

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



"...leading the way in the development of services to meet the needs of the community."



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Deb Johnson, Chair, St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body

During 2021, the Blue Water community faced increasingly complex challenges as new public needs came to the forefront. As a result, the combined efforts of local businesses, public organizations, and non-profit organizations was never more important. As we have done for over thirty years, the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) responded by identifying common areas of interest, developing collaborative relationships and initiatives to create tangible positive outcomes, all the while utilizing financial resources as effectively as possible and playing to each organization's individual strengths.

There is energy, strength, and power when people come together, united in a common purpose. This is something we all intuitively know when we are young but can be forgotten as we grow older. Thankfully, it is something that the member organizations of the CSCB, and the frontline workers in each organization, never forgot as we came together to discuss, solve, and resolve the hard issues that faced our community. Doing so meant remaining idealistic, motivated, and focused. It meant giving the extra mile every day, sometimes in the face of apathy, ignorance, and even resistance by the larger community. It meant making the extra effort, the special gesture, creating one-on-one life changing experiences for those in need, out of a genuine concern for others. It meant being passionate about doing meaningful work, the kind of work that can help create meaning in other people's lives. During 2021, this attitude was reflected throughout the member organizations of the CSCB, from leadership to frontline workers, allowing us all to Rise Above Together. More importantly, it has allowed our fellow Blue Water citizens, whose lives we strive to help improve, to rise as well. If there was ever any doubt in anyone's mind as to the necessary role the CSCB plays in our community, the last 20 COVID-months have put that doubt to rest. As attested to in this annual report, the individual and collaborative work of our members is irreplaceable for our community. As we greet 2022, let us do so with optimism and a common sense of purpose, continuing to Rise Above Together.

2021 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AWARD



Scott Crawford is a perfect combination of dedication, compassion, and tireless energy. For over 27 years, since he joined the Council on Aging as an Outreach Worker in 1994, he has worked to enhance the lives of countless Blue Water residents. A Senior Center Supervisor for almost 20 years and Executive Director since 2015, his industrious and diligent nature has served as an example to everyone who knows him and a blessing to area seniors, for whom his commitment has never wavered.

Scott is also a great partner, as anyone in the CSCB who has worked with him can attest. As a way to help protect vulnerable seniors during COVID, Scott worked closely with the SCC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the SCC Health Department to get seniors registered for COVID vaccinations as well as hosting clinics at senior centers, providing transportation to clinics, and coordinating in-home vaccinations for homebound seniors. Under his direction, the Council on Aging organized outreach efforts to ensure the Senior Mileage would pass, thus securing important funding for several county agencies that serve older adults.

Scott also ensures that the Council on Aging is well represented on a variety of community projects and committees that include the Census 2020 Committee, SCC Suicide Prevention Committee, Housing & Support Services Workgroup, Community Resource Fair, VNA Advisory Council, Michigan Adult Day Service Association, Michigan Association of Nutrition and Service Providers, and the SC4 Human Services Advisory Committee.

Scott's commitment to our community doesn't stop at 5 o'clock. He has lent his services to a plethora of area boards, serving as a board member for the SCC Consortium on Aging – Chair (2015 – current), Michigan Directors of Services to the Aging, Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency, St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (Vice Chair), Blue Water Area Transportation Local Advisory Committee, YMCA Board of Directors, Marwood Nursing and Rehab Board of Directors, BWIP Work Group, Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee (2013 to current), Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Senior Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors (2010 to current), and Michigan Association of Senior Centers Board of Directors (2009 to current).

In recognition of lifetime commitment to the people of St. Clair County, his unceasing enthusiasm and positive example, the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body is proud to name Scott Crawford the 2021 Community Collaborative Award winner.



COLLABORATION & CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

The effort to combat the impact of COVID-19 continues as organizations adjust to the new normal.

Nearly two years into the global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus, the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) marks 37 years of working collaboratively to address needs and service gaps in our community. The way of doing business may look different, however the spirit of working together, collaborating and coordinating, forging new partnerships and taking on new endeavors, remains unchanged. These past 20 months have been challenging for so many. In St. Clair County, the CSCB members have worked hard to continue to be a mainstay of support for people in need, provide accurate and up-to-date information, and cultivate partnerships at every opportunity. While keeping the issues of the day in mind, we do envision post-pandemic life where we are on the other side, stronger and better equipped with the versatility to meet any future challenges.

