

St. Clair County  
Community Services Coordinating Body  
End of Year Full Body Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

**Present:**

**Chair:** D. Johnson, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority; A Beautiful Me, K. Palka; Area Agency on Aging 1-B, S. Hall; Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc., L. Beedon; Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc., A. Bubel; Blue Water Habitat for Humanity, Inc., R. Yokom; Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center-BWROC, E. Webster; Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan, K. Burdick; Citizen Representative, K. Sawntek; Citizen Representative, M. McCartan; Citizen Representative, J. Gittings; City of Port Huron, P. Repp; City of Port Huron, J. Thomas; Colonial Wood Christian Counseling Center, L. Goetze; Community First Health Centers, D. Brejnak; Community First Health Centers, M. Baranowski; Community Foundation of St. Clair County, A. Sochor; Community Foundation of St. Clair County, K. Totty Sr.; Community Foundation of St. Clair County, L. Sheckler; Disability Network Eastern Michigan, C. Cook; Disability Network Eastern Michigan, C. Gerdemen; Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, K. Uroda; Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, T. Spencer; Harbor Impact Ministries, T. Schrader; Harbor Impact Ministries, S. Bednar; Harbor Impact Ministries, L. Hammond; Hunter Hospitality House, T. Willard; Lakeshore Legal Aid, C. Doppke; Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!, A. Austin; Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!, E. O'Brien; McLaren-Port Huron, K. DiNardo; NorServ Group, Ltd., C. Eveningred; Odyssey House, K. Heuvelman; Odyssey House, A. Fay; Operation Transformation, A. Seppo; Professional Counseling Center, C. McNaughton; Professional Counseling Center, L. Stoneburg; Professional Counseling Center, S. Visga; Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center, Inc., B. Schwerin; St. Clair County Community College, B. DiNardo; St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, A. Mayhew; St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, C. Paddock; St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, K. Gallagher; St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, S. Herrle; St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, M. Wojnarowicz; St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs, K. Beshears; St. Clair County Health Department, L. King; St. Clair County Health Department, J. Michaluk; St. Clair County Health Department, A. Nichols; St. Clair County Library System, M. Mercatante; St. Clair County Police Department, J. Platzer; St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, B. Gorinac; St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, R. Alley; St. Clair County Sheriff Department, Sheriff M. King; St. Clair County Sheriff Department, O. DeMoss; Port of Hopes, G. Mroz; Port of Hopes, R. Thick

**Staff Support:** B. Murdick – SCCCMHA

**I. Welcome, Introductions:**

Ms. Debra Johnson asked for everyone in the room to introduce themselves and state where they are from.

**II. Guest Speaker – Nora Condlan and Cindy Badley  
“We All Swim in the Same Pond” – Mosaic Project**

Ms. Nora Condlan explained her idea behind creating this piece of art, and that the intent is to bring the community together using creativity. She also spoke about how her life has been impacted by this

project. She expressed there is a 7' mixed-media wave mosaic piece between the Michigan Mutual and Community Foundation in Port Huron. She explained she is currently in the process of working with different organization throughout the community to make a mosaic fish piece for each individual organization. She provides classes and material. Price depends on size of each fish made. Ms. Condlan explained that the idea is to have the organizations that do participate have their fish facing the direction of the wave. Ms. Condlan went into detail on the different types of materials that can be used in order to make these pieces.

### **III. CSCB End of the Year Report**

Ms. Debra Johnson referred members to the packet for this meeting. She directed everyone to the updated CSCB Organization Chart. She noted that new members for 2023 includes Autism Systems, Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, and Offender Success. Ms. Johnson welcomed each new member. Ms. Johnson also explained the Homeless Shelter Ad-Hoc Committee have been meeting since early this year as a group of community key stakeholders. They have been meeting to create an overflow shelter for people struggling with homeless. This group has continued to meet therefore, the Steering Committee agreed to add them to the org chart as an ad-hoc committee. This group is currently finalizing plans to create a temporary shelter for this winter. The goal of this temporary shelter is too have it open December 2022-April 2023. The intent is to secure a permanent location that will be up and operational next year. At the October Steering Committee meeting the group endorsed including the Overdose Fatality Review team as an associated initiative starting next year. Ms. Johnson explained the purpose of this new group is to review the circumstance surrounding the lives of people who dies by overdose with the intent of preventing others from doing the same.

Ms. Debra Johnson noted in the packets is the 2022 Annual Report. This year's theme is "Connection + Communication = A Stronger Community" She expressed that the annual report began in 2019 and this year's edition has a focus on CSCB collaborative efforts that have occurred as we have emerged from the post pandemic era. Highlighted is the great work completed by each workgroups and a brief summary from each associated initiative. If anyone is interested in having more copies of the annual report, please let Amy Smith know. We would love to have members share them with others throughout the county and the state to highlight the great collaborative work we engage in here is St. Clair County.

