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Macomb contingent attends 14th Annual “Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes” rally

About 2,500 mental health supporters and advocates from around Michigan, including about 80 who use services provided by Macomb County Community Mental Health (MCCMH), attended the 14th annual “Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes” rally at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, May 2nd.



The event featured an activist walk around the Capitol and stories from citizens who have experienced disruption of services from budget cuts, focusing on the personal experiences of those who use community mental health services. (Pictured left: Angela McCullough, unit leader, Crossroads Clubhouse, and Bob Baron, MCCMH)

The rally was organized by the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, the advocacy organization for community mental health organizations for behavioral health and developmental disability advocates from around Michigan.

"This event is really about advocacy, and bringing awareness to our legislators that Macomb County CMH puts people first," said Bruce Dunton, director of Crossroads Clubhouse and organizer of the Macomb contingent.

Rally participants sought to remind legislators to prioritize people first in the ongoing discussions to privatize parts of Michigan’s behavioral health system and to keep public behavioral healthcare as the center of political dialogue.



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Senator Steve Bieda and State Representative Jeff Yaroch spoke with the group and thanked them for attending the rally. (Pictured above, right: A "selfie" with Bruce Dunton, Senator Steve Bieda and several members from Crossroads Clubhouse)

Macomb County Community Mental Health is the public provider of mental health, substance use and developmental disability treatment services in Macomb County. MCCMH programs and services are supported and funded, in part, by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and are administered by the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board. Visit mccmh.net for more information or check them out on Facebook.

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