LEADING THE CHARGE



When the Declaration of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Whitmer was declared on March 10, 2020, and the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners declaration of a county disaster, the SCC Emergency Operations Center (EOC) became operational. The EOC lead by SCC Homeland Security / Emergency Management and the St. Clair County Health Department have continued to orchestrate our counties response to this pandemic. Hundreds of meetings have occurred to help promote a collaborative response to issues that arise and address gaps that are identified. The CSCB and it's members have been involved with many of these meetings to help address our county's response to COVID-19, ensuring consistent, current, and accurate information was disseminated to area businesses and organizations. Throughout the past two years, COVID updates became a standing agenda item for both Steering Committee and CSCB Full Body meetings, keeping this issue in the forefront of the collaborative work being done. The EOC continues today to be a source of supplies, local data, problem solving, and a sense of direction as we work to maneuver through this pandemic.

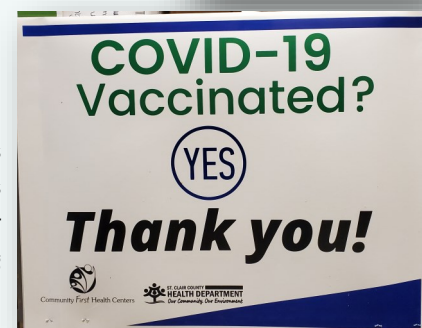
TAKING A SHOT

The whole country watched the footage in the early morning hours of trucks rolling away from the pharmaceutical manufacturing sites, some right here in Michigan, carrying the first doses of the COVID vaccine to hospitals, health centers, and pharmacies. With weeks of careful planning and preparation under their belts, the EOC was ready for vaccine distribution as soon as shipments began arriving in St. Clair County. With the Health Department taking up the lead, Lake Huron Medical Center, McLaren Port Huron, Community First Health Centers, and the Visiting Nurse Association volunteered to work with the EOC to begin widespread vaccine distribution. As the vaccines were made available to the various priority rankings, information on vaccine appointments, testing sites and other Covid-19 information were regularly distributed. The St. Clair County Health Department continued hosting "Facebook Live" weekly sessions with various guests to share updates on the pandemic and answer questions from viewers. In-home vaccinations were made available for vulnerable populations when getting to a community clinic or a pharmacy was not an option. When transportation was identified as a barrier for getting a vaccination, The Council on Aging and Blue Water Transit offered to assist CSCB members hosted additional vaccination clinics to ensure employees, clients and family members had the opportunity to receive the vaccine in a convenient setting. Special CSCB meetings were held to brainstorm ways to promote vaccinations to help St. Clair County reach "herd immunity".



BUSINESS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

A special committee was formed by Blue Meets Green to develop resources for the business community as they navigated the impact of COVID in their workplaces. A special focus of this committee was to help ensure that early on businesses could get access to COVID vaccinations for employees that wanted them. In addition, this group took on marketing vaccine availability, promoting vaccine-positive information. Billboards and yard signs were created as part of this marketing plan



and many CSCB members helped the marketing campaign by placing them in front of their businesses. Creative incentives and partnership were developed as a way to encourage vaccine use. One example is a partnership between the Health Department, St. Clair County Community Mental Health, and the YMCA that offers free 3-month family passes to the Y for anyone newly vaccinated at the Health Department or CMH.

GOING VIRTUAL



As a way of continuing the work of the CSCB, many CSCB meetings have been conducted virtually. Although there were some initial challenges, adding a virtual component has become a normal way of doing business for many of our member organizations. Several CSCB workgroups continue to meet virtually, or with a hybrid format, with a few meeting totally in-person. With the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order requiring meetings to be held virtually, the CSCB faced questions of whether or not the Open Meetings Act of 1985 applies to the CSCB. With legal counsel, it was determined that since the CSCB is not a legal entity, the Open Meeting Act does not apply. This clarification has resulted in changing the

CSCB Operational Guidelines and the annual Memorandum of Understanding to better align with current practices. Moving forward, meetings are open to the public, except those meetings which share HIPAA protected information: such as the Child Death Review and Wraparound. Anyone who is interested in attending a meeting under the CSCB umbrella, may contact the CSCB Planning Office for meeting dates, times, and virtual links, or visit the CSCB website.

