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2020 Michigan Counties Legislative Conference

APRIL 15-17, 2020

Radisson/Lansing Center | Lansing, MI

Attendee
REGISTRATION PACKET

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ROOM
Wednesday, April 15	11am-5pm	Registration Desk Open	Radisson	Pre-Function/2nd floor
	11am-1pm	MCMCFC Committee Meetings (if scheduled)	Radisson	Michigan II & III
	1pm-1:30pm	MACPAC Board Meeting	Radisson	Regency II
	1pm-2:30pm	MCMCFC Workshop #1	Radisson	Michigan II & III
	1:30pm-2:45pm	MAC Breakout #1	Radisson	Capitol I
	1:30pm-2:45pm	MAC Breakout #2	Radisson	Capitol II
	1:30pm-2:45pm	MAC Breakout #3	Radisson	Capitol III
	2:45pm-4:45pm	MCMCFC Board Meeting	Radisson	Michigan II & III
	3pm-5pm	Exhibitor Set-up	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	3pm-3:15pm	MAC Board Leadership	Radisson	Boardroom
	3:30pm-5pm	MAC Board Meeting	Radisson	Capitol IV
	5pm-6:30pm	Legislative Reception	Radisson	Capitol I
	6:30pm-	Dinner on Own		
Thursday, April 16	7am-4pm	Registration Desk Open	Lansing Center	Main Concourse
	7am-7:45am	Exhibitor Set-up	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	8:30am-10:30am	MCMCFC Workshop #1	Lansing Center	Room 202
	8:30am-9:45am	Plenary Session/Legislative Awards and Update	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	9:45am-10:30am	Networking Break with Exhibitors	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	10:45am-11:30am	MCMCFC Workshop #2	Lansing Center	Room 202
	10:30am-11:30am	MAC Breakout #1	Lansing Center	Room 101/102
	10:30am-11:30am	MAC Breakout #2	Lansing Center	Room 103/104
	10:30am-11:30am	MAC Breakout #3	Lansing Center	Room 201
	11:30am-1pm	Lunch and Plenary Session/Jail Reform Panel	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	1pm-1:45pm	Networking Break with Exhibitors	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	1pm-3:30pm	MCMCFC Workshop #2 (cont.)	Lansing Center	Room 202
	1:45pm-3pm	MAC Breakout #1	Lansing Center	Room 101/102
	1:45pm-3pm	MAC Breakout #2	Lansing Center	Room 103/104
	1:45pm-3pm	MAC Breakout #3	Lansing Center	Room 201
	3:30pm-4:30pm	Exhibitor Show Reception	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	4:30pm-5:30pm	Exhibitor Breakdown	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	5pm-	Dinner on Own		
Friday, April 17	8pm-11pm	President's Hospitality Suite	Radisson	Governor's Parlor - Room 1106
	7am-10am	Registration Desk Open	Lansing Center	Main Concourse
	7:45am-8:30am	Breakfast	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	8:30am-9:30am	Plenary Session/County Revenue Study	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	8:30am-10:30am	MCMCFC Workshop #1	Lansing Center	Room 202
	9:30am-10:30am	MAC Breakout #1	Lansing Center	Room 101/102
	9:30am-10:30am	MAC Breakout #2	Lansing Center	Room 103/104
	9:30am-10:30am	MAC Breakout #3	Lansing Center	Room 201
	10:30am-11:30am	Boxed Lunch Provided	Lansing Center	Ballroom
	10:45am-11:15am	MCMCFC Joint Program/Quality Committee Meeting	Lansing Center	Room 202

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION RATE DEADLINE IS MARCH 20!

To register as an attendee, [click here](#).

PLENARY SESSIONS WILL TAKE DEEP LOOK AT KEY STATE ISSUES

The 2020 conference will feature plenary sessions with in-depth looks at policy debates in Lansing that will have major effects on county government in years to come.

On Thursday morning, the general session will feature a report from MAC Governmental Affairs Director Deena Bosworth, who will detail **MAC's 2020 legislative priorities** in Lansing and how individual commissioners can help MAC get action on them.

