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The public mental health system in Michigan has a very comprehensive set of children’s mental health services from home based to outpatient services. Evidence based practices such as Infant Mental Health, Parent Management Training Oregon Model, Parenting through Change, Trauma-focused CBT and several others are all part of the State’s CCBHC Demonstration. The challenge is that the public mental health system is limited to persons with Medicaid, and typically excludes individuals with private insurance who are unable to access needed services. Additionally providers have struggled during the pandemic with staff recruitment and retention. In order to address both of these issues the new federal model of behavioral health care called the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) addresses eligibility and payment methodologies.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced they are planning to expand the State Demonstration to include additional CCBHC sites in Michigan. This is positive news as the CCBHC model addresses major concerns related to access, quality of care and financing. This creates the opportunity for more people to gain access to behavioral healthcare when they are ready without regard to type of insurance and also without requiring the person be in a crisis.

CCBHC has standards that must be met in order for organizations to be approved for participation. The State demonstration has a value-based payment component that rewards high quality and performance. The financial model allows the actual costs of providing care to be reimbursed as part of a Prospective Payment System (PPS) and rewards provider sites for achieving access and quality metrics.

There are currently 37 organizations in Michigan that are either in the State Demonstration or have SAMHSA CCBHC grants.

The 13 organizations in the State CCBHC Demonstration have all been certified by MDHHS. They include the following organizations.

CCBHC Organizations in the State Demonstration (13):

<u>CCBHC</u>	<u>PIHP</u>
Muskegon County CMH	Lakeshore
West Michigan CMH	Lakeshore
Kalamazoo County CMH	Southwest
St Joseph CMH	Southwest
CEI CMH	Mid-State
Ionia CMH	Mid-State
Saginaw CMH	Mid-State
Washtenaw CMH	Southeast
Macomb County CMH	Macomb

CCBHC Organizations in the State Demonstration (continued)

<u>CCBHC</u>	<u>PIHP</u>
St Clair CMH	Region 10
CNS Healthcare	Oakland
Easter Seals	Oakland
The Guidance Center	DWIHN

Additionally there are 24 organizations that have SAMHSA CCBHC grants. They have all attested to compliance with the CCBHC certification standards.

Detroit Wayne County CCBHC SAMHSA Funded Grantees (9)

Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services

Central City Integrated Health

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

Detroit Recovery Project, Inc.

Development Center Inc

Elmhurst Home

Hegira Health, Inc.

Neighborhood Service Organization

Southwest Solutions

Other SAMHSA Funded CCBHC Sites in Michigan (15)

Allegan County Community Mental Health Services

Alternative Community Living (dba Hope Network New Passages also Macomb Health

Barry County Community Mental Health Services

Berrien County Community Mental Health Services

Cherry Street Services, Inc.

Genesee Health System

HealthWest

Judson Center, Inc.

LifeWays

Lapeer County Community Mental Health

Network 180

Ottawa County Community Mental Health

Pines Behavioral Health Services

Sanilac County Community Mental Health

Summit Pointe

CCBHC makes sense programmatically and financially for Michigan to address unmet mental health needs of children, families and adults. The program model is comprehensive, addresses all ages and populations with behavioral health issues. The state match is roughly 20% of every federal dollar compared to the current roughly 35%. The match continues at this level through 2027. Given these compelling facts, I hope the legislature will find a way to fund as many additional qualified CCBHC organizations as possible.

The current announcement of expansion of the CCBHC Demonstration for year three is a very positive development. Continued transformation of the Michigan mental health system is dependent on the scale of the CCBHC expansion. The current announcement did not include private agencies in Wayne County and needs to be opened for those organizations to apply as well.