Another annual event that adopted a virtual format was the Community Baby Shower. The planning committee used videos and other media provided by participating agencies and posted them on the 2021 Community Baby Shower event page. The vendors could interact with participants in real time, answering their questions and sharing additional information and resources. We had 125 moms register and join the Facebook event. Videos and flyers were shared every 15 minutes from 9 am - 4 pm on the day of the event for parents to read or watch, for a total of 28 resources shared. Each post averaged 30-60 comments. All moms received a goodie bag filled with resources, a handmade blanket and hat/bib, a literacy bag including a book, bath letters, teether, milestone tracker, and bib, first aid kit, Band-Aids, pen, lip balm, free YMCA pass, and more.

The Recovery Summit, previously called the Opioid and Other Drugs Summit, kicked off its second year as a virtual event providing continuing education opportunities as well as general information to St. Clair County professionals and the community alike. Spearheaded by St. Clair County Community Mental Health, the Treatment and Recovery Subcommittee provided valuable information and insight on speakers and session topics. Fifteen different webinars were hosted throughout September, which is National Recovery Month.



DRIVING PROGRESS WITH CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

The St. Clair County Community Resource Fair has been an annual project of the Housing & Support Services Workgroup for 13 years. The Community Resource Fair is an event designed to help people address multiple needs at one time by bringing together multiple service providers into one location. After being cancelled in 2020, the committee was determined to find a safe and healthy way to offer this event this year. Partnering with St. Clair County Community College once again, the date was moved from May to July and the event was held as a drive through event with all the required safety guidelines and protocols in place. As a result:

- 421 households registered, which equaled 1,098 persons
- 225 vehicles drove through
- 25 individuals walked up
- 500 Personal Care Bags were distributed
- 470 Resource Bags were given out
- Early childhood books were distributed to families who had young children
- 11 COVID vaccinations were given
- A semi-truck of food (24,748 pounds) which included: cabbage, carrots, grapes, grapefruit, mild, eggs, cottage cheese, assorted meats, cereal, baked goods, and other pantry staples, was distributed
- People were from 13 different SCC zip codes participated



Also held as a drive through event this year was the annual Backpack Giveaway, hosted by Blue Water Community Action. In total, 1,222 backpacks were distributed that contained all the necessary school supplies from preschool through high school. On August 11th, events were held in Port Huron at Blue Water Community Action and in Capac at the Capac Elementary School. On August 12th the East China area distribution was at the East China School Administration Building and on August 24th in the Yale area at Yale Elementary School.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS PREVENT HOMELESSNESS



An outcome of COVID was that there was a moratorium in place preventing landlords from evicting anyone who was not able to pay rent. Once the moratorium lifted in summer of 2021, funding from the CARES Act was provided to communities to create an Eviction Diversion Program. Partnering for this project in St. Clair County was Blue Water Community Action, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan, and the St. Clair County Probate Court and Court Administrator. The first generation of the Eviction Diversion Program began in August and ended in December 2020. In that time this program helped 203 families stay in their homes at a cost of \$621,991. In January, funding was renewed and an expanded service model, a similar program was launched called the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program. The Port Huron Landlords Association was included in the membership. As of October 30, 2021, a total of \$2,067,523 has been spent assisting 294 households at an average of \$7,032 per household. Financial assistance can include rent arrearage, late fees, court costs, 3 months future rent with an additional 3 months if still income eligible, utility assistance with a credit available, and \$300 towards internet access for those that already had it. The grant award total to date is \$5,218,539. Referrals must go through the Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) through Blue Water Community Action. Reporting for this program is a regular agenda item for the Housing & Support Services Workgroup to help with information flow, as well as to provide additional supports when possible. For more information on this collaborative, contact the HARA at Blue Water Community Action.

FEEDING THE NEED

Making sure individuals and families in need have consistent access to food continues to be an area of focus for the CSCB and many member organizations during the pandemic. Many people impacted by job loss, benefit loss, hour reductions and temporary furlough have not needed to tap into these community resource before. The CSCB Planning Office continued to update and share information on the Pop-up Mobile Food Pantry events that were held in St. Clair County. These events are sponsored by an area organization, distributing food supplied by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and they continue to be important supplement for people who live in areas with lower access to fresh foods, those with transportation barriers, as well as those who struggle financially to make ends meet. The update listing is shared with various outreach organizations, United Way 2-1-1, the CSCB membership and on the CSCB website.



