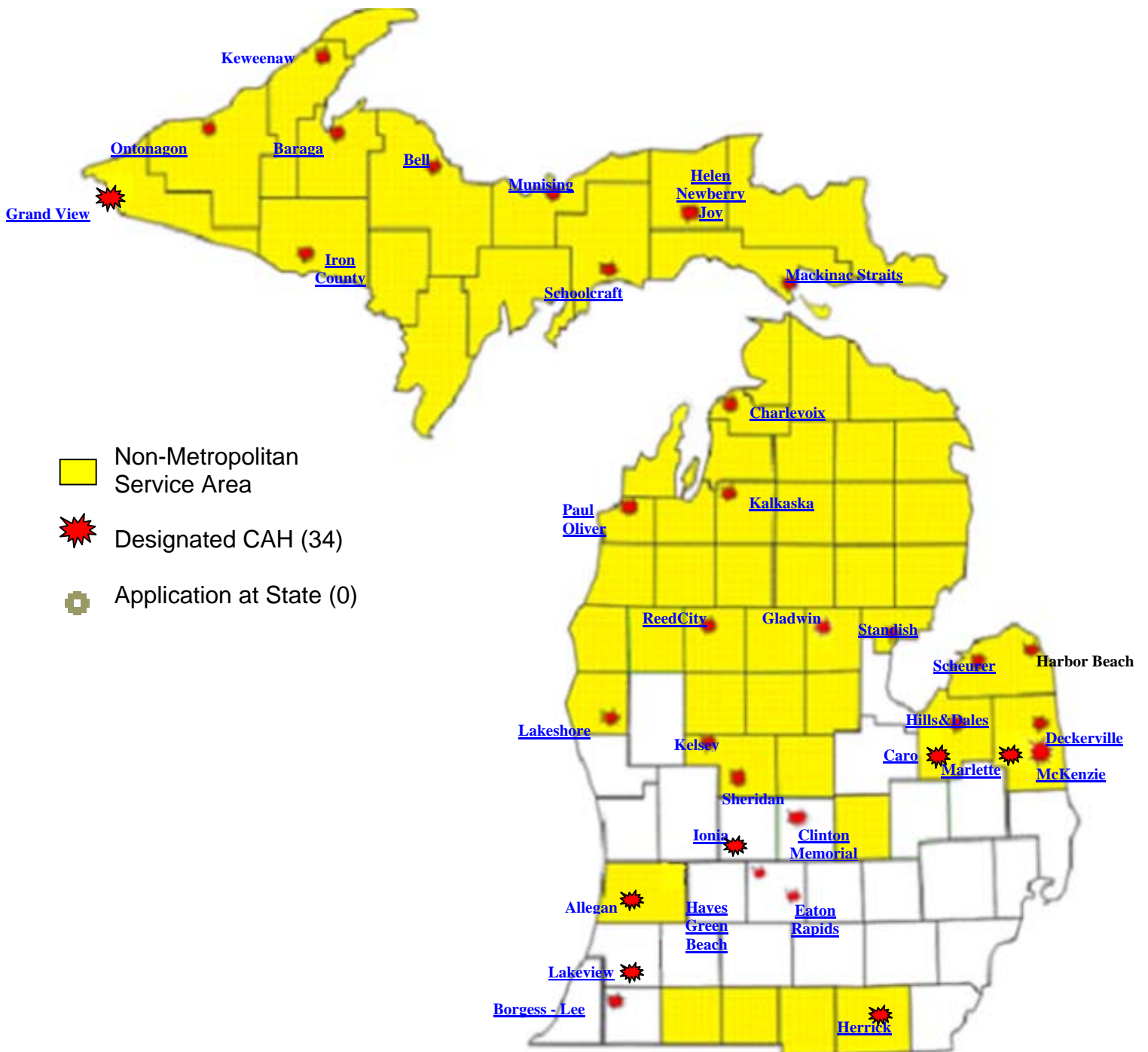


# CAH Chronicle



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## MICHIGAN CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



### **2007 Michigan Rural Health Conference**

#### ***A Roadmap for Quality Healthcare***

Please join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, April 18-19, 2007, at the Mt. Pleasant Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. We look forward to seeing you all this spring!

