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VanHorssen to present at global health conference

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Barbara Lee VanHorssen of The Momentum Center for Social Engagement in Grand Haven has been selected to pitch in the Social Impact Lab at the Unite For Sight 17th annual Global Health & Innovation Conference at Yale University, April 4-5.

The conference is the leading global health conference and the largest social entrepreneurship gathering. It involves almost 2,000 professionals and students from more than 55 countries and 50 states.

VanHorssen said she’s excited to share the work with experts, who will provide feedback about the model, and might be able to suggest community partners and funding sources for scaling.

“...The more we talk about mental illness, its prevalence and its remedies, the more we normalize the conversation and dismantle the stigma,” she said.

The Momentum Center is a grassroots movement to create a stigma-free community. It does this by hosting community conversations and addressing mental illness, addictions and disabilities.