PREVENTING SUICIDE

During the nearly two years of the pandemic, the number of deaths by suicide have increased nationally. For the past three years, the rate of deaths by suicide have also increased in St. Clair County. As a result, the Suicide Prevention Committee has had an even greater commitment to awareness and prevention efforts. This year a billboard campaign was implemented with the tagline "You Are Not Alone" and included the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. New marketing material was created such as, a wallet card and magnet listing local and nation resources for crisis support, as well as buttons, keychains, shirts, both to raise awareness and give information to where help is available. Additional wallet cards were created to share information about the Survivor of Suicide Support Group, making it easy to keep this information in hand and to discreetly share it with others who may need it. These materials are available to be placed anywhere in the community. Please consider helping the Suicide Prevention Committee distribute this information at your organization. Contact the CSCB Planning Office if interested in receiving any of these materials.

The 2021 Walk 2 Remember Walk 2 Prevent was held on October 10th at East China Park. This annual event raises funds that support all the prevention and awareness activities that the Suicide Prevention Committee undertakes, such as the "You Are Not Alone" marketing campaign. This event also serves as an important place for survivors of suicide loss to come together, support one another and remember their loved ones.



CONTINUED SUPPORT

While many strides have been made, COVID-19 will continue to impact daily life for many months to come. Schools, businesses, healthcare organizations and the community will continue to rely on our support. Here are some important resources:

PANDEMIC RESPONSE TEAM

The COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team is made up of a variety of peers and professionals who have been trained to provide support to employees in any field who are returning to work or continuing to work during the pandemic. These sessions are confidential and intended to support employees through the pandemic. The goals are:

- To allow employees to talk together about how they have been affected by the pandemic.
- To provide support and education regarding normal stress reactions to a traumatic event and the importance of self-care and support for co-workers.
- To expedite recovery and to keep employees performing at their best, minimize absenteeism, and maintain a solid workforce.

For more information and to schedule a FREE session for your business or organization, contact:

Amy Smith, St. Clair County Community Mental Health

asmith@scccmh.org, cell phone: 810-650-8737 or

at SCCCMH (810) 985-8900

Mark White, Emergency Operations Center

mwhite@stclaircounty.org, office phone 810-989-6965

ST. CLAIR COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in March in response to Governor Whitmer's State of Emergency declaration in 2020. Besides the duties of functioning as the EOC when activated, the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Management continues to share

information with the public on the all matters of health and safety that may affect county residents. Follow their website:

www.bereadystclaircounty.org and Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/BeReadyStClairCounty.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY UNITED WAY 211

The United Way of St. Clair County plays an important role in helping residents connect with resources when they need them most through the 211 helpline. The state-wide database can be utilized by local residents and anyone else in the state of Michigan.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The St. Clair County Health Department continues to be at the forefront of all public health situations in St. Clair county, including the COVID-19 Pandemic. Through their website you can access a data dashboard for the county that provides up to date case count information, vaccine information and locations, testing sites and criteria, guidelines from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, guidance for businesses/employees, and much more. Their social media accounts provide information weekly Facebook Live sessions to help to answer questions from community members, dispel rumors, and make sure residents have the information they need to keep themselves healthy and well.

St. Clair County Health Department COVID-19 Hotline:

(810) 966-4163

Monday 10:00am-6:30pm, Tuesday - Friday 8 am-4:30pm

E-mail: covid19@stclaircounty.org

Web: www.scchealth.co/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/scchdmi

Instagram: @scchdmi

MORE RESOURCES FOR COVID VACCINE INFORMATION:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID Hotline: (888) 535-6136

The Centers for Disease Control

Web: www.vaccines.gov/

This site helps people find the latest information on COVID-19 vaccine availability at certain providers and pharmacies. For each location, the website displays types of COVID-19 vaccines available, website or phone number to take the next step to get vaccinated and hours of operation. Also listed are current guidelines for COVID booster shots.



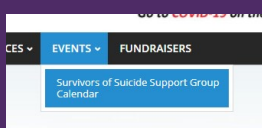
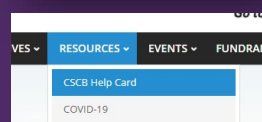
CENTRALIZING INFORMATION: CSCB WEBSITE



For more information:
Go to COVID-19 on the Resources Menu

The St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body maintains a website to help area residents, businesses and service providers find up to date information on community resources and initiatives that are actively working to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls St. Clair County home. Below is a sampling of the information that can be found on the website:

- Food distribution sites
- COVID Testing locations and criteria
- Housing information, including shelters and links to eviction and foreclosure prevention resources
- Links for help with unemployment applications
- List of childcare centers
- Resources for small businesses
- Lists of medical and mental health resources, including COVID Support Line information
- Links to the St. Clair County Health Department for up-to-date county information



In addition to COVID information, the CSCB website contains information specific to each workgroup, including workgroup mission and goals, membership lists, contact information, meeting calendars, minutes, agendas and other materials specific to each group. Information about CSCB Associated Initiatives can also be found on the website to help the broader community learn more about other collaborative efforts happening in St. Clair County.