This year's conference features the "best of the best" presentations on Quality Improvement, Health Information Technology, Healthcare Workforce Issues, Medicare Issues, Rural Philanthropy, and Rural Policy. The presentations are guaranteed to be practical and relevant by these high caliber and dynamic speakers.

With the support of the Michigan Center for Rural Health, Michigan Rural Health Association and the Michigan Rural Health Clinics Organization, Inc., this conference brings together rural health professionals for extensive learning and networking.

**Conference Brochure and Registration:** located on the Michigan Center for Rural Health web site at:

[www.com.msu.edu/micrh](http://www.com.msu.edu/micrh).

**Conference Questions:** Contact Phyllis Ball, at (517) 355-8250, Fax (517) 432-0007, or e-mail her at [ballp@msu.edu](mailto:ballp@msu.edu).

### **Stupak Honored By Rural Health Group**

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) honored Michigan Congressman Bart Stupak, (D-Menominee) as the association's "Rural Health Champion" this year. Congressman Stupak was the only U.S. House Representative to receive the award this year.

"Whether someone lives in Delta County, Arkansas, Carthage, Texas, Watertown, South Dakota or in Marquette or Alpena Michigan, decisions made in Washington, DC directly affect their access to quality health care," Stupak noted. "That is why I have made rural health care a priority since I first came to Washington."

"In his 14 years serving the 1st District of Michigan, Representative Bart Stupak has been a tireless advocate for his rural constituents, rural health care providers and the patients they serve," said Alan Morgan, Chief Executive Officer of the National Rural Health Association. "It is fitting that the representative of the second largest district east of the Mississippi would be such a great friend to rural health."

Stupak said that technology is transforming rural health care to help ensure rural residents access to quality health services. "Technologies like videoconferencing, transmission of still images, and e-health like patient portals, remote monitoring of vital signs, continuing medical education and nursing call centers are all part of a new revolution in tele-medicine," Stupak said. "Already, tele-medicine has allowed the U.P. Health Care Network to link health facilities in Baraga, Ishpeming, Ironwood, Newberry, Iron River, Keweenaw, Munising, Ontonagon, Manistique and Sault Ste. Marie all together. To give you a sense, this means that health care practitioners in Ironwood can instantaneously benefit from the expertise of their colleagues in Sault Ste. Marie, over 300 miles away."

Last Congress, Stupak introduced two amendments in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which would make it easier for rural health care providers to adopt new technologies.

Stupak has also supported legislation aimed reducing drug prices for rural health care providers. Stupak has joined with Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL) and Congresswoman Jo Anne Emerson (R-MO) in sponsoring legislation to expand a popular drug discount program, 340 B, to cover Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Referral Centers and Sole Community Hospitals.

"This is an issue of simple parity," Stupak said. "If the 340 B (drug discount) program provides discounts for urban hospitals, its benefits should be extended to rural health care providers who already endure higher costs."

Stupak serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over major legislative health issues.

The NRHA is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 11,000 members that provides leadership on rural health issues. The association's mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and to provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, research and leadership. The NRHA membership is made up of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of which share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

### **Michigan Strategic Opportunities for Rural Health Improvement (MI-SORHI)**

The MI-SORHI, a joint initiative of the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), will be introduced at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual MCRH Rural Health Conference on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The MI-SORHI initiative will define the health issues faced by rural areas in the state, describe the current rural health environment, and based on that framework, identify strategic opportunities for improvement of the health status of Michigan's rural people.

