

Michigan Takes Action:

Progress of the MCTEH Action Plan



Introduction & Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in the progress of the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness (MCTEH) Action Plan! This document can be used as a periodic status report for the Plan. On the following pages, you will see a column titled “Champion”; for more information about any strategy within this document, identify the Champion for that strategy and contact the appropriate contact person listed in the table below.

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Goal 1: Increase amount of safe, accessible, and affordable housing targeted to households experiencing homelessness

Strategy	Champion	Completion Goal	Progress
Strategy 1: Produce 500 new Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units (non-SH) annually targeted to households at or below 30-50% AMI	MSHDA	Report annually	Production happening; data to be provided in August
Strategy 2: Produce 150 new Supportive Housing units annually	MSHDA	Report annually	Production happening; data to be provided in August
Strategy 3: Increase landlords accepting households experiencing homelessness by improving landlord engagement, increasing knowledge of risk mitigation funds & other landlord incentives, and securing source of income protections	MCAH	December 2023	Bills to prohibit discrimination based on source of income referred to floor on 6/14/23 for vote (date of vote TBD); Fair Chance Access to Housing bill MSHDA working to fine-tune resident advisory board and do more landlord outreach events.
Strategy 4: Reduce the use of unnecessarily restrictive tenant screening practices (for public housing and private landlords) to increase housing access for those with criminal histories, prior evictions, or other barriers	MSHDA/ MCAH	December 2023	MSHDA is assessing tenant selection criteria for PSH and HCV
Strategy 5: Secure an additional \$20M for Supportive Housing services that are evidence-based, aligned with quality measures, and focused on tenant outcomes	CSH	May 2024	CSH planning advocacy strategies for FY25 budget cycle
Strategy 6: Expand Moving On initiatives to 3 Public Housing Authorities (in addition to MSHDA) to help supportive housing tenants who no longer want or need the intensive services of supportive housing	MSHDA	July 2025	No progress to report
Strategy 7: Identify & fund emerging housing models (eg. shared housing, host homes) that help fill the gap in housing for people experiencing homelessness	MHPC	September 2025	No progress to report

Goal 2: Prevent homelessness whenever possible, targeting resources to households most at risk of becoming homeless

Strategy	Champion	Completion Goal	Progress
Strategy 1: Support advocacy to implement more robust tenant supports and protections such as legal aid, mediation services, and rental assistance for people going through eviction cases	MCAH	Report annually	No progress to report
Strategy 2: Develop a reporting mechanism to track shelter diversion & homeless prevention data, including number of households diverted/prevented and percent who ultimately became homeless	MDHHS	September 2023	MDHHS & MSHDA are working to identify specific metrics to build into HMIS and/or other data systems.
Strategy 3: Secure \$3M across 8 CoCs for flexible, cash-based diversion & prevention activities targeted to households at highest risk of becoming homeless	MDHHS & MSHDA	May 2024	\$3M (over 2 years) secured through Housing & Community Development Fund (HCDF); 6 grantees in 6 CoCs selected to implement
Strategy 4: Implement homelessness diversion within 8 additional CoCs by using the diversion toolkit to provide individualized support to CoCs to integrate diversion into CE and ES intake and assessment processes	MDHHS & MSHDA	May 2024	MDHHS & MSHDA partnering to implement diversion in the 6 CoCs awarded HCDF diversion funds; MDHHS providing TA to the 6 grantees & broader training on diversion to all interested CoCs

Goal 3: Collaborate with local and statewide systems that are crucial to preventing and ending homelessness

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Strategy 1: Ensure all households experiencing homelessness maintain Medicaid benefits following end of COVID-19 public health emergency	MDHHS	July 2023	Outreach campaign underway to ensure awareness of recertification dates and rules; MDHHS published dashboard to track redeterminations (not homeless specific).
Strategy 2: Strengthen relationships between housing providers, MDHHS, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), Community Mental Health (CMH) agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Medicaid Health Plans, local hospital systems, and other relevant agencies to improve access to physical & behavioral healthcare services & fully leverage Medicaid for Supportive Housing tenancy support services	MDHHS/ CSH	December 2023	Work underway to expand health-housing partnerships and/or bill Medicaid tenancy support code in Oakland, Clinton/Eaton/Ingham, Wayne, Washtenaw, and Grand Traverse counties; recuperative care Medicaid benefit to begin in FY24.
Strategy 3: Leverage domestic violence (DV) comparable database to strengthen connections between DV agencies and homeless service providers and improve safety planning within the homeless system	MDHHS	December 2023	No progress to report
Strategy 4: Increase eligible school aged youth connected to McKinney-Vento school liaisons & resources by strengthening coordination & developing referral linkages in 2 CoCs between McKinney-Vento school liaisons and HARAs and other homeless service providers	MDE	September 2024	No progress to report
Strategy 5: Increase by 15% the number of eligible households experiencing homelessness enrolled in financial supports (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI/SSDI, etc.) by increasing the number of homeless service providers who are MI Bridges community partners & SOAR specialists, & fostering partnerships between HARAs & local MDHHS offices	MDHHS	September 2025	MDHHS applied for federal grant to expand coverage of street outreach and SOAR; looking to get feedback from CoCs about experiences with MI Bridges & engaging with local MDHHS offices.
Strategy 6: Increase households connected to employment supports by creating assessment & referral processes in 2 CoCs to workforce & other income services by HARAs, emergency shelters, & housing providers	MSHDA	September 2025	No progress to report
Strategy 7: Collaborate with representatives from the justice system to create equitable discharge planning processes for people exiting the justice system into homelessness	MDOC	December 2025	MDHHS obtained permission to add code for FQHCs & others to bill Medicaid for 1 year of case management services (including assistance w/ accessing housing) for people exiting jail/prison; MSHDA increased allocation of HCVs to MDOC from 200 to 400; state partners brainstorming additional options
Strategy 8: Collaborate with representatives from the foster care system to create equitable discharge planning processes for youth exiting foster care into homelessness	MDHHS	December 2025	Relationship building happening between Housing & Homeless Services Division and Child Welfare Division at MDHHS.

