The Michigan Health Improvement Alliance (MiHIA) is a 501(c)3 is a formal, multi-stakeholder, community collaboration working to achieve a community of health excellence for the 14-county region it serves. This initiative is based on a core belief that solutions to our health and health care problems can be found and designed at a regional level, accelerating regional competitive advantage and sustainability.

**Our Vision:** For our region to become the healthiest thriving community with the best quality and value in health care

**Our Mission:** To improve the health of people within our region through effective use of information and collaboration to establish our region as a community of health excellence through a comprehensive focus on population health, patient experience, cost of care, and provider well-being.

MiHIA’s strategy to fulfill our vision and mission is to serve as the regional hub for sharing health information and collaboration among multiple stakeholders, including providers, patients and their families. By producing a call to action across multiple programs and organizations, our region can become a national leader and a model for health that leads to a positive economic impact in our region. MiHIA gathers stakeholders, facilitates conversations and initiatives, compiles and stores regional data/information, and works with various entities to help create a healthier region. MiHIA benefits the region by multiplying impact, bringing experts and resources together, securing funding for initiatives, spotlighting out region, improving local resources, and creating a regional model.

MiHIA pledges support for the National Academy of Medicine’s Action Collaborative on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic. Through our work with partners and stakeholders, MiHIA is dedicated to making systematic change and stem the tide of opioids in the region.

MiHIA recognized that while there were significant efforts across the region to address the opioid epidemic, there was an opportunity to have a coordinated approach. In order to best facilitate this approach, the MiHIA Opioid Priority Strategy Workgroup completed a strategy map of services, interventions, initiatives, and actions from multiple sectors, regional community partners, and coalitions to produce a catalog of current activities and approaches across the region.

This strategy map guided our information sharing, alignment of resources, identification of scalable models, and opportunities to invest resources to address critical gaps and breakthrough opportunities. MiHIA collected and cataloged existing activities, services, and resources on opioid strategies across the continuum of care occurring in the MiHIA region. Next, MiHIA identified gaps in the strategy map where resources might be applied or reinvested to produce greater impact.

Following the development of the strategy map, MiHIA Quadruple Aim Leadership Committee and Opioid Steering Team prioritized the following strategies to focus on addressing:
● Expanding Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
● Improving protective factors for youth
● Increasing the utilization of Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT)
● Bolstering peer recovery
● Reducing Neonatal Absence Syndrome (NAS)
● Utilizing non-opioid and non-pharma solutions to manage acute and chronic pain.

Each focus area formed a workgroup, with members from across the region from various sectors, interested in changing the system to reduce the number of people starting and using opioids, and improve outcomes for those with a substance use disorder. These workgroups are conducting evidence-based projects that work on systematic, sustainable interventions to change the landscape in which opioids flourished. Such projects include educating health professionals about opioids, reducing stigma, making opioid-related policy changes, increasing access to peer recovery and medically assisted treatment, and collecting data from these projects to become a local leader in health. Multiple projects can be underway in each of these strategy areas/workgroups.

Measuring success is critical to MiHIA. As such, the following metrics will be used to gauge success: reduction of opioid overdoses, reduction in rate of death due to opioid poisoning, reduction of the prescription rate of opioids, and reduction of hospital visits due to opioids in MiHIA’s 14 county region. These metrics, and more, will be housed on our dashboard, including the maintenance and updating of the strategy map along with local resources, training opportunities, and spreading awareness of opportunities to address the opioid epidemic our communities are facing.