At the mid-day session on Thursday, a panel will discuss what comes next after the presentation of the recommendations by the joint county-state Jail and Pretrial Incarceration Task Force. Chief Justice Bridget McCormack and Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, co-chairs of the Task Force, have been invited to participate.

Friday's general session will feature a presentation by Michigan State University's Shu Wang on a study on counties' revenue capacity to meet local service needs and whether state policies are helping fill any service gaps.

Also addressing the general sessions will be MAC Board President



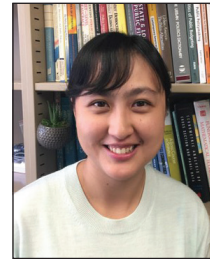
Currie



Bosworth



Klinefelt



Wang



Gilchrist



McCormack



Chase

Veronica Klinefelt, MAC Executive Director Stephan Currie and the executive director of the National Association of Counties (NACo), Matt Chase.

MAC TO HONOR THREE LEGISLATORS AT THURSDAY SESSION

During the first general session on Thursday, MAC will present County Advocate Awards to three state legislators who provided essential leadership on county issues in 2019:

- State Rep. Sarah Lightner of Jackson County
- State Rep. Julie Alexander of Jackson County
- State Sen. Roger Victory of Ottawa County

State Rep. Sarah Lightner was first elected to serve the 65th District in November 2018. She serves on the House Appropriations Committee and is vice chair of the House Appropriations subcommittees on General Government and Judiciary and a member of the Corrections and Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs and Department of Insurance & Financial Services subcommittees. Lightner has made her career as a paralegal specializing in criminal defense and family law.

"Sarah's is a strong voice for county government, especially as a former county commissioner," said Deena Bosworth, MAC's governmental affairs director. "Her understanding of the intricacies of the indigent defense system, court funding, jail policies and mental health costs was invaluable last year."

Rep. Julie Alexander represents the 64th House District. She serves as chair of House Committee on Agriculture and is a member of the committees on Transportation & Infrastructure, Energy and Health Policy. She has more than 22 years of teaching experience. Alexander,



Lightner



Alexander



Victory

the chair of the House Agriculture Committee, "is a second-term legislator who never abandoned her county commissioner hat. She's a county advocate through and through," Bosworth said.

In November 2018, residents of Michigan's 30th Senate District elected Sen. Roger Victory. He chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to joining the Senate, he served six years in the Michigan House of Representatives, representing the 88th District. Victory owns Victory Farms LLC, a year-round specialty crop producer.

Victory was the primary sponsor of recently enacted legislation to make permanent a county's option to assume authority over its road commission, a key priority for MAC in 2019. "We could not be happier with the work that he did on this issue," Bosworth said.

POLICY BREAKOUTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

HISTORY OF MICHIGAN'S ONE-OF-A-KIND BOTTLE DEPOSIT LAW

For more than 40 years, Michigan residents have been recycling their used cans, bottles and glass at some of the highest rates in the nation. This is not a coincidence. Michigan's Bottle Bill Law, passed by a vote of the people in 1978, has become a staple of Michigan's culture. This is not to say, however, that it is left to be untouched. There are multiple legislative proposals to change and tweak the bottle bill. This breakout will give the history of the anti-littering initiative and insight as to how it could change.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH 101

Local public health is a powerful tool for local governments to protect the public's physical health and to strengthen the fiscal health of the community. Programs administered by local public health assure safe dining in a robust food service industry, protect private drinking water sources, contribute revenue to local grocers through the Women, Infants and Children program, help the next generation of residents attain the highest standard of health and education through hearing and vision screening and immunizations, and work alongside other first responders during an emergency and support residents' recovery following an emergency. Learn how your county's support of local public health makes local government responsive to community needs in a cost-effective manner.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING 101

The state, counties and cities all own roads and bridges and are responsible for building and maintaining them. But where does the money come from to do this and how is it allocated? From FAST funds to the Michigan Transportation Fund, how is the money generated? How does the formula for the infamous PA 51 actually work? How much is required to go toward public transportation? What is the difference between local cost share and local matching funds? How has state revenue for roads been trending over the past 20 years? This workshop will focus on state and federal revenue and the different funds and formulas for distributing those funds to road agencies across the state.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CHARITABLE EXEMPTIONS IN MICHIGAN TAX LAW