The plan is an opportunity for Michigan to look at the current status of the health of Michigan's rural communities, identify issues that may be adversely affecting the health of rural communities, and identify strategic opportunities that may be present to ameliorate problems and raise the overall level of health for Michigan's rural people. The plan will allow Michigan to take a much closer look at the elements that impact health and lay out a guideline or road map as to how to proceed.

In developing this guideline, a forum and reference base will be created against which progress will be measured. The forum will create a collegial environment, which will allow rural stakeholders, rural health care providers, and health policy decision makers to come to a consensus on the state of the health of rural Michigan and adopt a "next steps" approach to move forward.

### **April 2007 SLRP Application Period Rapidly Approaching**

The State Loan Repayment Application period is upon us. The material on the SLRP website, [www.michigan.gov/mislrp](http://www.michigan.gov/mislrp), has been upgraded. The application process and some of the application forms have also changed. Chief among those changes is that only one application period (April) will be offered each year. Another major change is that providers may now only apply for one type of contract and must indicate the type of contract for which they are applying.

A new section entitled "Information for Current SLRP Providers" has been developed. In this section, policy and procedures for current SLRP Providers who want to apply to re-contract with SLRP for a third year have been clarified.

### **AT&T Excelsior Grants and Funding Areas**

The 2007 AT&T Excelsior grant program will provide \$9 million in competitive technology grants to help local nonprofit organizations integrate technology into their operations and community outreach.

Since its inception in 2002, the AT&T Excelsior program has provided more than 2,500 technology grants totaling more than \$47.8 million to a diverse range of nonprofits. In 2006, AT&T Excelsior distributed nearly \$6 million to more than 480 nonprofit organizations across the country.

AT&T Excelsior helps nonprofit organizations better serve their communities by improving technology resources — including hardware, software and networking tools. These grants also fund resources, such as Internet access and computer training, to assist organizations with various programs, many aimed to increase educational learning and job skills development.

AT&T Excelsior addresses a wide variety of community needs in four main program areas — Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture. AT&T Excelsior grants to individual organizations range

from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and are one year in length. Collaborations by two or more organizations will be considered for grants up to \$50,000 for one year.

This year, the AT&T Foundation will expand the AT&T Excelsior grant program into the AT&T Southeast region. Of the \$9 million committed to the 2007 program, \$3 million has been allocated specifically for nonprofit organizations in the Southeast region.

The 2007 AT&T Excelsior grant program will be open to nonprofit organizations located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, **MICHIGAN**, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Cheboygan Memorial Hospital was the lone Michigan Recipient of a 2007 AT&T Excelsior Program Award.

**[The 2007 AT&T Excelsior program will launch on March 1, 2007 and applications will be due at 5 p.m. on May 4, 2007. Click here to download the 2007 AT&T Excelsior application form.](#)**

### **Midwest Alliance For Telehealth & Technology**

The Midwest Alliance for Telehealth & Technology Resources (MATTeR) is a telehealth resource center funded by the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) / Health Resources and Services Administration. MATTeR services, focused in Michigan, Kansas, and Indiana, are aimed at developing telehealth activities from the ground up or enhancement of existing programs.

The mission of the center is to help organizations create sustainable telehealth services, especially in rural and underserved communities. Implementation of telehealth programs at locations such as Critical Access Hospitals, Community Health Centers and Community Mental Health Centers could enhance patient services and continuity of care. Third party payers reimburse many patient services delivered via telemedicine. Cost effective meetings for multi-site organizations and cost effective access to professional education are some other telehealth programs that are efficient cost effective alternatives to in person activities.

MATTeR offers a range of technical services to either enhance existing telehealth programs or create new ones. MATTeR services include:

- Creating strategic/business plans
- Network structure and best practice models
- Locating and assessing funding sources
- Technology Assessment and RFP Assistance
- Operations and Program Management (policies, reimbursement)
- Processes for clinical applications and distance health care educational programming
- Evaluation design and metrics to help show that your program is making a difference
- Advocacy for telehealth and technology policy issues at the National and State levels

MATTeR leverages the combined expertise of four unique telehealth and health information organizations; Marquette General Health System, Michigan State University, Kansas University Medical Center and the Regenstrief Institute for Health Care Engineering at Purdue University.

