Dear Friends,

In 2012, the Board of Directors at Health Emergency Lifeline Programs (HELP) made the decision to create Michigan’s first LGBTQ+ focused medical home. After years of planning, renovation and hard work, Corktown Health opened its doors to patients on August 24, 2017. Since then, we have served more than 4,000 individual patients with culturally-competent, affirming and high quality care. We weathered the storm of COVID-19 and never closed our doors. We adapted quickly to implement telehealth and other forms of remote service delivery to support our patients and clients through the difficult times of the pandemic. Our amazing team faced these challenges with compassion, creativity and a deep sense of dedication to our mission.

I am proud to share this summary of Corktown Health’s first five years of operations. We are profoundly grateful to the individuals, partners, foundations, corporations, public health professionals, and leaders in academic medicine who have supported our efforts to date.

In the coming years we will continue to grow our services to promote greater access to affirming health care and reduce health disparities. We will launch oral health services with a brand new, state-of-the-art dental clinic at our Detroit location in mid-2023. We will expand our education capacity to help train the next generation of health care providers. We will continue to advocate for policy changes aimed at addressing health disparities in the LGBTQ+ community. And, we will begin construction on a new facility in Hazel Park to better serve residents of northern Wayne County, as well as Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to improve the health and well-being of Southeast Michigan’s LGBTQ+ community.

Sincerely,

Anthony Williams, President and CEO
Corktown Health Center is Michigan’s first nonprofit medical facility to focus on health disparities in the LGBTQ community. The center grew out of Health Emergency Lifeline Programs (HELP), which has provided care and support to people living with HIV in Metro Detroit for over 30 years. The new health center is addressing the important goals of providing exemplary primary care services, partnering with others to train health professionals, supporting relevant research, and developing and disseminating best practices.

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OUR MISSION
To advance health and well-being for all with a focus on the LGBTQ+ community

OUR VISION
Health equity for all

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SUCCESS
IN NUMBERS
2017-2022

4,000 PATIENT TOTALS

Clients assisted with insurance navigation: 1,500+
Patients receiving gender-affirming care: 506
People receiving behavioral health services: 524

SERVICES BREAKDOWN

IN PERSONS SERVED

4,000 PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE
3,541 HIV TESTING AND COUNSELING SERVICES
1,749 STI TESTING AND TREATMENT (22,500 TESTS ADMINISTERED)
143 PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS NAVIGATION
2,282 HIV CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES
900+ TOTAL CANCER SCREENINGS - Breast, Colorectal and Cervical
WHAT WE DO

PRIMARY CARE
Routine physicals, preventative services and routine screening for adults that are focused on reducing health disparities in the LGBTQ community.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Our staff of fully licensed therapists provide cognitive behavioral therapy to people aged 16 and older. BHS services are fully integrated with our primary care program and available in person and via telehealth.

CANCER SCREENING
In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Tri County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BCCCNMP), CHC offers screenings for lesbian, bisexual women and transgender men who find it difficult to obtain these services in other settings.

COMPREHENSIVE HIV SERVICES
We offer a wide range of services for people who are living with HIV and, who may be at-risk for infection. From testing and PrEP to medical care and housing, utilities and food assistance, CH offers a comprehensive program that remains one of the largest in the state.

HIV PRE EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS
PrEP is a newer approach to HIV prevention using a single daily pill that can prevent HIV infection. The center employs PrEP navigators who assist patients with decision-making, follow-up, and determining the best way to pay for the medication. New methods like injectable medications are being approved by the FDA, and are making it even easier to have Power Over HIV.

HYPERTENSION, OBESITY AND DIABETES
In collaboration with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, CH is now implementing specialized services to those who are diagnosed with one of these conditions, including a new series of health education and cooking classes designed around the DASH Diet.

INSURANCE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE
Our Certified Health Insurance Navigators offer free, in-person help to patients when they apply for health insurance. Our Navigators can help patients find a plan that fits their needs including Medicare and Medicaid.

TOBACCO USE REDUCTION
We offer a variety of services for LGBTQ individuals aimed at helping them reduce or stop use of tobacco. Services include individual counseling, health education, support and consultations with primary medical providers.

TRANSGENDER HEALTH SERVICES
Services are tailored to the transgender community, including: adult primary care, gender affirming hormone therapy, STI testing and PrEP. Our practitioners follow the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of care and use an Informed Consent model of care.
COVID AND MPX VACCINES
Corktown Health worked with local health departments and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to administer more than 1,200 COVID and Monkeypox vaccines in multiple locations throughout Southeast Michigan since 2022.

PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS FOR TRANSGENDER AND NONBINARY PERSONS
Corktown Health is a proud partner with the US Department of Justice in hosting ongoing listening sessions with people who identify as transgender or nonbinary to increase their knowledge of civil rights protections.

NAME CHANGE ASSISTANCE
Corktown hosts a weekly “Name Change Clinic” in partnership with Fair Michigan Foundation to assist Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County residents who are interested in legally changing their name and/or gender markers. Individuals receive one-on-one support navigating the process and legal services.

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES
Corktown Health in partnership the Delta Dental Foundation of Michigan will open a new Dental Clinic in our Detroit location in 2023. Our efforts to reduce the health disparities faced by LGBTQ+ residents will be enhanced by offering state-of-the-art dental care in this affirming and supportive environment.

EXPANDED TRAINING SERVICES FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
The Corktown Health Institute launched in 2022 with generous support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The Institute focuses on expanding education and training opportunities in LGBTQ+ health competencies for clinicians, organizations and members of the public. We will equip providers with tools, resources and insight to effectively and compassionately treat all patients/clients in an affirming and inclusive manner. The Institute began offering in-person and remote learning opportunities taught by Corktown Health team members and affiliates. In the coming months, we will publish a series of online trainings that will be available on our website.

STATEWIDE LGBTQ ADVOCACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS
Michigan Supreme Court Rouch World Case
In 2021, the Michigan Supreme Court was asked to determine if Michigan’s Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation. Corktown Health submitted an amicus brief in support of the argument that ELCRA should protect LGBTQ+ individuals from discrimination. On July 28, 2022 the Michigan Supreme Court concluded that ELCRA does protect LGBTQ+ people from discrimination here in Michigan.

Amending the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act
Working with a coalition with LGBTQ organizations and activists, Corktown Health advocated for changes to Michigan’s Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act (ELCRA) to ensure that the protections against discrimination found by the Michigan Supreme Court in the Rouch World case could not be undone by future court decisions. Corktown Health and others advocated to add sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression as protected classes to ELCRA. Corktown Health provide testimony to the Michigan Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee in support of these changes in February 2023. In early March 2023 both the Michigan Senate and House passed legislation to amend ELCRA. And, on March 16, 2023 Governor Whitmer signed the changes into law giving civil rights protections to LGBTQ+ Michiganders regardless of future court decisions.

Advocacy for Funding for LGBTQ Health and Well-Being
Corktown Health is one member of a coalition of LGBTQ+ organization across Michigan working on a first of its kind health disparities initiative to address inequity in care, affordability and access for LGBTQ+ Michiganders, because no one of any age should have to go back into the closet to receive medical care. The coalition is seeking legislative support for focused multi-year funding for direct services, facilities/system/security and education & training intended to address social determinates of health and improve health outcomes.
**HEALTH EMERGENCY LIFELINE PROGRAMS**

**FINANCIALS 2016-2022**

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