Lastly, Ms. Johnson directed members to the section with all the meeting calendars for 2023. Ms. Johnson also reminded everyone of the CSCB website and stated that much of the CSCB information is posted there.

### **IV. CSCB Workgroup Reports**

#### **a. Adolescent Services**

Ms. Karen Palka noted there was a resource guide created highlighting services for adolescents. The directory is for adolescents, families and professionals. Using the QR code, it will direct a person to the most current document. Ms. Palka stated that the workgroup is currently re-assessing it's goals and is also looking to expand membership.

#### **b. Business Resource Network**

Ms. Ann Austin explained the workgroup is currently looking at the barriers of successful employment. She explained that Childcare is the most important. Ms. Austin noted they are going to look at Transportation and Housing next.

**c. Early Childhood**

Ms. Riley Alley noted there are currently 500,000 books in the imagination library being distributed to children in throughout St. Clair County. New this year is a story walk in Fort Gratiot park. . She also expressed that there is a large focus on more affordable Child Care.

**d. Housing & Support Services**

Ms. Kathy Swantek noted that Blue Water Community Action brought in 7.8 Million dollars into St. Clair County through Covid relief funding. A Housing Summit was held and was yesterday and was very successful. This workgroup continues to work toward addressing the crisis of safe affordable housing in our community.

**e. Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery**

Mr. Ken Heuvelman noted they are currently working to retrieve correct data and bring awareness to services and a spread of education to the community. He expressed that making a Facebook may help with collecting data and giving out information. Mr. Heuvelman also noted the workgroup is looking for more members.

**V. CSCB Community Collaborative Award**

Mr. Mike McCartan presented Ms. Debra Johnson with the 2022 CSCB Community Collaborative Award.

**VI. Election of Officers – Term 2023 – 2025**

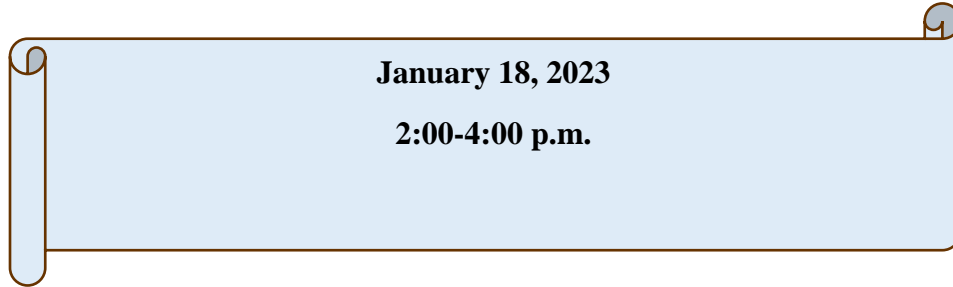
Ms. Kathy Swantek explained per the CSCB By-Laws, every three years at this meeting there is an election held to vote for chair and vice chair. These positions are for a 3-year commitment. Ms. Swantek explained the recommendations by the CSCB Steering Committee are: Chair Debra Johnson and Vice Chair Scott Crawford. Ms. Swantek stated she would entertained any nomination from the floor for either. Hearing none, Ms. Swantek asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Mr. Mike McCartan moved to approve the recommendations of chair and vice chair as presented, seconded by Ms. Juanita Gittings. **MOTION CARRIED**

**VII. Closing Remarks**

Ms. Debra Johnson asked for everyone to look at all the calendars provided and add the dates of each meeting into their calendar Ms. Johnson reminded everyone that the CSCB operates on a calendar year and in December the 2023 MOU's including an invoice will be sent out. Ms. Johnson asked for each member to sign the MOU, and mail back to CMH with a check for the appropriate dues based on St. Clair County budgets. She reported how the dues pay for the expenses to Conduct CSCB Business. Ms. Johnson also invited members to agree to showcase their organization in one of the 15-minute presentation per CSCB Full Body meetings. These presentations are part of the full body's strategic plan as a way to introduce member organizations to what various member organizations do.

Ms. Johnson thanked everyone for their continual support and belief in collaboration. She invited anyone to contact either herself, Scott Crawford or Amy Smith with any questions or concerns about the CSCB. She also encouraged members to recommend to other community partners who may not be members of the CSCB already to check us out. She wished members a happy and healthy holiday session.

**Next Meeting:**



**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Ms. Debra Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Bethany Murdick  
Recording Secretary

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Debra Johnson  
Chair