

St. Clair County
Community Services Coordinating Body
Full Body Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Present:

R. Alley - RESA, A. Austin-Michigan Works!, L. Belleau-Blue Water Area Transit, K. Burdick - CCSEM, M. Calamita- MI State Police, M. Caringi- Thumb Works!, T. Castillo – Blue Water Area Chamber, J. Chapman- YMCA, C. Cook-BWCIL, Chris- Blue Water Habit for Humanity, S. Crawford – The Council on Aging, S. Currie-The Harbor, K. Curtis-IMPACT, N. Deising- SCC Veterans Office, B. DiNardo-St. Clair County Community College, K. DiNardo-McLaren Port Huron Hospital, C. Doppke- Lakeshore Legal Aid,C. Eveningred-Norserv,K. Gallagher-SCCCMH, L. Goetz- Colonial Woods Christian Counseling Center, B. Hanneke- Habor Impact, R. Hernandez-Operation Transformation, S. Herrle- SCCCMMH, D. Hunger-PH Police Department, D. Johnson- SCCCMMHA, M. Johnson-Blue Water Community Action, M. King-SCC Sheriff’s Dept., M.Kuehn- PHPD, A. Mayhew-Community First Health Centers, K. McFadden-Lakeshore Legal Aid, Dr. A. Mercatante-SCC Health Department, M.Michaluk- Lake Huron Medical Center, W. Nardin - Offend Success, K. Palka- A Beautiful Me, M. Paquette-211, K. Posey- City of Port Huron, S. Powers-Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, K. Prusak-Michigan Works!, E. Sawielski-Blue Water Safe Horizons, A. Sears- Area Agency on Aging 18, A. Sochor- Community First Health Centers, T. Spencer- Goodwill Industries, L. Steele- BWCIL, L.Stoneberg-PCC, K. Swantek - BWDH, A. Thomas- Lakeshore Legal Aid, T. Willard, Hunter Hospitality M. Wojnarowicz-MDHHS.

Staff Support: A. Smith-SCCCMHA, and B. Murdick – SCCCMMHA

I. Welcome and Introductions, Ground Rules for Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Ms. Debra Johnson. Members were welcomed to the meeting.

II. Agenda Changes

Ms. Debra Johnson asked if there were any agenda changes. There were none.

III. Acceptance of March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Debra Johnson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 17, 2021 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Ms. Kathleen Gallagher moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Scott Crawford **MOTION CARRIED**

IV. Organizational Presentation

St. Clair County Veterans Services- It was announced they will present in July 2021.

V. COVID-19 Update

A. State & County Updates- Dr. Annette Mercatante announced there has been a steady decline in testing in St. Clair County, which is still under 10%. Daily case rates remain in the 20-30 per day range, which means the county, is still in a very high-risk level. She stated that if the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases do not descend, there would still be restrictions at least through part of the summer. Dr. Mercatante expressed that if someone has been exposed to COVID-19 (mask off, less than 6 foot distance, and 15+ min exposure) they will need to quarantine for 10 days. She stated that it is advised to quarantine for 14 days when/if possible, but 10 days is what the CDC recommends. There is still a 6 feet social distancing

rule in place, other than classrooms being the only exception. Dr. Mercatante explained that outside activities do not require a mask, unless there is not a way to follow the 6 foot social distancing rule. She also explained that if a person is fully vaccinated a mask is not required. She did discuss that it is difficult to identify who is vaccinated and not wearing a mask. She expressed that the CDC guidance is for personal guidance and not business. MIOSHA still requires every employee and person served to wear a mask regardless of being fully vaccinated. She explained that even if a person has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, they still must wear a mask but do not need to quarantine if exposed. She explained to have proof a person has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days would be to get a note from a Physician with a diagnostic test. She discussed that it is still unknown what level of antibodies provide a level of protection or how long.

Ms. Debra Johnson announced that based on the CSCB survey monkey results that Hunter Hospitality House and The Blue Water Chamber have been 100% vaccinated. Lake Huron Medical Center is over 70% vaccinated, and SCCCMHA is 70% vaccinated. She explained it is important to encourage and suggest everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Annette Mercatante explained that the number one concern she has seen is that people do not trust the vaccine because it is not FDA approved. She communicated that it has gone through all the proper processes of being safe and tested just at a more rapid pace. Dr. Mercatante declared that studies have shown the more rural and underprivileged communities have been effected more, and are less likely to get a vaccine than wealthier communities are. She expressed her concern that this is a population that needs to be looked at and helped. Ms. Johnson announced to everyone that SCCCMH is doing daily (M-F) walk-in Johnson & Johnson vaccines 9-4pm.

- B. CSCB Meeting Update-** Ms. Debra Johnson announced that there has been changes to the mask mandate and a hard copy of the new executive orders that were issued last week as well as the update for large group gatherings and for athletes was provided in the meeting packet.
- C. Vaccination/Testing/Information Sheet-** Ms. Amy Smith explained that this information sheet has all the testing and vaccination locations that are in the area. She asked that if anyone has anymore locations or information for this sheet to please send her any and all feedback so this document can stay up to date. This information sheet can be found on the SCCHD website, as well as the CSCB website.

VI. Emerging Issues

- A. DHHS Family Supports** Ms. Michelle Caringi explained there is a program that DHHS offers and is looking for referrals due to funding. This funding is for working adults, or individuals currently looking for work who have a minor child and have an active case open with DHHS or are willing to apply. This program helps with car repairs or car purchases. If an individual is looking to receive help in repairs their primary vehicle that helps them go to and from work, they may be eligible for \$900 towards the repair. Ms. Caringi expressed this is combined with MiWorks and the person asking for assistants is only eligible for repairs every 12 months. If an individual is looking for assistants in purchasing a car and meet all the requirements, they are eligible for up to \$4000 towards a new vehicle. This is also combined with MiWorks and is only available once. Another aid DFS offers is a \$50/month for

assistance with job search items such as interview clothes, gas money, transportation, etc. It was suggested that if any individuals are in need of these services to please call 844-464-3447 and leave a message regarding DFS Funding.

