



Michigan Partners for Freedom

Building statewide demand for Self-Determination

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An Opportunity in Michigan Not to Miss

The first of a kind self-determination conference is taking place in Detroit, Michigan on May 27-29, 2008.

Members of self-determination international efforts in mental health services, the independent living movement, elder services and developmental disability services will be represented. Many targeted discussions include necessary systems and structure change for self-determination such as income and asset development. Many from Michigan are participating. Others are coming from across the United States and as far away as Ireland, Australia and Russia. Some Michigan sponsors are:



- The Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State
- Detroit Wayne Community Mental Health
- Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards
- Michigan Department of Community Health Community Living Service, Inc
- The Arc of Michigan
- SEIU Michigan Home
- Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority

LOCAL LEADER
Mark July 18 and 19, the Michigan Partners for Freedom will host the second **Local Leader Training Institute** in Midland at the Michigan Academy on Self-Determination.

If you are a **Michigan Partner for Freedom Local Leader and/or a Local leader Coordinator**, this Institute is for you!!.

Mike Head takes the Lead

In March, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) appointed Michael Head as the Deputy

Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration. Mike previously directed the office of Long Term Care Supports and

Services. He has served as a clinician, an administrator, a legislative specialist and as a leader in public policy and (see page 2)

What's Next?

- Issue the Choice Voucher Technical Advisory & Fiscal Issue the Choice Voucher Technical Advisory & Fiscal Intermediary guidance
- Examine the elements from the Standards Group that address individual budget development guidance
- Consider recommendations compared to CMS requirements for self-directed services per most current version of the 1915 (c) directed services Waiver technical guide
- Survey CMHSPs on current activity to implement the SD on current policy, including needs for assistance
- Convene a reference group to assist with providing guidance and assistance to address survey findings
- Develop and pilot test site review criteria
- Movement to compliance with the policy and with technical advisory guidance
- Must include significant feedback from participants in arrangements supporting self-determination

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systems change at the state and local agency levels.

In 1997, Mike led Michigan's Self-Determination Initiative funded through the Robert

Wood Johnson

Foundation. As an option supporting consumer/family control over services for

persons with developmental disabilities, Michigan's Self-Determination Initiative built a foundation for major system change which assures that services and supports for people are not only person-centered, but person-defined and *person-*



controlled.

This effort culminated in the 2004 adoption of a system-wide requirement supporting consumer access to arrangements that support

self-determination as a matter of state policy in the Michigan community mental health system.

At a recent presentation at the AAIDD conference, Mike outlined

“What's Next” for self-determination efforts in Michigan now (see side bar to left)

The Michigan Partners are pleased with this appointment and welcome Mike Head's knowledge and leadership within systems supportive of self-determination.

New Coordinator joins MPF

Please welcome Sherri Boyd as the new Michigan Partners for Freedom's Project Coordinator. She also directs the Michigan Alliance for Families Project

at The Arc Michigan. In the recent past, Sherri was the Executive Director of The Arc of Livingston. Prior to that she worked in the mental health system for 11 years. Sherri has a

Masters Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University. Out of the office, Sherri is raising her two boys, Ethan and Evan, ages three and five. They currently live in Howell, Michigan.

Making Stepping Stones out of Stumbling Blocks

The Arc Michigan will hold its annual conference June 12th -14th (Thursday through Saturday) at the Doubletree Hotel on the riverfront in the heart of historic downtown Bay City.

Norman Kunc will provide an inspirational keynote about the need to place far less of an emphasis on "fixing" people and instead focus on the inherent assets and gifts that each person brings to the community. He suggests we find ways of welcoming ALL people into our midst. Norman has spent the last twenty years working to ensure that people with disabilities are able to take their rightful place in schools, workplaces, and communities. For more information and to register visit www.arcmi.com or call 1 800-292-7851.

Rev Up Your Engines in Indianapolis

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) and *Self*



Advocates of Indiana is hosting the 9th National Self Advocacy Conference on September 4-7, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Visit www.SABE2008.org for information or call Michigan Self-

Advocacy Network co-chair Dan Moran 248-858-9160.

Enhancing Demand in Many Places

Community Mental Health agencies, Arc's and RICCs top the list of Michigan Partner for Freedom training sponsors.

Upcoming events are planned in **Traverse City** by the Northern Lakes

CMH, the Disability Network, **Kalamazoo** CMH, and **Baraga** in Copper Country CMH.

Conferences on the agenda include and Arc Michigan Conference, **Bay City** and the Arc Kent

County **Grand Rapids** plans to conduct a Local Leader training.

In April the **Ottawa** RICC/SD Group sponsored a Local Leader Training.

Schedule your date on the Michigan Partners for Freedom schedule!

There's always room

The Partners want to enhance demand with you in your community.

Call Sherri Boyd at the Arc Michigan 800-292-7851 ext 105

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For Self-Determination**

**Michigan Partners for Freedom is a
grassroots movement of people
with disabilities, family members,
advocates, and organizations working
in the field of disabilities to make
Self-Determination a reality for all
Michigan citizens.**

To join call 1-800-292-7851 ext. 105