The events tab lists upcoming CSCB events as well as community events that members request to share.

The St. Clair County Help Card, one of the CSCB's most frequently used resources, can be found under the Resource tab. The new version will be uploaded each time updates are made.

BY THE NUMBERS:

During 2021, the CSCB Website had 5,799 users totally 7,177 sessions, or visits to the website. There were 13,018 page views total, with the users on average viewing 1.81 pages per session. Users spent on average 58 seconds viewing information.

CHECK IT OUT:

 www.cscbinfo.org

 facebook.com/sccscsb

Help us keep this information current! If you have information to share on the website or Facebook page, please send it to Amy Smith at asmith@scccmh.org.

HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson: Kathy Swantek, Blue Water Developmental Housing

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Provide Community Education & Awareness regarding the issues of homelessness in St. Clair County
2. Work collaboratively to reduce the number of people struggling with homelessness in St. Clair County
3. Re-evaluate and update the St. Clair County Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness to coordinate with various federal, state and local requirements.

Identified Gap: Not enough affordable housing for all the families and individuals struggling with homelessness, and the housing options are very limited.



Collaboratively Accomplished:

- Annual Point in Time was conducted on January 27th, counting only people who were staying in a shelter. This count identified 13 total persons staying at Pathway and the Harbor for Youth - 6 adults, 7 children and 2 families.
- The Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) screened 169 people, assisted 10 families with Rapid Rehousing, and received 333 calls on the helpline from those experiencing homelessness since January 2021. Focus has been preventing evictions to avoid additional people becoming homeless.
- The 13th annual Community Resource Fair was held on July 14th as a drive-through event at St. Clair County Community College.
- Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act CV funds has funded hotel stays for people experiencing homelessness since January 2021, at the cost of \$11,056 for 24 people, including 5 children, for a total of 272 bed nights.
- Emergency Solutions Grant award from MSHDA totaled \$ 212,528 to be used for HARA supports, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention efforts, an increase of \$2,049 over last fiscal year.
- St. Clair County Eviction Diversion Program began in August 2020. This program has helped 203 individuals stay in their homes at a cost of \$621,991. In January the name of the program was changed to CERA Program. SCC was granted an additional \$5,218,539 and to date has served 306 individuals with initial help and 41 people with additional assistance; an average of \$7,190 per household.
- The Workgroup updated and endorsed the 2021-2022 Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness in May.

ADOLESCENT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson: Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Develop comprehensive list of existing resources to support children, their families and providers serving those 8 – 18 years of age
2. Identify gaps in services based on survey data / needs assessment data
3. Help support development of needed programs as identified through needs assessment process
4. Develop county-wide Speakers Bureau listing
5. Plan and execute Resource Fair for providers and possibly families

Collaboratively Accomplished:

- Adolescent Resource Guide has been developed in an electronic version using a QR code. It is a living document and can be updated at any point in time so users will have the current information. This document was shared at the Community Resource Fair, with all school districts in time for the start of the school year, as well as the CSCB membership. The committee continues to revisit this document to identify additional supports to be included on it.
- A comprehensive speaker's bureau has been created on a variety of adolescent topics and is available to any group, committee, parents, or school that would be interested and request a topic county-wide.
- Work has been underway to expand the workgroup membership to be more inclusive of all types of adolescent services.
- Discussions have begun on the best way to offer a Resource Fair for families & professionals. The target date is to offer such an event in 2022.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

Chairperson: Julie Pemberton, Blue Water Community Action

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Early childhood services / programs are reaching and engaging all families in need of support / early childhood programming and information.
2. Increase the number of families receiving accurate and supportive information and resources.
3. Increase access to high quality early care and education services and supports.
4. Children in St. Clair County have access to early literacy services that are of high quality
5. Families will have access to programs, services and resources needed to fully participate in their child's early development and learning.

Identified Gap: Childcare Crisis, which is a priority of this committee! New partnerships are being develop to try and create new options to this gap.



