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# RAHS HOT NEWS

## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



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I trust this message finds you well. As we continue our collective efforts to promote health and well-being for youth in our communities, I am excited to announce the launch of a new communication initiative that aims to strengthen and enhance collaboration and communication – **RAHS HOT NEWS**. This monthly newsletter will serve as an important platform for us to share updates, success stories, and important information.

In each issue, we will highlight the impactful work that each of you is contributing to our mission. It will also feature relevant program news, staff, clinical, and operational updates, and upcoming events. I encourage each one of you to share your insights, accomplishments, and any information that can benefit our larger RAHS team in advance of the monthly publication by sending an email to myself and Lindsay. By collectively contributing to this shared space, we will amplify our impact and create a stronger, more connected team.

I look forward to seeing the RAHS HOT NEWS become a valuable resource for all of us and a testament to the incredible work we are doing together. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work.



## RAHS IS GROWING

WE'RE SO EXCITED TO ADD SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THE RAHS TEAM

I am thrilled to share the progress at the new RAHS-Springport Public Schools school-based health center. The addition of our new signs marked a significant milestone, and the new site is under construction! RAHS-Springport staff will be in a temporary space at Springport Public Schools until the health center is completed. We can't wait to unveil this vital resource to the community once construction wraps up.

Our commitment to fostering a healthier community through easily accessible, youth-friendly, fully comprehensive physical and behavioral healthcare services is at the heart of our mission, and we are grateful for the collaboration that has brought this vision to life.

Stay tuned for updates!



## MDHHS CPE AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the RAHS-Richfield Team for applying for and participating in the MDHHS comprehensive physical exam (CPE) process improvement incentive project. The goal of the project was to increase onsite CPEs at CAHC sites. Based on year-end numbers from FY 22 and FY 23, the CAHC at RAHS-Richfield saw a 107% increase in onsite CPEs, exceeding the threshold of 20% increase.

Congratulations to the RAHS-Richfield Team for not only meeting the requirements of the project but exceeding them!



## RAHS IS EXPANDING

### 2 E3 SITES EXPANDING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTERS

I am thrilled to share that construction to turn RAHS-Beecher and RAHS-Armstrong from E3 sites to comprehensive health centers is underway!

Our dedication to nurturing a healthier community revolves around providing easily accessible, youth-friendly, and comprehensive physical and behavioral healthcare services. Expanding our healthcare services at these sites closes the access gap in care and provides youth and families with the care they need.



## STAFF UPDATES

WELCOME!

I want to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new team members and our gratitude to our team members with expanded roles. If I've missed anyone, please let me know!

**Dr. Kelly Orringer**, Co-Medical Director

**Alexis Boggus**, Admin Assistant for RAHS Director

**Marc Spaulding**, Clinic Operations Manager

**Lindsay McCarthy**, Marketing & Media Asst

**Kim Dunlap**, MA, RAHS-Springport

**Druanna Darling**, LLMSW, RAHS-Springport

**Lia Coval**, MSW, RAHS-Pathways

**Leslie Stalker**, MA, RAHS-Pathways

**Thea Senger-Carpenter**, MSN, PPCNP-BCN, RAHS

**Michelle Hensley**, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, RAHS-Beecher

**Amanda Bradford**, MA, RAHS-International

**Carmen Martinez**, PSA, RAHS-Brick

**Mary Levicki**, MA, RAHS-Lincoln High

**Sonja Hardacre**, MA, RAHS-Armstrong

# HEALTH CENTER UPDATES

## CHECK IT OUT

We are in the process of updating all the exterior signage at RAHS school-based health centers to align with University of Michigan Health, Michigan Medicine branding and in partnership with each school district. Signage is approved by the RAHS Director, Mohamad Khraizat, and each school Superintendent. Interior signage is next!



RAHS-Lincoln High School has a new mural in the health center community space! RAHS branding and marketing efforts led by Lindsay McCarthy and Mohamad Khraizat, follow the University of Michigan Health, Michigan Medicine branding guidelines.



The RAHS-Van underwent a signage update as well! The old, peeling wrap was removed and replaced with a new wrap representing the new University of Michigan Health, Michigan Medicine logo and branding.

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## AWARDS

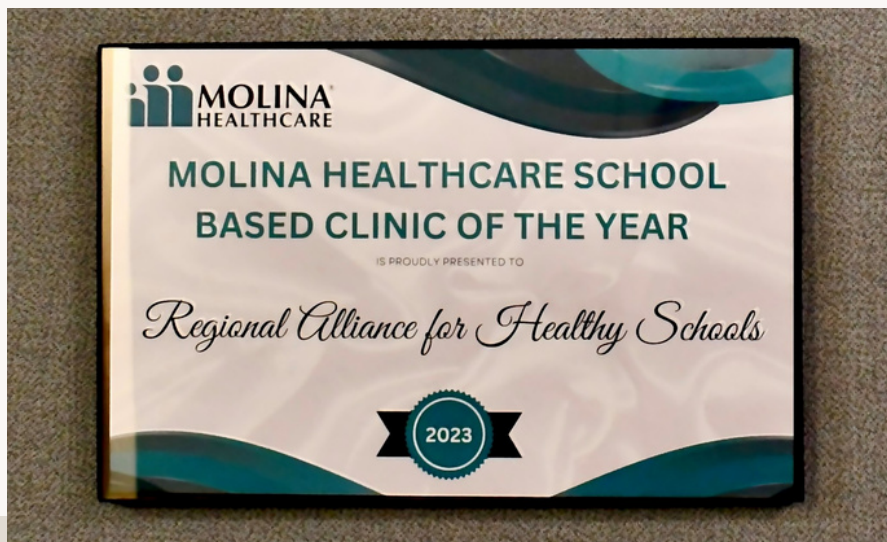
Molina Healthcare of Michigan (“Molina”) recognized University of Michigan Health, Michigan Medicine Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) and its 19 school-based clinics as Clinic of the Year for supporting youth 21 years old and younger and for their commitment to physical and behavioral health and health education of youth in our communities.



“Caring for our children and helping them make healthy decisions is one of the best things we can do for our community,” said Terrisca Des Jardins, plan president for Molina Healthcare of Michigan. “We applaud the University of Michigan Health, Michigan Medicine Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools and those individuals doing the work inside the schools which prioritizes the health and well-being of students and their families.”

RAHS health center services include immunizations, sports and annual physicals, sick visits, asthma care, behavioral health therapy, connection to community resources and more.

"This recognition from Molina Healthcare is a testament to the unwavering commitment of the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools and its dedicated team to youth in our communities," said Mohamad Khraizat, Director of the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools. "We are thankful for Molina Healthcare of Michigan acknowledging the vital role that school-based health centers play in nurturing the well-being of our youth, and we remain steadfast in our mission to cultivate a culture of health and wellness within the educational landscape."



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## AWARDS

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Division of Immunization recently honored RAHS school-based health centers commended RAHS-Lincoln Consolidated Middle School, RAHS-Richfield Public School Academy with Quality Improvement Coverage Level Awards, for their outstanding vaccination rates for children and adolescents aged 21 and younger. This award reflects RAHS's collaborative approach, working closely with schools, healthcare providers, youth, and the community to create a supportive environment for receiving essential healthcare services.

As RAHS continues its mission to provide accessible healthcare services regardless of insurance status, these awards serve as a testament to its exceptional efforts in promoting vaccination and its broader commitment to public and community health.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR, MOHAMAD KHRAIZAT

I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated RAHS team, our school and community partners, and everyone in the community who supports our mission. Together, we're making a difference for youth in our communities.

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