

August 8, 2018

Dear Transitions Program Participants and Families,

Enclosed you will find Version #1 of the Draft HCBS and Transitions Redesign Implementation Plan that will be presented to the CMHA-CEI Program and Planning Committee of the Board of Directors on Monday, August 13th at 5:30 pm at 812 E. Jolly Rd, Lansing in the Atrium on the ground level.

To clarify, I have heard there is some confusion regarding building closures, please note that Transitions Sites are **not closing** on October 1, 2018. They will continue to operate well beyond this date.

In your review of the draft plan you will see that it proposes extended timelines for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) compliance. If authorized by the CMHA-CEI Board of Directors, we would request an extension of the Michigan deadline of March, 2019 to September, 2019. This would allow for additional planning, training of staff, education and preparation of consumers and families, and pre-launch testing of the redesign from October, 2018 through December, 2018. Under this proposed plan, the individual person centered planning, phased shifts to community-based services, and building closures would not begin until January, 2019 and would go through September, 2019.

Enclosed you will also find guiding questions for your review of the plan. There are several ways to provide your feedback in writing. If possible, we would appreciate receiving responses prior to August 15, 2018, but will accept them after as well:

1. Use the following link to respond electronically to the guiding questions
<http://bit.ly/PlanSurvey1>
2. Type and email your responses to HCBSTransition@ceicmh.org
3. Provide written responses via US Mail or Fax using the form included in this mailing

Review of Recent Actions Include:

- **Visit to Washtenaw Community Based Sites:** We visited several of the community-based skill-building sites used by Washtenaw CMH on July 26th to see them in operation. Along with Leadership staff, the sites visit included parents/guardians, labor representation, and CMHA-CEI Board Members.
- **Meeting with Transitions Staff:** Meetings were held with staff at each of the Transitions Sites from July 18th to August 3rd to update and hear from staff about their concerns and to gather input for the future in a new service model.
- **Service array and potential staffing model development:** A proposed service array and potential staffing model that retains all existing staff is incorporated into the draft implementation plan.

Planned August Actions:

- **Stakeholder Workgroup:** We are convening a broad stakeholder workgroup to review planning and provide feedback on the Version #1 draft plan. This is scheduled for August 9, 2018. The workgroup includes Consumers, Parents/guardians, CMHA-CEI staff members from Transitions Sites, Local 459 Representatives, Board Members, and Advocacy Groups.
- **Presentation of the Draft Plan to CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Program and Planning Committee:** Monday, August 13th at 5:30 at 812 E. Jolly Rd. Lansing, MI in the Atrium.
- **CMHA-CEI Board of Directors Meeting:** Thursday, August 16th at 6 p.m. at DeWitt Charter Township Board Room, 1401 W. Herbison Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820
- **Approval Submission:** Submit plan to Mid-State Health Network for approval of date extensions by August 23.
- **Ongoing Communication:** Consumer, Parent, Guardian, and Staff communication on update and next steps-August 23-30.

Your time spent reviewing the draft plan and providing your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sara Lurie
Chief Executive Officer