Collaboratively Accomplished:

- The number of referrals increased within the HUB. 998 Referrals were made between 10/1 and 9/30/21. Pregnant women made up 46% of the referrals.
- Partnership with McLaren Port Huron continues with social worker providing early childhood literacy bags that includes information about programs in St. Clair County to all new moms.
- The Community Baby Shower was held in 2020 and 2021 as a virtual event. New moms were given a variety of information and provided the opportunity to ask questions.
- The GSRP Facebook group reached 267 members and had regular communication with them throughout the year. Of the members, over 92% are actively engaging with daily posts. There were 411 posts made this year.
- The group created and posted four Talking is Teaching videos to give families real life examples of how to build their children's literacy skills and create strong attachments.
- The GSC participated in a statewide preschool campaign pilot from March – August, that provided new marketing materials to inform parents about preschool options. A virtual preschool roundup was held to give parents information on options including for children with developmental disabilities.
- The Great Start Parent Coalition hosted a book drive in February, collecting over 4,000 books. These books were distributed to local childcare programs, preschool classrooms, elementary classrooms and Little Free Libraries. Over 3,000 books were distributed back out to classrooms and families.
- A Trusted Advisor has reached over 1,000 families at different events throughout the county.
- The Great Start Collaborative voted to approve becoming a "Help Me Grow" affiliate.

BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK

Chairperson Ann Austin, Michigan WORKS! Macomb /St. Clair

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. To work with people who are not able to secure employment, obtain employment
2. Assist those who have difficulty maintaining employment to be able to stay working
3. Work with employers to help address identified barriers to employee retention
4. Work to facilitate solutions to barriers to sustainable employment where none exist within the community

Collaboratively Accomplished:

- Reviewed state-wide Business Resource Networks with particular focus on the daycare crisis
- Worked on plans to hold a variety of focus groups to gather accurate information from the ground up. Created questions and content for the focus groups.
- Due to a large re-organization at Michigan WORKS, the committee's work has been on hold since the May meeting and currently is awaiting decisions regarding focus

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Decrease the percentage of high school students in St. Clair County (SCC) who report using alcohol in the past 3- days by 25% by 2024.
2. Decrease the percentage of high school students in SCC who report that using marijuana once or twice each week is “no risk” or “slight risk” by 20% by 2024.
3. Decrease the percentage of high school students in SCC who report having used an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days to 25% by 2024 (from 32% - 24%) .
4. Reduce opioid misuse among adults in SCC.
5. Enhance capacity of the SPEAK Coalition to implement the strategic plan.

Collaboratively Accomplished:

- SPEAK – Substance Prevention through Early Awareness and Knowledge
- Virtual Youth Trivia Nights – 9 events
- In Person Youth Night at the YMCA
- SPEAK Up! Video Series featuring various substance use topics – 15 videos
- Alternative Activity videos throughout St. Clair County – 20 videos
- Parent’s Perspective videos geared towards parent/caregiver topics – 29 videos
- Partner Series videos highlighting 6 local agencies
- Youth Virtual Scavenger Hunt – More than 70 youth participated and submitted 562 missions
- Youth Education – Vaping, SCORE SPEAK Presentations, and PHN Presentations with BWROC
- SPEAK Youth Advisory Council formed

TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE OF OPIOID EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Deb Walbecq , DHHS & Ken Heuvelman, Odyssey House

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Identify the current resources operating to address Substance abuse in St. Clair County.
2. Identify the gaps in the current treatment and community resources for individuals with Substance Use Disorder and those in recovery.
3. Identify strategies to address identified gaps and provide recommendations to the Executive Oversight Committee.
4. Assess effectiveness of efforts in the community to combat the substance use crisis.

Collaboratively Accomplished:

- Expanded membership to include the various recovery community providers, support networks, and other community organizations to raise awareness to services and gaps.
- Collaboration between community organizations has created new partnerships to address gaps and access to treatment and recovery resources.
- Expanded the scope of the subcommittee to discuss treatment options and needs beyond opioids, due to the scope of addiction in the community. Identified a community gaps for adolescent treatment services.
- Recommended the development of a central intake system (Recovery HUB) for any questions or requests for treatment for anyone in the community. Any call could be connected with a peer coach to help navigate system and ensure support is available for any individual needing treatment and support for their recovery. Funding and an organization administrator has not been identified and therefore the RHUB is currently at a standstill.
- Have supported agency members to expand treatment services as requested.
- Moving forward the workgroup will be renamed “Substance Use- Prevention, Treatment & Recovery”. Anyone interested in working on issues of substance use to join the newly re-organized workgroup to move this issue forward into the community



ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

For more information on CSCB Associated Initiatives, visit www.cscbinfo.org

CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM:

- Mission: To understand how and why children die in St Clair County, in order to take action to prevent other child deaths.
- Reviewed 13 cases in 2020 (8 natural deaths, 1 homicide, 4 undetermined)
- The team has met twice in 2021, reviewing 9 cases to date
- Continuing trend of infant deaths related to unsafe sleep situations. Also seeing infant deaths related to drug overdose/ingestion. This is new a new issue but occurred on at least two occasions.

DEMENTIA/ ALZHEIMER'S RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- The Dementia/ Alzheimer's Resource Committee supports caregivers and individuals living with dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Six respite grants for a total of \$4,000.00 were funded and five additional grants are still open and in process for 2021.
- In October, Deb Johnson was elected as chair of this committee, and recruitment for new membership has begun.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES:

- Meets monthly at YMCA, currently via Zoom with around 30 members
- Promoted National Get Fit Don't Sit Day
- Shared tips on how to do Zoom calls
- Sharing and dissemination of information regarding virtual programming, food distribution sites, vaccinations, community needs with the pandemic

OFFENDER SUCCESS:

- Statewide strategic approach to create safer neighborhoods through the delivery of a seamless plan of services.
- All services are delivered in collaboration with state & local agencies to provide the tools necessary for returning citizens to successful transition into the community.
- 96 returning citizens received services through Offender Success in FY 21.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

- Collected local data on suicide attempts and completions, looking for trends to aid in prevention efforts.
- Began a variety of larger scale marketing campaigns
- Suicide Prevention training provided to many area organizations
- The SOS Support Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month
- Walk2Remember Walk2Prevent Suicide was held on 10/10/21

WRAPAROUND:

- 2 Full-Time Wraparound Coordinators.
- 43 families served in FY 21, 19 kids successfully exited from the program.
- Eligibility: St. Clair County children 0-17, multiple system involvement, Severe Emotional Disturbance diagnosis, risk of out-of-home placement, Severe Functional Impairment as measured by the CAFAS.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM (CISM):

- Collaboration between Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management & St. Clair County Community Mental Health.
- Members are trained in the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) model.
- The CISM Team conducted 13 Interventions in FY 21, for human services agencies, first responders, and businesses.
- The Pandemic Response Team an off-shoot of the CISM completed 5 interventions in FY 21 (See page 6 for more information).

2021 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

A Beautiful Me, Area Agency on Aging, Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce, Blue Water Area Transportation Commission, Blue Water Center for Independent Living, Blue Water Community Action, Blue Water Developmental Housing, Blue Water Habitat for Humanity, **Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center**, Blue Water Safe Horizons, Bridge Builders Counseling and Mentoring, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, Citizen Representatives Juanita Gittings, **Robert Furtado**, Terry Krueger, Michael McCartan, City of Port Huron, Colonial Woods Christian Counseling Center, Community Enterprises of St. Clair County, Community First Health Centers, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, Ennis Center for Children, Goodwill of St. Clair County, Harbor Impact Ministries, Harbor Oaks Hospital, Hunter Hospitality House, IMPACT, Innovative Housing Development Cooperation, Lake Huron Medical Center, Lake Huron Physician PHO, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, Macomb/St. Clair Employment and Training Agency, Marysville Department of Public Safety, McLaren Port Huron, Michigan State Police Lapeer Post, Mid-City Nutrition, MSU-Extension Services of St. Clair County, NorServ Group, **Odyssey House of Port Huron**, Offender Success, Operation Transformation, People's Clinic for Better Health, Port Huron Area School District, **Port Huron Police Department**, Professional Counseling Center, Region 10 PIHP, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Spero Center, St. Clair County Administration, St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, St. Clair County 31st District Court Family Division, St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, St. Clair County Community College, St. Clair County Community Mental Health, St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, St. Clair County Department of Veteran's Affairs, St. Clair County Health Department, St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, St. Clair County Library System, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, St. Clair County Probate Court, St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, The Arc of St. Clair County, The Center of Port Huron, United Way of St. Clair County, Visiting Nurse Association/ Blue Water Hospice, YMCA of the Blue Water Area ****Bold denotes new member in 2021**

2021 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