- B. Community Resource Fair-** Ms. Kathy Swantek announced the Community Resource Fair will be held on July 14, 2021 from 10a.m. to 1p.m. at St. Clair County Community College. She explained that it is going to be a drive thru event offering a mobile food drive and COVID-19 vaccines. She expressed that the first 500 people will be given personal care items along with resource bags. She asked that if any organizations would like to add a flyer/brochure along with a personalized company item to fill out the registration form and for everyone to share this information and help spread the knowledge of this event throughout the community. Ms. Sarah Herrle explained in more detail that there are three ways organizations can be involved. Each organization and business can 1) provide 500 flyers, 2) purchase an ad space in the Resource Guidebook, and 3) volunteer during the event. She explained that the purchasing of an ad is the main funding they receive for buying personal care items for each individual. She encouraged everyone to look and see if sponsoring this event is in their marketing budget and to help as much as they can.
- C. Privatization of the Public Mental Health System-** Ms. Debra Johnson expressed her concern about how on April 18th, 2021 a state Senate subcommittee approved a budget amendment from senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, from Clark Lake. Shirkey amendment stated the legislators would be to fully integrate the behavioral and physical systems under the health plans by Sept 30, 2020. She expressed the financial integration does not equal health integration as this proposal pretends it does. She encouraged everyone to contact their legislator and speak out about the ramifications of this potential change. She also stated that SCCCMH created a sample letter that can be used as a template to personalize.

VII. CSCB Updates

A. Steering Committee

Ms. Debra Johnson reviewed the 2020 expense report for the CSCB. This report identifies how much money was collected in dues as well as how the funds are spent. It was noted that in March Ms. Amy Smith began to work full time with the CSCB to not only manage the regular task, but to work more closely with and be a liaison between the CSCB and the Office of Emergency Management/EOC. She explained this would include assisting with the shelters and the creation of the temporary emergency shelter, the pop-up mobile food pantry list, the development of the Pandemic Response Team, creating and populating the new CSCB website, etc. Ms. Johnson stated that CSCB was 13,000 overspent and CMH did cover those costs. Ms. Johnson expressed that this document is intended to help with the transparency of the CSCB and how funds are spent.

B. Workgroup Updates

- a. Early Childhood-**Ms. Riley Alley gave a brief update on the Early Childhood Workgroup. She stated on June 3rd they have a virtual preschool round up and are looking for parents who need help registering or have any questions. This is for any families that are looking for free preschool. They are going to start 'Great Start in the Park', visiting different parks in the county making in-person outreaches to get more

kids involved with preschool. She explained there were many family not participating in the program due to COVID-19 and not sending their child to school.

- b. Housing Workgroup-** Ms. Kathy Swantek expressed their main goal right now is working on the Community Resource fair. She also explained the new strategic plan goals for the Housing Workgroup. The goals they are now working on include: 1) eviction diversion, the goal of keeping people housed not homeless and has already helped over 200-300 people, and 2) affordable housing. There is a new program called CERA that can help with rental and utility assistance. To apply call Blue Water Community Action or go online and fill out an application.
- c. Opioid Executive Oversight Committee-** Ms. Debra Johnson announced that at the last meeting it was decided that it was time for this group to disband. Although the Substance Use Treatment Committee and the SPEAK Committee will continue to meet. Progress from these two groups will be shared at the Steering Committee level for now and then brought to this group as appropriate.
- d. Adolescent Services Workgroup-** Ms. Karen Pelka expressed that is workgroup has been working on 5 major goals, with one goal being a resource list. She explained it is a 4 page document that can be handed out so at different events individuals in the community can have access to information on adolescent services. She explained there is a QR code on it that also bring to a website to give out links. She stated it will up and ready by mid-August. Ms. Amy Smith asked that if anyone knows of a program to please contact her and she will be able to add it to the document.
- e. Business Resource Network-** Ms. Ann Austin explain that this is the newest workgroup among the other CSCB workgroups. This group is to help look at what services CSCB is providing and what programs are needed. She stated that they are currently looking for more people, especially people that look outside the box and can help bring value to employees. She stated that there is a survey going out soon in regards to childcare.

VIII. Additional Agenda Items- None at this time.

IX. Announcements

- A. May Series –** Ms. Debra Johnson announced that there is a free pandemic fatigue webinar available on Thursday May 20th, 2021 at 3:30p.m.-4:40p.m. Ms. Amy Smith will be present and will discuss pandemic fatigue, how to identify fatigue in self and in others, impact disruption on life dynamics, role of flexibility and boundaries, understanding emotions as a result of isolation and skill as well as strategies and supports to navigate pandemic fatigue. The presentations will also share a variety of community resources and information about the free St. Clair County COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team available to the community.
- B. Events/Fundraisers –** Ms. Debra Johnson encourage the CSCB Full Body members to get any information about the events/fundraisers each organization has going on, to Ms. Amy Smith so everyone can be notified and help spread the word.
- C. KN95 Mask-** Ms. Kathy Swantek announced Blue Water Developmental Housing has many KN95 masked available for anyone is need of them.

Next Meeting:



D. Adjournment

With no further business to address, Ms. Debra Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Bethany Murdick
Recording Secretary

Debra Johnson
Chair