As the ranks of legislatively approved property tax exemptions have grown, so have the pressures on county revenues. Private companies, with help from the state government and the Michigan Supreme Court, have utilized legal loopholes to classify for-profit businesses as "charitable institutions" and avoided paying part, or all, of their property tax bill. Hear how this has hurt local governments and how these loopholes are exploited from a legal expert.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAX BASE GROWTH STRATEGIES

In the new economy, traditional economic, community, and infrastructure development services are necessary but insufficient strategies for growing the local government tax base. What's also needed is a broad range of Placemaking strategies across the region to supplement existing economic development policies and practices. By making improvements to sense of place and quality of life in both urban and rural communities, local governments can create the quality places that help retain and attract a population of talented individuals across the region.

RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

A generational shift is sweeping over Michigan's county governments as long-serving baby boomers retire and county leaders find themselves filling positions for the first time in many years. This breakout will explore such hiring questions as:

- How should county governments, particularly rural ones, work to attract new employees?
- What is different about hiring in the public sector now vs. the 1990s or 1970s?

ANIMAL CONTROL: MOVING TO "NO KILL" STATUS

Representatives from Bay and Clare counties will discuss how they have reduced the number of euthanized animals in their facilities and offer tips based on their experience and research into best practices.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: IT'S WORKING

County Community Corrections programs have been reducing state commitment rates and decreasing unnecessary jail incarceration since Public Act 511 was established in 1988. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, current analysis of Michigan's felony disposition data, as well as prison disposition data, continues to support the state's community corrections target population. Further analysis also indicates that community sanctions and treatment provide effective alternatives to prison and jail sentences while increasing public safety and decreasing recidivism. Learn about some of the latest and greatest initiatives among community corrections programs.

WHO POOPED IN YOUR WATER?

The breakout session will present on the process of data collection and the findings of E. coli in multiple areas in Michigan. Does the problem stem from cows? Pigs? Humans? How bad is the problem? Is our water unsafe? What can counties do to help contain the contamination and get our rivers and lakes back to a safe level for human use?

POLICY BREAKOUTS, CONT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES: LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PRESERVE AND CONSERVE

With much of Michigan's culture and pastime focused around our abundant natural resources, local governments play a large role in conserving and sustaining our environment. Michigan Green Communities is a statewide network of local government and university staff that collaborate with one another, through peer learning and information sharing, to promote innovative solutions and move sustainability initiatives forward at the local, regional, and state level. Learn more about what your county can do to promote sustainability and preserve Michigan's natural resources.

BOARD CHAIRS SEMINAR: LEADING YOUR BOARD TOWARD EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNANCE

Local government and nonprofit boards that excel in their governing roles work passionately together to build and maintain ten critical components. These components include a mixture of principles of behavior, functions that must be accomplished, and methods of operation. We will discuss each of the ten briefly to plant seeds that will grow through further discussion and application to assist you to lead your board toward extraordinary governance.



HOW USDA CAN HELP COUNTIES ON HOUSING

The USDA Office of Rural Development has programs to help citizens in rural areas with housing costs, including mortgage loans with low rates and no down payment requirement for low-income residents; low-interest loans for housing repairs; and grants for seniors. Learn how these programs can help your county address the need for more affordable housing.

RECEPTIONS ALLOW FOR MINGLING WITH COLLEAGUES, LEGISLATORS

The 2020 conference features several events that mix relaxation with important discussions.

JOIN US FOR A SNACK ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, the first day of the conference, we will provide a complimentary snack and beverage station in the lobby area on the second floor of the Radisson Hotel from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

On Wednesday evening, join us at the Radisson for a welcome reception to honor all of Michigan's 148 state legislators. Complimentary snacks and beverages.

EXHIBITOR SHOW & RECEPTION

On Thursday afternoon, join us in the ballroom of the Lansing Center to enjoy complimentary appetizers and beverages as you peruse the booths from this year's exhibitors. This event is open to all registered conference attendees and is covered in your conference fee.



