



2025 SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Community Health Improvement Plan Update



Positive Mental Health

GOAL: Improve utilization of positive mental health practices in Sheboygan County.

Major Accomplishments

A major accomplishment of the year is the formation of an e-CPR Practitioner Cohort, comprised of 16 individuals trained to assist others through emotional crisis and committed to the development of permanent Community Living Room Project spaces. A two-day training was held on April 23-24, resulting in the certification of 16 practitioners, and a second training is scheduled with the LGBTQ+ Alliance for October 20-21 at Paradigm Coffee and Music.

These accomplishments are a direct reflection of the collaborative spirit and commitment of our members. Thank you for your support of the HSC-PMHAT!

Challenges

Partners have experienced shifts in funding and organizational capacity. Behavioral health needs continue to rise while the behavioral health workforce experience shortages. PMHAT works to address these issues through strategies to reduce stigma, including increasing awareness, expanding lived experience and Peer Support programming.

Goals for 2026

- Establishment of permanent Community Living Room spaces.
- Implementation of a mental health resource toolkit for workplaces.
- Increase mental health access for all.

Get Involved

The HSC-PMHAT fosters and communicates messaging to extend a warm welcome to all who seek to improve the mental health of individuals and communities in Sheboygan County. Those interested may email hsc@sheboygancounty.com.

Responsible Substance Use

GOAL: To encourage responsible substance use through prevention of the misuse of all substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Major Accomplishments

One of our major accomplishments includes implementing a naloxone leave behind program with the City of Sheboygan Fire Department. (Strategy 3.2) All of the ambulances in Sheboygan are stocked with kits that include naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and a Hope and Help resource guide with substance use resources. The resource guide was also made in collaboration with the Overdose Fatality Review Team. The Action Team also finalized and began implementation of the Festival Toolkit which provides local festivals with ID scanners, wristbands, and signage to prevent underage drinking and reduce adult binge drinking. (Strategy 4.3)

Challenges

Partners have dealt with competing priorities, funding changes and challenges but have remained engaged in the work during all of the uncertainty.

Goals for 2026

Our primary goals involve continuing to increase partnerships especially with primary prevention partners such as schools, we hope to begin and/or expand alcohol compliance checks within the county and look at specific causes of stigma and address them.

Get Involved

We are always looking for more members to join our action team as well as community members who are willing to promote our festival toolkit and other strategies we are a part of.

Activity and Nutrition

GOAL: Increase physical activity and healthy eating in Sheboygan County.

Major Accomplishments

- 2,615 lbs. of produce donated to the food bank from the farmers market so far 2025
- Created and promoted the Sunny Days Activity Challenge during the month of July. This activity challenge encouraged community members to be active by exploring local parks and public spaces. Prizes were donated by local organizations and most promoted physical activity opportunities.

Challenges

Action team members have dealt with competing time commitments to implement work, financial and budget challenges

Goals for 2026

in 2026 we will continue to expand on the objective to enhance access, availability and affordability of healthy foods, a strategy in the development process is to create and distribute a food pantry assessment to better understand the needs of those accessing food pantries. The group is also looking at the feasibility to partner with school districts on promoting a "walk to school day" to assist with meeting the objective to enhance access, availability, and affordability to safe spaces for physical activity.

Get Involved

Join our monthly meetings to get involved or you can

- Help transport produce from the Farmers Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays to the Sheboygan County Food Bank.
- Consider promoting and donating prize or passes for a summer physical activity challenge

Housing

GOAL: Improve access to safe, stable, and affordable housing in Sheboygan County.

Major Accomplishments

This year our major accomplishments include

- Expanding educational supports in the community through presentations to city officials and community groups
- Preparing for Homelessness Awareness Month activities
 - A Night Without Shelter
 - Partnership with the John Michael Kohler Art Center
 - Operation Keep Warm
- Established by-laws and structure to govern the coalition (elections, charter, etc.)

Challenges

The challenges we faced this year stemmed largely from the lack of available housing in Sheboygan County. Access to affordable housing is difficult to begin with, but there is also an overall lack of available housing across all rent levels. The city has let us know that there are developments happening in housing that will help make this better.

Get Involved

Join the Sheboygan County Housing Coalition. Reach out to hsc@sheboygancounty.com or housingcoalitionsc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Child Care

GOAL: Improve access to affordable high-quality child care for ALL in Sheboygan County.

Major Accomplishments

- \$216,222 provided through ARPA start up and expansion grants.
- 119 free introductory classes for providers.
- 66 currently active child care slots created.
- Conducted social media campaign for advocacy of child care needs.

Challenges

- Current state budget and funding changes (ending childcare counts)

Goals for 2026

- Find more funding to replace ARPA
- Maintain engagement and new engagement.
- Host Child Care Conference

Get Involved

We invite everyone interested to come to the table to learn more. Email hsc@sheboygancounty.com to get connected to our action team.

Access and Navigation

GOAL: Improve access and system navigation within Sheboygan County.

Major Accomplishments

- Launch of the Access and Navigation Certificate Program in Fall 2024.
 - Spring Session held in March.
- Held information session with United Way to learn more about the WIRE and issued survey to partner organizations about capacity to move this initiative forward

Challenges

- Concerns about the structure and content of the Access and Navigation Certificate Program were raised by students
 - No fall session is being held in 2025 to make changes and updates to improve the course
- Planning is already underway to hold a session in the spring with the updated materials

Goals for 2026

- The Manitowoc County Access and Navigation group will be taking the course this fall to bring an Access and Navigation Certificate Program to Manitowoc County in the future
- Embed 211 module into Access and Navigation Certificate Program
- Increase the number of partner organizations whose contact information is current in 211