



Midwestern Legislative Conference

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Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) Health & Human Services Committee

Sunday, July 9-Tuesday, July 11

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Agenda

*Rep. Susan Concannon, Kansas, and Sen. Julie Morrison, Illinois, MLC Health & Human Services Committee Co-Chairs;
and Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, South Dakota, Committee Vice Chair*

Sunday, July 9 | HHS Committee Meeting | Woodward B, Second Floor

- 10-10:10 a.m.** **Introductions**
- 10:10-11 a.m.** **Hope for a Better Future: A Road Map for Improving Child Welfare and Long-Term Family Outcomes**
- Participants will explore policies and emerging opportunities to strengthen child protection services, including evidence-based strategies that prevent child removals and improve long-term family outcomes.*
- Presenter: **Dr. David Sanders**, Executive Vice President for Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs*
- 11-11:30 a.m.** **Committee Roundtable & Discussion | Committee Business**
- Noon-1:30 p.m.** **Lunch for MLC Policy Committees | Crystal Ballroom, Fourth Floor**

Monday, July 10

- 7:30-8:45 a.m.** **Breakfast Table Topic Discussion on State Policies for Children in Foster Care | Woodward C, Second Floor**
- Discussion facilitator: Michigan Rep. Stephanie Young*

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Monday, July 10 (Continued)

2-3:30 p.m.

Road to Recovery: A Path Toward Evidence-Based Policies and Investments to Better Address Substance Abuse Disorder | Venetian Ballroom, Fourth Floor

The problem of substance abuse disorder has impacted communities and families across the Midwest. Part of the solution: evidence-based policies and financing principles that expand access to effective treatment, improve outcomes and save lives. These issues are the focus of an afternoon policy session led by the MLC's Health & Human Services Committee.

*Presenters: **Andrew Whitacre**, Officer, Pew Charitable Trusts, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Initiative Public Policy; and **John O'Brien**, Affiliate, Technical Assistance Collaborative*

Tuesday, July 11

9-10:15 a.m.

MLC Chair's Initiative Session On Food Security: Feeding the Future | Venetian Ballroom, Fourth Floor

A panel of experts will lead a session that aims to provide a greater understanding of the causes and extent of food insecurity in the Midwest. The session will explore policy options on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border, as well as the role of agriculture producers and local food systems.

Moderator: Michigan Sen. Roger Victory, Midwestern Legislative Conference Chair

Speakers and Panelists:

- *Craig Gunderson, Snee Family Endowed Chair, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty*
- *Phil Knight, Executive Director, Food Bank Council of Michigan*
- *Valerie Tarasuk, Professor, University of Toronto Department of Nutritional Services; Principal Investigator, PROOF Research Program on Food Insecurity*

11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

A Featured Luncheon Presentation on "Why Place Matters: A Path for Building Healthier People and Communities" | Woodward AB, Second Floor

*Presenter: **Shannon Wilson**, Vice President, Population Health & Health Equity, Priority Health*