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Midland collaborative group to provide community update at Midland City Hall

Midland, MI – January 19, 2023 – Led by the Midland County Health and Human Services Council (HHSC), a collaborative group of more than 35 organizations from diverse sectors of the community are targeting physical and mental health gaps in Midland County. These efforts are part of the new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which will be launched this month. The first CHIP launched in early 2016 but has been updated in light of new data and community needs.

The HHSC of Midland County invites the public to join them to learn more about the CHIP efforts on Wednesday, January 25, at 9:30 AM. The informational meeting will be held in Midland City Hall’s Council Chambers and will focus on community health. Community leaders will present successes and challenges in three priority areas during a panel-style event: healthy living, mental well-being, and substance-free resilience.

This event will be moderated by the President & CEO of the Midland Area Community Foundation, Sharon Mortensen.

Panelists include:

- Dr. Kathy Dollard, Director of Behavioral Health, MyMichigan Health
- Deana Schad, Midland Program Director, Community Mental Health for Central Michigan
- Brent Mikkola, Community Health Manager, MyMichigan Health
- Kathryn Tate, President & CEO, Legacy Center for Community Success
- Sam Price, President & CEO, Ten16 Recovery Network

“When our organizations work together, we can accurately develop cohesive strategies to accomplish our goals,” said Mortensen. “The CHIP is a truly collaborative plan to assist in developing a thriving community.”

The CHIP was developed using data from various local and national sources, such as the Midland County Dashboard, the county health survey, county health rankings, the youth asset survey, data from MyMichigan Health, and others.

To be a part of the update, please join the HHSC at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 25, in the Midland City Hall's Council Chambers. You can also view the presentation live or via replay on MCTV Channel 189 or the MCTV YouTube page.

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About the Council

The Health and Human Services Council of Midland County promotes the welfare of the community through systems-level planning, collaboration and promotion of health and human services with an emphasis on demonstrated effectiveness and prevention. The Council promotes excellence in the delivery of health and human services through the collective efforts of 27 key community leaders with a shared vision for solving community challenges. Its membership fosters collaboration and cooperation among social service agencies, education, health care, business, the faith-based community, the courts, law enforcement and local government.

For more information about the Council, follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/healthymidland or visit the website at [Health and Human Services - United Way of Midland County \(unitedwaymidland.org\)](http://HealthandHumanServices-UnitedWayofMidlandCounty.org).