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**Mental Health Care Community Collaboration Public Forum**

The Alliance on Mental Illness is hosting a community public forum on Thursday, March 1 to discuss potential changes in the Michigan public mental health system, with a focus on Macomb County Community Mental Health. The community is invited.

“We are using this as an opportunity to dialogue with various stakeholders about the state of mental health care in Michigan,” said Fred Cummins, president of Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County. “There are several key objectives important for the transformation of Michigan’s mental health care system, and we want to discuss those, too.”

At the forum, advocates will introduce issues and objectives, legislators will be given an opportunity to discuss their positions on mental health system reform, and concerned citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the needs for change and the ideas presented by the legislators, community leaders and advocates.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the Forum starts at 7 p.m. It will be at Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield, Clinton Township. Registration is not required but appreciated at [Lory.Valuet@mccmh.net](mailto:Lory.Valuet@mccmh.net).

Sponsors include: Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County, Mental Health Association of Michigan, Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, Michigan Alliance to Strengthen Social Security and Medicare, Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, UAW Region 1, UAW Region 1A, UAW Region 1A Retiree Chapter, Michigan AFSME Council 25, Michigan State AFL-CIO, Local 412 UAW, Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans, South East Michigan Jobs With Justice, UAW International Union, MICHUCAN, Parents Alliance of Metro Detroit, ARC of Michigan, Alliance for Retired Americans, Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority, Oakland Community Health Network, Macomb County Community Mental Health, Michigan Nurses Association, National Association of Social Workers.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill, <http://www.amioakland.org/>

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# *Mental Health Peace of Mind*

## **Community Collaboration Public Forum**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

Macomb Intermediate School District  
44001 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48038  
West side of Garfield, South of M-59

*Open at 6:30PM*

This will be an open forum for discussion of potential changes in the Michigan public mental health system with a focus on **Macomb County Community Mental Health**.

### **Agenda:**

- Advocates will introduce issues and objectives.
- Legislators and local public officials will discuss their positions on mental health system reform.
- Concerned citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the needs for change and the ideas presented by community leaders and advocates.

Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes each to enable many people to express their concerns. You may email more extensive comments to [fred.a.cummins@gmail.com](mailto:fred.a.cummins@gmail.com), President, Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County, to be shared with legislators.

Background material:

CARES Report: <https://house.mi.gov/PDFs/HouseCARESTaskForceReport.pdf>

Key Objectives for Change <http://www.amioakland.org/18-01-21KeyObjectivesChange.docx>

*Everybody is welcome.*

### ***Sponsors***

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| - Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Oakland County              | - UAW Region 1                            | - MICHUHCAN                              |
| - Mental Health Association in Michigan                        | - UAW Region 1A                           | - Parents Alliance of Metro Detroit      |
| - Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service                     | - UAW Region 1A, Retiree Chapter          | - ARC of Michigan                        |
| - Michigan Disability Rights Coalition                         | - Mich. AFSCME Council 25                 | - Alliance for Retired Americans         |
| - Michigan Alliance to Strengthen Social Security and Medicare | - Michigan State AFL-CIO                  | - Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority  |
| - Community Mental Health Association of Michigan              | - Local 412 UAW                           | - Oakland Community Health Network       |
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|  | - UAW International Union                 | - National Association of Social Workers |

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