

## Quarterly Report on activities by CMHSPs to form regional partnerships

- A. As indicated in the prior report, there has been activity among many of the CMHSPs with regard to regional partnerships. This activity centered on CMHSP to CMHSP partnerships, and in many cases addresses substance abuse as well. Some specific activities are noted below. It is important to note that there continues to be considerable uncertainty and shifting of position for some of the CMHSPs.
- B. MDCH staff have continued to provide technical assistance forums regarding regional partnerships as requested by CMHSPs.
- C. The following is a brief synopsis of activities by the CMHSPs.
  - > Activities for a merger between Central CMHSP and Midland-Gladwin CMHSP have continued on track. The merger is expected by the end of this fiscal year.
  - Ionia and Gratiot CMHSPs are in discussion with CEI CMHSP about a Regional partnership. These discussions are still at an early stage.
  - The CMHSPs in the Upper Peninsula have determined to partner with Pathways CMHSP, and to continue doing substance abuse service delivery through the two existing Coordinating Agencies.
  - Muskegon and Ottawa Counties have established an Intercounty Agreement reflecting their intent to partner for mental health and substance abuse services.
  - St. Joseph, Woodlands (Cass), and Allegan CMHSPs have been engaged in dialogue with Kalamazoo CMHSP about a regional partnership.
  - Shiawassee, Livingston, Lenawee, and Monroe CMHSPs continue to engage in discussion and activities toward development of a regional partnership with Washtenaw CMHSP.
  - Access Alliance currently reflects Huron, Tuscola, Bay-Arenac, Saginaw, and Montcalm CMHSPs. While Access partners have gone through some change over the past year, this partnership has been functioning in the manner of an administrative service organization.

## Reported CMHSP Affiliation Activity April 2001