To learn more about the services of MATTeR please contact: Rose Young, RN, MSN, Director at: toll free: 866-603-4733 or [ryoung@mggh.org](mailto:ryoung@mggh.org), or visit their web site at: [www.midwesttrc.org](http://www.midwesttrc.org).

### Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Funding 2006-2007

Significant Michigan Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) funding will serve to assist CAH communities with education and training:

- CAHs are eligible to receive up to \$1,500 each to offset course cost for Trauma Nurse Core Certification (TNCC) through the Emergency Nurses Association. The 16-hour course is designed to provide nurses with cognitive knowledge and psychomotor skills.
- CAH board of directors training & development. The Michigan Nonprofit Association, utilizing BoardSource, Inc, a resource of education and information of nonprofit governance, will conduct board of directors training & development sessions in two phases: May 2007 at two locations in the Upper Peninsula, and three sessions in the Lower Peninsula in 2008.

### Solution Focused Brief Therapy Conference

Dr. Gerald Sklare

Date: June 19, 2007 -Time: 8:30-4:30 -Where: Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI

**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](mailto:ballp@msu.edu).

### EMS Teleconference

**When:** Thursday, April 26, 2007 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Topic:** Airways & Ventilation Techniques, **Presenter:** Paul Mazurek RN, BSN, CCRN, EMT-P

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

**Continuing Education Credits:** Participants who participate for the entire program will receive 1 credit for EMS Airway management under the category Airway/Ventilation.

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

**Objectives:**

- Recognize the patient in need of ventilatory assistance
- Indicate optimal patient positioning in order to maximize success while assisting in ventilation
- State the purpose, indications of the *Sellick's* maneuver
- Identify optimal techniques in order to ensure success in mask ventilation
- Review techniques for optimal success in endotracheal intubation
- Become familiar with the indications and uses of several "rescue" airway devices, including the laryngeal mask airway (LMA), intubating LMA and intubating stylet ("bougie")

**Handouts:**

- Upon receipt of your Registration Form, you will be provided via fax or e-mail the teleconference call in number
- 2-3 days prior to the program, you will need to download an Attendance Sheet, copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, program evaluation, and a short five question quiz from our website at [www.com.msu.edu/micrh](http://www.com.msu.edu/micrh).
- You will be required to return the Attendance sheet, program evaluation and quiz to our office in order to obtain credit

**To Register:**

Please fax or mail the Registration Form to: The Michigan Center for Rural Health B-218 w. Fee Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 432-0007 Fax

**For More Information:** Please contact Phyllis Ball, Education Coordinator, at (517) 355-8250 or E-mail her: [ballp@msu.edu](mailto:ballp@msu.edu).

## 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.

- April 11 – Approach to Musculoskeletal Complaints in the Geriatric Patient, -Vladimir Ognenovski Hematologic Complications of RA, -Wendy Marder
- May 9 – Hematologic Complications of RA, -Wendy Marder
- June 13 – Approach to the Adolescent with Joint Pain, -Hillary Haftel
- 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.

- 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*

### NURSING

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

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

- March 13 - Patient Satisfaction: A Key to Creating a Culture of Safety in Healthcare Settings - Pam Theisen, Director of Service Excellence for Henry Ford Hospital and Medical Group
- May 8 – Lessons from Nightingale
- 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.

- 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.*

## **SOCIAL WORK**

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

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

April 12 – Living with Mental Illness: Understanding the Family Experience -

Joanne Riebschleger, Ph.D., LMSW, MSW, ACSW; Assistant Professor,  
MSU School of Social Work

*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](http://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.*

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## **INTERESTING QUOTE:**

“The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.”

*Abraham Lincoln*