

Community partners supportive of the public infrastructure,

Over the last several months, a group of human services leaders (drawn from the Community Collaboratives in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties) formed a loose coalition, **A Better Michigan Future/Mid-Michigan (ABMF-MM)**.

The **purpose** of this group is to foster decision making, by the state's policy makers, that **ensures a stable, modern, and fair tax system – sufficient to support the state's and local communities' public infrastructure.**

This infrastructure includes the hard (bridges, roads, schools, health care facilities) and human (health and human services, public safety, education, environmental) segments of the infrastructure – an infrastructure dedicated to the common good of the state's residents.

The premise of the group's work is that, as community leaders and members, we recognize that we need to work as diligently to ensure a sound state revenue system as we do to ensure the soundness of the expenditure of public dollars.

We are urging you, as a colleague who supports the public infrastructure, to:

- Join **the statewide group, A Better Michigan Future**, through their website: www.abettermichiganfuture.org
- **Respond to the calls for action, by A Better Michigan Future**, relative to this issue, including: writing letters to elected officials, writing letters to the editor, speaking at legislative hearings, hosting and attending educational forums on this topic
- **Forward this e-mail** to your colleagues and stakeholders who also share your support for the common good, for the public infrastructure that is essential to our community's viability

An Advocates Handbook (a handbook developed by this work group), attached, may provide useful guidance to you in a range of citizen actions, many of which will be recommended by A Better Michigan Future.

If you have **questions** regarding this effort, do not hesitate to **contact** Bob Sheehan, The Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties at sheehan@ceicmh.org or (517) 346-8212.