

Michigan Department of Community Health- Diabetes Prevention and Control Program (DPCP) Highlights

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DPAC Fall Full Membership Meeting—October 11th, 2012

- 1. Diabetes Leadership Initiative (DLI):** Michigan is one of five states to participate in a small demonstration project called the Diabetes Leadership Initiative and funded through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD). Its purpose is to improve the health of people with diabetes by building awareness among both providers and patients of the need to detect, delay and manage early kidney disease. In Michigan, the DPCP is working with two facilities (Henry Ford Health System's DSME Program and Family Health Center – FQHC in Jackson) to institute a health system change so health professionals identify and manage patients with stage 3 and 4 CKD earlier. Management includes referrals to medical nutrition therapy and a nephrologist as appropriate. The DLI media launch started September 7th with a website, www.diabetesleadershipinitiative.com, and press releases. The State's Communication Department is involved and is our primary media contact, but Dawn Crane and Anne Esdale underwent media training in preparation for the media launch. The project will continue through September 30, 2013, with lessons learned summarized and distributed to NACDD by December 2013.
- 2. Diabetes PATH and Office of Services to the Aging (OSA):** Diabetes and Arthritis staff are partnering with the Office for Services to the Aging to assist local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) that are providing Diabetes PATH and local DSME programs to work together to promote diabetes self-management in their communities. Possible approaches include developing a cross-referral mechanism, or utilizing the DSME professionals as content experts to AAA lay leaders if they need assistance with diabetes information, resources or would like to make a referral to the DSME program. Additionally, staff is considering ways to assist the DSME programs in obtaining information from an AAA that may pertain to and affect a person's Medicare DSME benefit.
- 3. National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP)- Planning Process:** Partners met on June 12, 2012. The outcome of the meeting was recommended action for the effective rollout of the NDPP. Partners included the DPCP, DPAC, and organizations delivering the NDPP in Michigan (pending recognition through CDC). Two training sessions for Lifestyle coaches were offered in May in East Lansing through the DPCP and conducted by the Diabetes Training and Technical Assistance Center (DTTAC). An additional training session is scheduled for late September.
- 4. DPAC:** DPAC is coordinating a National Diabetes Month event at the State Capitol on Thursday, November 8th from 11:30am-12:00pm. The focus is to provide education and awareness of diabetes and the event is open to anyone with an interest in diabetes. In addition, DPAC has recently launched its *Make a Move* Diabetes Awareness Initiative. The intent of the initiative is to provide a consistent, captivating diabetes message amongst diabetes partners, who in turn, can promote in their own

communities. Its first tagline is *Make a Move Know Your Diabetes ABCs*. To find out more and how you can get involved please visit www.dpacmi.org

5. **Coordinated Grant:** The Coordinated Grant is a project funded through CDC to incorporate current disease-specific efforts in a more integrated fashion. We are just beginning the second of a three-year grant cycle. A strategic plan was submitted to CDC for review – likely to be distributed in the near future. The MDCH plan focuses on implementation of the Governor’s 4X4 plan, the Community Hub model (based on Community Health Workers), and the CMS Primary Care Transformation demonstration grant (MiPCT).

6. **CDC grant:** Communication with CDC continues as we work to better align our DPCP activities to the CDC’s identified “4 Key Domains”; Epidemiology and Surveillance, Environmental Approaches, Health System Interventions and Strategies to improve Community-Clinical Linkages.

7. **MDCH:** Mr. James Haveman is the acting MDCH Director as of September 1, 2012. Infant mortality and obesity remain State of Michigan priorities.

8. **Personnel:** In July Michelle Byrd, PhD, MPH, joined the Diabetes unit staff as the Epidemiologist for Diabetes and Obesity (a shared position).

Current staff with primary assignments; Bill Baugh—website manager, Michelle Byrd—Epidemiologist, Dawn Crane—DSME Certification Program and unit lead, Jennifer Edsall—DPAC and coordinated grant, Anne Esdale—Contract Manager and CDC grant coordination, Megan Goff—Diabetes Unit Secretary , Kristi Pier—Prevention and NDPP coordination, and Richard Wimberley—Manager.

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