

Key Pillars to Advance Michigan's

Mental Health System

Michigan's public mental health system is one of the most comprehensive and clinically advanced in the country. However, as healthcare continues to evolve, we must prioritize certain fundamental concepts to preserve and advance Michigan's public mental health system.



Local Oversight

Local governance, oversight, policy-making and public management. Keeping management at the local level enhances cooperation with community partners like law enforcement, judges, public health and schools



Addressing Social Determinants

Addressing the Social Determinants of Health – services beyond "health care" – transportation, housing, employment, nutrition



Workforce

Michigan's mental health system must have the ability to retain and train competent staff across all levels: psychiatrists, nurses, social workers and direct care staff



Funding

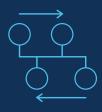
Funding must meet community expectations and obligations. NO unfunded mandates



Information Exchange

Ability to share health information, access systems and continued development of clinical coordination at the provider/patient level:

- Electronic Health Records between physical and behavioral healthcare
- Locating mental health professionals in primary care sites and vice versa



Uniformity

A consistent set of standards and level of care across the state