Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment

For too long, our country has funded health care above the neck differently than health care below the neck. Senator Stabenow’s leadership is transforming the way we deliver comprehensive behavioral health services in our communities. For the first time, we are funding behavioral health services the same way we fund physical health services. As the need for mental health and addiction services has become more urgent in this pandemic, her Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are helping people in Michigan and across the country get the care they need.

Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act

In 2014, Senator Stabenow authored and passed her bipartisan Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act with Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO). It is the biggest step forward in expanding community mental health and addiction services in decades. Her legislation created high-quality standards for services and a nationwide demonstration program that is setting the standard for care and permanently closing the gap in funding between physical and behavioral health care in communities around the country. With Senator Stabenow’s leadership and support, Michigan joined this demonstration program in 2020.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

The Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act established quality standards and a new provider type in Medicaid called Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. These new clinics receive reimbursement through Medicaid for the full cost of services they provide at higher, more competitive rates than community mental health centers currently receive.

There are now more than 435 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in 42 states, plus Washington D.C. and Guam, and that number continues to grow.

Better Care, Better Outcomes

A report by the National Council for Behavioral Health shows that Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are helping more people receive better mental health and addiction treatment. For example, in the first year of operations, 93% of clinics provided staff training in suicide prevention and response, 87% reported an increased number of people served, and 94% reported an increase in the number of people treated for addiction.
According to the Department of Health and Human Services, people who received services at Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics:

- Had 63.2% fewer emergency department visits for behavioral health
- Spent 60.3% less time in jails
- Saw a 40.7% decrease in homelessness

### Michigan Clinics

**Since 2018, Michigan has received $135 million in grant funding for 33 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, and that number is growing:**

- Allegan County Community Mental Health Services – Allegan
- Alternative Community Living, Inc. – Pontiac
- Barry County Community Mental Health Authority – Hastings
- Berrien Mental Health Authority – Benton Harbor
- Branch County Community Mental Health Authority – Coldwater
- Calhoun County Community Mental Health Authority – Battle Creek
- Community Care Services – Lincoln Park
- Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton & Ingham Counties – Lansing
- Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon County – Muskegon
- Community Network Services, Inc. – Novi
- County of Washtenaw – Ypsilanti
- Detroit Recovery Project, Inc. – Detroit
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries – Detroit
- Development Centers, Inc. – Detroit
- Easter Seals-Michigan, Inc. – Auburn Hills
- Elmhurst Home, Inc. – Detroit
- Faith Hope and Love Outreach Center – Detroit
- Genesee Health System – Flint
- Guidance Center – Southgate
- Hegira Programs, Inc. – Livonia
- Integrated Services of Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo
- Judson Center, Inc. – Royal Oak
- Lifeways – Jackson
- Macomb County Community Mental Health – Clinton Township
- Neighborhood Service Organization – Detroit
- Network180 – Grand Rapids
- Northeast Guidance Center – Detroit
- Ottawa County Community Health – Holland
- Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority – Saginaw
- Saint Clair County Community Mental Health Authority – Port Huron
- Southwest Counseling Solutions, Inc. – Detroit
- Team Mental Health Services – Dearborn
- West Michigan Community Mental Health System – Ludington