

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATING BODY  
July 21, 2021 MEETING  
Cancelled**

**Agenda**

**I. Welcome, Introductions**

**Deb Johnson**

Today's meeting has been cancelled for a variety of reasons: due to the International Parade in downtown Port Huron, the county building was closing at 2:20 p.m. In addition to the amount of construction in the downtown area and the parade route, it was difficult to find a meeting location that was large enough to meet safely in person. Once the decision was made to meet virtually, it was brought to our attention that the CSCB in our annual MOU agrees to follow the Open Meeting Act. This meant that we can no longer meet virtually because the executive orders have been lifted. The next meeting which is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> will be at McLaren Hospital, Charles Classroom. Please read the meeting highlights and if you have any questions about any of the agenda items, feel free to contact me.

**II. Agenda Changes**

**Deb Johnson**

There were many agenda changes prior to the meeting, below is what would have been in the packet.

**III. Acceptance of May 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Deb Johnson**

The May Minutes which are attached will be voted on at the September meeting.

**IV. Organizational Presentations (15 minutes)  
Odyssey House**

**Ken Heuvelman**

Odyssey House of Port Huron applied for CSCB membership and at the June Steering Committee was approved. Scott Crawford was going to present Odyssey House to this committee for final endorsement as part of the CSCB Steering Committee Update. Ken Heuvelman had agreed to make a presentation outlining his organization to familiarize members with it. Ken will be given the opportunity to present at the September meeting.

**V. Covid-19 Update (10 minutes)**

**Dr. Annette Mercatante**

Dr. Mercatante stated that the Covid rates are on the rise again as the result of the Delta Variance. Attached is a handout that she asked to be included in the packet. If you have any specific questions about anything covid related, please direct them to Dr. Mercatante or your medical professional.

**VI. Emerging Issues (10 minutes)**

**A. DHHS Team Decision Making**

Tracie Kress

Hope to be able to reschedule this presentation for September.

**VII. CSCB Updates (30 minutes)**

**Deb Johnson**

**A. Membership Endorsements**

**Scott Crawford**

There were two applications for membership to the CSCB reviewed during the June Steering Committee Meeting. The first was Odyssey House, which is a substance use provider in Port Huron. The second was a citizen application, Robert Furtado, who would represent individuals with disabilities. Both applications were accepted for membership and would have been in attendance at today's meeting. During the September meeting, we will ask the CSCB Full Body to endorse their membership.

**B. Steering Committee**

**Scott Crawford**

As part of the Steering Committee agenda, there was a MiCal presentation. MiCal is the newly developed MDHHS statewide call center for mental health or substance use disorders. This new call center is being operated by Turning Point in Oakland County and is being rolled out slowly by regions. Since St. Clair County is part of Region 10, it will be approximately two years before we are included in this new system. For St. Clair County CMH, it will mean that instead of using the after hour's crisis line, call will be

directed to MiCal. If you would be interested in having a copy of the power point that was shared at the Steering Committee, please contact Amy Smith. Otherwise as more information is available, we will share it with the CSCB Full Body.

## **C. Workgroup Updates**

### **a. Housing Workgroup**

**Kathy Swantek**

Last Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> was our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community Resource Fair. It was held at SC4 and was a drive through event. Most of the supports we offered in the past were included this year just in a different format. Instead of visiting the different vendor tables, we set up 5 stations. The first was a bag with all the agency resource information including the annual Resource Guide. Thank you to Sacred Heart for printing them all for us again this year. Second station was the hygiene bags: shampoo, cream rinse, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, etc. These supplies are paid for through the ads purchased for the Resource Guide. Third station was a bagged lunch provided by Mid-City Nutrition for everyone. We distributed 500 lunches. Station 4 was for early childhood information: pre-school enrollment and Literacy Library books for the vehicles that had preschool age children at home. The fifth was the various food stations and we gave away a full semi of food. Lastly Community First Health Center was stationed under a tent giving Covid vaccinations. In total we had 421 households and 1098 individuals. Thank you so much to each of the volunteers, organizations that supported this event and especially to the planning committee. It was truly a wonderful event that served so many people.

The annual Emergency Shelter Grant process is currently underway and St. Clair County allocation for this year is \$212,529. These funds are allocated to support the HARA, operated by Blue Water Community Action, Pathway Shelter, The Harbor as well as street outreach. The application to MSHDA is due July 30<sup>th</sup> as well as the Exhibit 1 that is required each year. In September we will present the total funding allocation to this body for endorsement.