PRESIDENT'S HOSPITALITY SUITE

MAC Board President Veronica Klinefelt welcomes colleagues to her suite at the Radisson Hotel on Thursday night to catch up after a busy day of conference sessions. Complimentary snacks and beverages.

All social events are open to registered conference attendees.

To register as an attendee, [click here](#).



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CONFERENCE WITHIN A CONFERENCE

Attendees from the 34 county-owned medical care facilities will have events geared specifically for their professional and continuing education needs. The council has applied for NHA and nursing continuing education credits for the sessions below.

BCHS UPDATE

Wednesday, 1PM-2:30PM

This workshop will focus on the operations of the Bureau of Community and Health Systems and give special focus to the draft nurse aide rules, the FRI analysis and extensive Q&A.

Speaker: Larry Horvath, BCHS

LEGAL UPDATE

Thursday, 8:30AM-10:30AM

This workshop led by the experts at Clark Hill law firm will focus on updates to employment law, how Michigan's new marijuana laws affect employers and more.

Speakers: Steve Girard and Nicole Patterson, Clark Hill

LICENSES! LICENSES! PROTECT YOUR LICENSES!

Thursday, 10:45AM-11:30AM & 1PM-3:30PM

We will review Michigan's definition of the practice of nursing and nursing home administration under the Public Health Code (PHC). We will identify potential violations of the PHC. And we will discuss actual complaints brought against licenses in Michigan and the process to defend the same.

Speakers: Vickie Burlew, consultant; Andrew Rothman, principal, firm of Lebenbom & Rothman

CMP GRANT UPDATE: LEVERAGING THE LEAN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND HUDDLES TO ACHIEVE GOALS OF QAPI

Friday, 8:30AM-10:30AM

Participants will learn what the Lean Management System is and how it is used to meet QAPI goals by engaging staff in improving resident care and other aspects of skilled nursing. We will learn how huddles are a foundational component of the Lean Management System and rapidly becoming a "best practice" for communication and engagement of staff in skilled nursing. Facilities currently involved in implementation will share firsthand successes and challenges in both the huddle process and the Lean Management System.

Speaker: Steve Palmreuter, Boost Consulting

CONTINUING ED INFORMATION

This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours.

The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation (OBN-001-91).

This activity has also been submitted to NAB for NHA continuing education credits.

Please call Casey Benda at 517.668.6026 for questions or more information about continuing education.

None of the CE activities for this conference has commercial support or sponsorship. Any potential conflict of interest has been discussed with speakers and speakers agree to present objectively and without bias and signed statements to that effect have been secured. There is no conflict of interest for members of the Program Committee associated with this activity.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The full conference registration includes: a conference registration bag and program; admission to all events; two breakfasts; two lunches (one boxed); two beverage breaks on Thursday; and a snack and beverage station at mid-day on Wednesday.

	MEMBER RATES	
	Early Bird	After 3/20/20
Full Conference	\$350	\$395
One Day	\$195	\$235
Spouse/Guest*	\$140	\$175

	NON-MEMBER RATES*	
	Early Bird	After 3/20/20
Full Conference	\$425	\$470
One Day	\$245	\$290

*Attendees who are not currently county, corporate or affiliate members of MAC or MCMCFC. **Elected county clerks, prosecutors, registers of deeds, sheriffs and treasurers ARE eligible for the member rate.** Spouse registration includes all meals and receptions.

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Cancellation Policy: Refund of registration fee, less an administrative charge of \$100 per registrant, will be made if cancellation is necessary, provided written notice is postmarked or time-stamped by April 3, 2020. No refunds will be given for requests made after that date.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol is again providing a special group rate for the event, and is connected via an enclosed pedestrian bridge to the Lansing Center itself. The cutoff date to reserve your room is **Friday, March 20**. There is no guarantee that rooms will be available until March 20, so you are encouraged to reserve early.

Room rate: \$135.95*

Event code: MAC420

Check-in is 4PM; check-out is 12PM

Valet parking is \$15 per vehicle per night

Call 1-800-333-3333 or visit

www.radisson.com/lansing-hotel-mi-48933/lansing to make your reservation

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For questions, contact Megan McKenna or Tammi Connell at 517-624-2672 or conference@micounties.org.



*Rate does not include 13% tax.

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