Goal 4: Improve equity within the homeless system & reduce racial disparities among households experiencing homelessness

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Strategy 1: Promote broader adoption of approaches that are culturally-specific, person-centered, and trauma-informed by creating ways to evaluate quality of services and providing standards, guidance, and support for homeless service providers	MHPC	Report annually	Some progress made through increased focus in RFPs on person-centered & trauma-informed care; much more work to be done
Strategy 2: Address capacity challenges (eg. staff turnover, equitable wages) among homeless service providers & CoC lead agencies by investing in capacity building among individual agencies in 2-3 CoCs	MHPC	September 2023	Capacity building happening through new funding opps. (eg. MDHHS SH services, MSHDA shelter diversion, etc.)
Strategy 3: Determine new tool(s) to replace the VI-SPDAT that help create equity and address disparities in coordinated entry	MHPC	December 2023	MHPC developed plans with help from C4; forming working group to lead strategy
Strategy 4: Implement recommendations provided by C4 at both state and CoC levels	ICH/MHPC	December 2023	CoCs developing action plans; state partners working to revise P&Ps and replace VI-SPDAT
Strategy 5: Revise at least 5 policies & procedures at state & local levels based on the use of REIA tools & review of quantitative & qualitative data disaggregated by race; incorporate human centered design where applicable	ICH/MHPC	July 2024	ICH members selected P&Ps to revise and working to determine tools/process to be utilized for making revisions

Goal 5: Authentically engage people with lived experience of homelessness (PWLE), especially in the form of ongoing partnerships rather than time-limited, one-sided engagements

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Strategy 1: Host opportunities (ie. focus groups/listening sessions/learning collaboratives) at least twice a year for stakeholders to hear updates on state work, share insights on local work, & work together with state entities on funding & policy	ICH/MHPC	Report bi-annually	Planning for re-convening CoC Leadership meetings
Strategy 2: Incentivize and invest in organizations and CoCs that are hiring people with lived homelessness experience (PWLE) and creating peer-support positions	MDHHS/MSHDA	September 2023	Increased focus in RFPs on PWLE engagement/hiring; looking to learn from agencies doing this well already
Strategy 3: Restructure membership of the Michigan Homeless Policy Council (MHPC) to be representative of the population experiencing homelessness in Michigan	MHPC	July 2023	New structure considered by MHPC in June; working to further refine; goal for ICH to approve final structure in Sept.
Strategy 4: Ensure adequate funding & payment mechanisms to compensate PWLE for their work at state & local levels	MCAH	July 2023	Planning for payment for PWLE who will be participating on restructured MHPC
Strategy 5: Ensure accessibility for participation from PWLE by accommodating for transportation, technology, and other needs at state & local levels	MCAH	July 2023	Planning in progress

Goal 6: Use data to measure progress and create accountability

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Strategy 1: Increase transparency by making funding allocations and performance metrics for housing and services within the homeless response system available publicly	ICH/MHPC	Report annually	MSHDA & MDHHS working to publicize funding allocations & performance metrics
Strategy 2: Assess funding administered by state-level public funders (ie. MSHDA, MDHHS, MDE, etc.) for equity, comparing to demographic data and per capita homeless data statewide in order to understand and address disparities in funding	ICH/MHPC	May 2024	No progress to report
Strategy 3: Develop and implement a Statewide Data Strategy & Governance Model focused on improving reporting, enhancing data quality/completeness, and supporting cross-sector data sharing/matching to drive multi-sector system alignment and more innovative solutions to homelessness (focus to extend beyond HMIS and incorporate adjacent systems such as Health, Justice, Child Welfare, etc.)	ICH/MHPC	December 2024	Data Governance Committee creating documents to guide data integration efforts at state & local levels

Definitions

Champion – The entity(s) responsible for ensuring work moves forward relative to a strategy and that all necessary parties are informed of progress.

Continuum of Care (CoC) – Regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for households experiencing homelessness.

Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) – Tax incentive for housing developers to construct, purchase, or renovate affordable housing.

Supportive Housing – Non time-limited affordable housing paired with person-centered supportive services

Moving On/Up – A program that supports a tenant in Supportive Housing to transition to an alternative long-term subsidy when they need a continued housing subsidy, but are no longer in need of continued supportive services.

Race Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) – A systematic examination of how different racial and ethnic groups will likely be affected by a proposed action or decision.

VI-SPDAT – A pre-screening or triage tool designed to help inform prioritization of resources within CoCs.