



NORTHERN MICHIGAN OPIOID RESPONSE CONSORTIUM NEWSLETTER

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Growing Recovery Capital in Northern Michigan

Register NOW to Attend the
28th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference

A promotional banner for the 28th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference. The background is a photograph of a dirt road winding through a field of tall, golden-brown grasses or corn stalks, with a bright sun setting on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**28th Annual Michigan
Rural Health Conference**
VISION TO ACTION: RISING TOGETHER.



April 24-25, 2025
Soaring Eagle Resort – Mount Pleasant, MI

Since 1997, the Michigan Rural Health Conference has been the premier gathering for rural health professionals across the state. This annual event brings together a diverse group of stakeholders to engage in cutting-edge discussions, education, and networking opportunities designed to strengthen rural healthcare. This year the event will take place April 24-25 at the Soaring

This year's event theme, "Vision to Action: Rising Together" illustrates the power of creating a vision to excite stakeholders and using that energy to work and rise together. In rural communities, this concept is especially important to provide the inspiration and collaboration it takes to provide a health safety net that responds to the needs of a vast and diverse community.

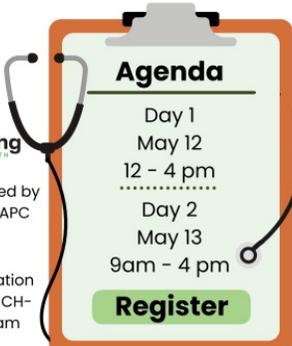
Packed with content that is pertinent to rural healthcare in Michigan, this year the sessions include topics addressing Veteran issues, Chronic Care Management, Improving Rural Health Equity, and so much more! Take a moment to visit the conference website, review the agenda, and *REGISTER* to attend at this *LINK*.

Hurry, the room block closes on April 9!

Register
Here!

ALERT: NMORC Sponsoring Billing & Coding Workshop

BILLING & CODING BOOTCAMP



ArchProCoding
RURAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Earn 11 CEUs approved by ArchProCoding & AAPC

Prepare for Certification
Optional RH-CBS or CH-CBS credential exam

Agenda

- Day 1
May 12
12 - 4 pm
- Day 2
May 13
9am - 4 pm

Register

Program Cost
Valued at \$499, available for just \$50—an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Mount Pleasant, MI

Register Now -
Seating is Limited!

NMORC is happy to announce an upcoming Billing and Coding Workshop!

The Billing & Coding Bootcamp is a two-day, in-person workshop designed for Rural Health Clinics and other rural health providers. This intensive training will focus on clinical documentation, coding, and billing to ensure compliance, optimize reimbursement, and prepare participants for optional certification.

What's
Covered?

- Clinical documentation and coding best practices
- Billing compliance and maximizing reimbursement
- Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payer strategies
- Hands-on practice with essential coding resources

Who Should
Attend?

- Coding, billing, and revenue cycle staff
- Facility and financial managers
- Quality reporting professionals
- Clinical providers (MD, DO, NP, PA, RN)

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Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium is a HRSA grant funded project developed by the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH). More information on MCRH may be found at: www.mcrh.msu.edu





Overdose Fatality Review Offers Data-Driven Response to Produce Community Change

Over the past couple of years, the NMORC team has been working with Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) to help bring "Overdose Fatality Review" (OFR) capabilities to our region. The goal of the program is to:

- Prevent overdose drug deaths by examining case-specific underlying circumstances involved;
- Actively seeking feedback from those with lived experience;
- Increasing connections between professionals serving individuals and families affected by substance use;
- And, providing data-driven recommendations to stakeholders at the community, state, and national levels.

More information on the MI OFR Program through MPHI can be found at this [LINK](#).

NMORC Medical Director, David McGreaham, MD, together with Jodi Balhorn, NMRE SUD Prevention Coordinator provided these additional resources recently:

- **Video OFR**
- **Examples of Recommendations** from current Michigan OFR Teams
- **Michigan Annual OFR Report**
- **Overdose Fatality Review**—More information, tools, and resources are available online at <https://ofrtools.org>.
- **OFR Webinars Recordings** —All previously held OFR webinars are available online at: <https://www.ofrtools.org/learn/webinars>

- **COSSUP Webinar Recordings and Podcasts**—All previously held COSSUP webinars and podcasts are available online at <https://cossup.org/ResourceLibrary/WebinarsPodcasts>.
- **Tailored Assistance**—The COSSUP training and technical assistance (TTA) program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support BJA COSSUP grantees *as well as* local, tribal, and state organizations, stakeholders, and projects in building and sustaining multidisciplinary responses to the nation’s substance abuse crisis. *You do not need to be a COSSUP grantee to receive assistance.* TTAs are provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources.

If you are interested in starting an OFR in your county in the NMORC region, please feel free to reach out to Dr. David McGreaham for technical assistance at dsmcgreaham@gmail.com.

