This guide:

- Describes processes for meaningful citizen engagement;
- Offers recommendations for inviting participation from a broad cross-section of the community;
- Provides guidelines for communicating and developing trust between community leaders and citizens; and
- Describes ways to create an environment that encourages consistent and long-term engagement in community affairs.

Organization: Center for Rural Pennsylvania

Date: 04 / 2008

SAVE THIS DATE

2008 CAH Conference -Nov. 6-7, 2008

Mountain Grand Lodge Resort Boyne Falls, MI

-GRAND ROUNDS:

PHARMACY

Date: October 14, 2008

Time: 12:00 NOON – 1:00 pm EST

Pain Management – Terry Baumann, PharmD

Sponsored by: Michigan Center for Rural Health, Marquette General Health System and Upper Peninsula Telehealth Network

Continuing Education: for pharmacists pending.

ARTHRITIS

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

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

2008 Schedule

- October 8-Psoriatic Arthritis- Robert Ike, MD

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 pm except July and August.

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

2008 Schedule

- No program June, July or August
- September 3 – ACOVE Quality Indicators in Primary Care Mark Ensberg, MD & Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC, GNP
- October 1 – Oral Health in the Elderly Elisa Ghezzi, DDS
- November 5 – Health Literacy in the Elderly Marolee Neuberger, MS
- December 3 – Telemedicine and Remote Monitoring Pam Whitten, PhD

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 pm

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

- Sept. 16 – Partners in Health: Group visit Concept for chronic Diseases, Kathy Dontje, MSN, FNP, BC & Kathy Forrest, RN, BSN, MA
- November 18 – TBD

Accreditation: Participants who attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form will receive a certificate for 1.5 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 pm

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

2008 Schedule

- July 23 -Eating Disorders: Christine Shafer, MD
- October 22-Managing Bipolar Disorder Through the Life Span: Dale D'Mello, 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.

SOCIAL WORK

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

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

2008 Schedule

- September 18 – TBD
- November 5 – Health Literacy in the Elderly, Marolee Neuberger, MS
Cross Accreditation Program for Social Workers –Geriatric Grand Round
Videoconference/Teleconference. In an effort to provide more continuing education opportunities for social workers, continuing education contact hours are currently pending for this Geriatric Grand Round Program.
- November 20 – 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.

EMS TELECONFERENCES

Quarterly 6:00-7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Michigan Association of Ambulance

- September 11– TBD
- November 14- TBD

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

INTERESTING QUOTE:

"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible."

-Arthur C. Clarke

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