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Dear CMREN Coalition Partners and Associates,

The Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network three-year HRSA RCORP-Implementation grant funding has ended as of August 31, 2023. Each of you had a very important role in this collaborative, noble work. Together we built a coalition that made a difference as we identified community needs and found solutions to amplify services. Many of these solutions were the result of your company work plans for SUD, while others were the result of collaborative work. All were a benefit to the community at-large.

Too many to list, here are a few of the accomplishments across Mecosta, Osceola, and Newaygo counties.

- Harm Reduction Services are available in all counties.
- Narcan open access is available in multiple locations in all counties, as well the FSU campus.
- Increased at-home drug disposal distribution – Deterra pouches.
- Multiple education opportunities provided through a great number of CMREN partners.
- Same-day appointment access at Community Mental Health.
- Medication Assisted Treatment in the Emergency Department.
- Families Against Narcotics and Hope Not Handcuffs start-ups.
- Addiction Center access via telehealth with physical location access opening September 2023 – Corewell.
- Physical location moves to better serve clients (Ten-16 and Sisters of Sobriety).
- Pharmacy SUD telehealth consultation - Family Health Care.
- Pharmacy residency program – Family Health Care.
- Early recovery relapse prevention program – Family Health Care.
- Increased Reach the Forgotten recovery ministry in county jails, and expansion of CMH support within the jails.
- Plans for increased recovery and transition housing – Jonah Foundation, Health Habitat.
- The HUB virtual community resource database at Angels of Action inclusion of SUD service partners.
- And so much more!

As CMREN transitions now to the four-year Rural Health Network Development grant, we will work across the four-county region of Mecosta, Osceola, Newaygo, and Montcalm. This two-part grant will first develop a formal network – the CMREN Regional Network. Second, we will develop and implement a strategic plan for a sustainable recovery community ecosystem focused on support for four populations – the homeless, pregnant persons, veterans, and those recently released from incarceration. In the near future, you will have the opportunity to be involved.

Soon you will see a new design for the CMREN News. Looking forward, we ask that you share your insight into the strengths, barriers, and gaps with serving these four populations. Please take about 7 minutes to complete the IRB exempt survey below. Your voice is important and will help Network leadership to shape this initial strategic plan.

[Survey Link Click Here](#)

So humbled by all you do and honored to be a part of this work with you,

*Gail Bullard and the CMREN Team*