NMORC Work Saves Lives

One focus for the NMORC team is to increase awareness of Behavioral Health challenges which includes those raised by both mental health and substance use disorder. We educate on the benefits of recognizing signs of challenging behavior and how to deescalate the situation as well as recognizing an overdose and providing resources to combat opioid overdose in our region. That work encompasses a wide selection of targets including many organizations, public and private venues and audiences of all ages and professions - it is ongoing work and an important aspect of our mission.

Recently the team was invited to attend a recognition ceremony by the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians to honor two security guards who were able to save the life of someone in need. A year ago, NMORC provided Mental Health First Aid certification training for both the Leelanau Sands and Turtle Creek campuses, where managers, frontline staff and security professionals learned how to recognize signs and symptoms of someone



NMORC Project Associate, Jeanne Marriott (left); Security Guard Christopher Shepard; Security Supervisor Derrick Schwind, and NMORC Director, Joyce Fetrow (right) align for a picture following the recognition ceremony held at Turtle Creek Casino and Resort on March 27, 2025. The two men saved a life using resources the NMORC team introduced through

experiencing a behavioral health challenge.

*Mental Health First Aid
training in Spring, 2024.*

Thanks to the swift thinking and actions of Security Supervisor Derrick Schwind and Christopher Shepard, a life was saved. NMORC is pleased to have played a small role in this situation - and are grateful for the ongoing work we do every day to raise awareness and provide resources to change outcomes for the better.

The "Road to Restoration" Can be the Path to Driver License Restoration



Community Recovery Alliance (CRA) is set to host multiple "Road to Restoration" Clinics with support from NMORC and local organizations! CRA is proud to host the Michigan Secretary of State for three "Road to Restoration" Clinics to assist individuals in regaining their driver's licenses. These clinics will provide critical resources, guidance, and community support to help remove educational barriers in the reinstatement process.

Clinic Locations and Details:

- Gaylord: The E Free Church, 1649 E M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735 Date: April 22, 2025
Time: 10 AM – 4 PM (Walk-ins welcome from 11 AM – 3 PM)
- Petoskey: Genesis Church, 1124 Northmen Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770 Date: April 24, 2025 Time: 10 AM – 3 PM (Walk-ins welcome from 11 AM – 2 PM)
- Traverse City: Michigan Works, 1209 S Garfield Ave # C, Traverse City, MI 49686
Date: April 25, 2025 Time: 10 AM – 3 PM (Walk-ins welcome from 11 AM – 2 PM)

Road to Restoration clinics provide legal guidance, assistance filling out required documentation, classes on navigating the 257/258 process, and access to Secretary of State's (SOS) mobile office services which include taking written drivers tests. General

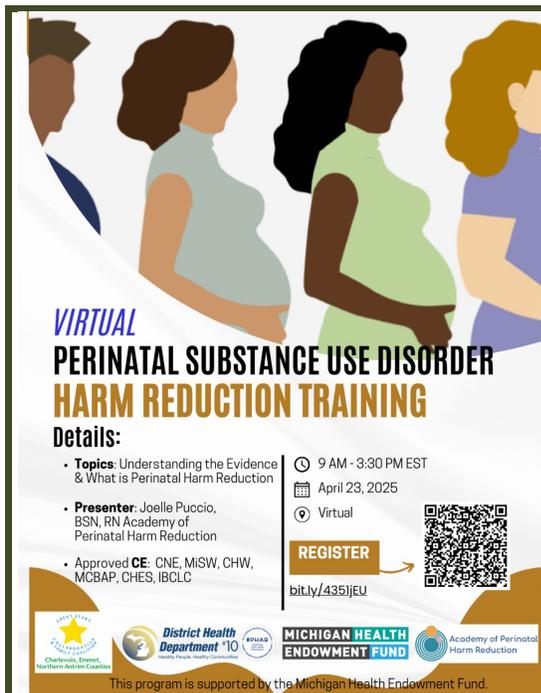
public can stop by for the Mobile SOS Office services such as renewing licenses, plates, and tags, updating addresses, etc.

These programs are made possible with funding support from the Michigan Department of State, as well as grant support from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC).

For more information about the “Road to Restoration” Clinics from the Secretary of State, follow this [LINK](#).

For more information about the local clinics, visit www.crami.org or contact 231-881-9116.

VIRTUAL Perinatal SUD Harm Reduction Training Offered



VIRTUAL PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER HARM REDUCTION TRAINING

Details:

- **Topics:** Understanding the Evidence & What is Perinatal Harm Reduction
- **Presenter:** Joelle Puccio, BSN, RN Academy of Perinatal Harm Reduction
- **Approved CE:** CNE, MiSW, CHW, MCBAP, CHES, IBCLC

🕒 9 AM - 3:30 PM EST
📅 April 23, 2025
📍 Virtual

REGISTER
bit.ly/435j1eU

This program is supported by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Coming to a 'screen' near YOU!

Calling all doulas, peer recovery coaches, physicians, nurses, social workers, counselors, home visitors, lactation consultants, addiction specialists, and others - take advantage of this opportunity to learn about Harm Reduction for Perinatal SUD. This training is completely free of charge with continuing education credits (CEs) available.

Perinatal HR
Flyer

Perinatal HR
Agenda



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