### **b. Adolescent Services**

**Karen Palka**

Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the July meeting was moved to August 4<sup>rd</sup>. In the handouts is the Adolescent Resource Guide that the committee finished. This is a living document and will continually be updated. It is intended to be a resource for any adolescent service that is available in the community. It is accessible electronically and any resource listed can be accessed by the links and using the QR code. This document was provided as a resource in the Community Resource Fair bag for parents and families, it will be sent to all the schools for orientation, hopefully to put on their school websites and for school staff. It is also a good resource for human service professionals. If you have any additions, please feel free to email them to Amy Smith for inclusion in the next update. If you would like, or if you have staff that would be interested in joining our workgroup, the next meeting is Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at CMH.

### **c. Business Resource Network**

**Ann Austin**

The Business Resource Network is a statewide initiative led by MI Works Offices throughout the state. It is a new workgroup for SCC. We held our first meeting in March of this year. The purpose is to work on systemic issues that prevent people from applying for work, getting hired, and retaining employment. Workgroup membership includes non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, government organizations and eventually, members of the workforce. Childcare was identified as a huge issue in need of attention, and we know transportation and affordable decent housing also are barriers locally. During the May meeting, the workgroup decided to hold focus groups to help determine what people who struggle with employment or are unemployed have to say, versus the workgroup assuming that our understanding of them is correct. Focus groups also will be held with employers so they too will have a voice on their perspective of regarding these issues. A small subcommittee is working on creating the questions to be used and to set up locations for focus groups to be held. The workgroup will convene when the focus groups are finished. The information collected will help the workgroup develop goals and objectives to work toward. For more information on this workgroup or if you are interested in joining, contact either Ann Austin at MI Works or Amy Smith.

## d. Early Childhood

Riley Alley

Preschool:

- Great Start Readiness Programs across the county have openings for 4 year olds that are income eligible.
- Tuition Assistance - if you know a preschool age child that is not attending because they are over income for Free preschool (GSRP or Head Start) but still cannot afford tuition preschool, please contact me. We have tuition assistance available.
- We have a number of yard signs promoting free preschool. If you are able to put a sign in front of your organization, home or another high traffic area please let me know.

Home Visiting:

- Great Start Home Visiting is also enrolling new families.
- Early Learning Groups are starting face to face again outside. Watch our Facebook page for the pop up playgroups (FB - St. Clair County Great Start Collaborative)

Anyone interested in any of our programming can contact me: (810)455-4397 or

[greatstart@sccresa.org](mailto:greatstart@sccresa.org)

## e. Substance Use

- 1. Prevention** – the SPEAK Coalition held Teen Trivia nights and a scavenger hunt for participants. They have decided not to meet during the summer, however have sent out a survey to members to help with planning for the fall. This group is focusing on substance use prevention for adolescents and is led by the Health Department. For more information or to join this committee, contact Sarah Griffin at the Health Department
- 2. Treatment** – this committee is continuing to work on treatment gaps in the community. They have identified adolescent substance use treatment as a focus area. They are working with CMH to help host a second drug summit this fall.

## VIII. Additional Agenda Items

Deb Johnson

### A. Harbor Impact Ministries

Barbara Hanneke

There are changes to Harbor Impact Ministries – please see attached flier and if able, attend their open house. Contact Barbara Hanneke for more information.

### B. Back to School Back Pack Giveaway

Melinda Johnson

The annual Back to School Back Pack Giveaway is fast approaching. See the handout in today's packet for dates and locations.

### C. Walk 2 Remember, Walk 2 Prevent

Amy Smith

October 10<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent at East China Park, sponsored by the SCC Suicide Prevention Committee. Attached are fliers. Please help to spread the word. Registration is available on the walk website.

### D. End of the Year CSCB Meeting

Planning needs to begin on the End of the Year CSCB Full Body Meeting. If you have heard any good speakers or know of a topic that members would like to listen / learn about, please forward any and all ideas to Amy Smith. This meeting is in November.

## IX. Announcements

Deb Johnson

There are numerous announcements attached as part of the meeting packet. Please review them.

## X. Next Meeting: September 15, 2021

Deb Johnson

This meeting will be held in person at McLaren Port Huron in the Charles Classroom.

## XI. Adjournment

Deb Johnson

**Vision:** All individuals and families in St. Clair County will live in a community that provides opportunities to achieve personal and economic wellness.

**Mission:** Members of the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) collaborate to strengthen our community and meet identified community needs.