

St. Clair County
Community Services Coordinating Body
Full Body Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Present:

Chair: D. Johnson, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority;

Vice Chair: S. Crawford, The Council on Aging.;

K. Palka, A Beautiful Me; M. Johnson, Blue Water Community Action; E. Webster, Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center-BWROC; K. Burdick, Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan; B. Furtado, Citizen Representative; J. Gittings, Citizen Representative; K. Sawntek, Citizen Representative; D. Brejnak, Community First Health Centers; K. Jones, EDA; B. Hanneke, Harbor Impact Ministries; J. Baarck, Harbor Impact Ministries; A. Austin, Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!; W. Nordin, Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!; E. O'Brien, Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!; K. DiNardo, McLaren-Port Huron; C. Eveningred, NorServ Group, Ltd.; K. Heuvelman, Odyssey House; A. Fay, Odyssey House; A. Seppo, Operation Transformation; L. Stoneburg, Professional Counseling Center; J. MacDonald, Spero Pregnancy Center; L. Chogo, St. Clair County Child Abuse & Neglect Council; B. DiNardo, St. Clair County Community College; M. Wojnarowicz, St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services; J. Michaluk, St. Clair County Health Department; M. Mercatante, St. Clair County Library System; J. Platzer, St. Clair County Police Department; Sheriff M. King, St. Clair County Sheriff Department; B. Gillette, United Way of St. Clair County; J. Chapman, YMCA of the Blue Water Area;

Staff Support: J. Strickler– SCCCMHA

I. Welcome, Introductions:

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

II. Agenda Changes:

No agenda changes at this time.

III. Acceptance of July 2022 Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Debra Johnson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Ms. Kathy Swantek moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bob Furtado.

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IV. Organizational Presentations (30 minutes)

A. Odyssey House of Port Huron

Mr. Ken Heuvelman is the Clinical Coordinator of Outpatient SUD Treatment at the Odyssey House. He gave a brief presentation on the facility. The Odyssey House is located at 718 Griswold Street in Port Huron. It is publically funded and offers intensive outpatient services, groups, and peer services to people with substance use disorders or dual diagnoses. Additionally, it supports 2 recovery houses which offer 14 beds for women and children in need of transitional housing. It has future plans to expand its services to include a facility for men's transitional housing. They also offer a Mobile Overdose Response Team (MORT) which is partnered with Port Huron Police Department, and St. Clair Police Department. Odyssey Homes offer detox facilities, long term recovery housing available to whole families, Women's specialties services to assist women who are pregnant thru 3 years post-partum to remove barriers to treatment. Mr. Heuvelman also provided Naloxone to Members, and explained how to request more.

B. MDHHS

Ms. Misty Wojnarowicz presented information on St. Clair and Sanilac counties MDHHS Services which currently assist 40,233 residents. They have seen a significant increase in the services they offer since Covid and has been providing continued increased services as the community is still considered to be under a Public Health Emergency. Many cases will be closed at the time of redetermination as the Public Health Emergency will be ended. It is requested that when possible, the CSBC members' facilities can help by making sure clients have updated contact information in their MI Bridges Profiles online. Ms. Wojnarowicz also spoke of their Direct Support Services (DSS Funds) which are allocated to remove barriers that keep people from employment such as providing vehicles, clothing and childcare. These funds are available to individuals who have a dependent in their home and are already receiving MDHHS services. All information can be found on the MDHHS website.

V. Emerging Issues (30 minutes)

A. Overdose Fatality Review Team

Mr. Ken Heuvelman spoke to the Steering Committee earlier in the year regarding initiating an Overdose Fatality Review Team that would be an associated initiative within the CSBC. This Team would take overdose reported deaths, and gather statements from all community resources that may have been involved with the individual- i.e. law enforcement officers, jail team, treatment/medical provider, etc. Using these statements the Overdose Fatality Review Team will work backwards to see what interventions could have been taken to change the course in future cases with the goal to work to prevent other tragedies. A handout was provided to illustrate providers who would be asked to take part in this team.

B. Homeless Shelter Update

Ms. Kathy Swantek reminded Committee that there are currently no shelter services at BWARM. The plan was to reopen the offices on November 1st, however due to complications that is no longer possible. At this time, there is need for a location that meets zoning requirements. The old BWARM establishment is currently up for sale, and would be turnkey, but there is a lack of appropriate funding. At this time, available funding to assist men experiencing homelessness is expected to be exhausted by beginning of the year.

C. ARPA Funding

Mr. Scott Crawford updated the outreach attempt to the city of Port Huron and St. Clair County for funding. They have not heard back from the county. James Freed has committed up to \$200,000 to shelter funding from the city. There will be continued outreach attempts.

VI. CSCB Updates (45 minutes)

A. Steering Committee

a. End of the Year Meeting

Ms. Debra Johnson announced that the annual CSCB End of the Year Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 16th 2022. It will be here at CMH in the Auditorium. Networking begins at 1:30pm and the meeting will begin at the normal time of 2:00pm. This meeting is intended to remind all of us why we come together and collaborate, and recognize the accomplishments that have been made throughout the year by the workgroups and the Associated Initiatives. This meeting is open to everyone who is a member of the CSCB, all the workgroup members as well as the different Associated Initiative members. Members were encouraged to invite anyone in their organization who they feel would like to attend the meeting. Anyone interested in being a guest speaker should contact Amy Smith.

b. 2022 CSCB Collaborative Award

Ms. Debra Johnson stated as a part of the End of the Year Meeting, the CSCB will award someone the CSCB Community Collaborative Award. This practice began in 2000, and has been awarded for 21 years. She explained that the criteria for this award is that this person demonstrates "above and beyond" their belief in collaboration, and engage in working with

others on a regular basis. A handout was provided in the packets that lists the past winners, with a nomination form on the back. Committee members are encouraged to fill out the form with who they believe are deserving of this accolade, and send them to Amy Smith.

B. Workgroup Updates

a. Substance Use Disorder PRT

Mr. Ken Heuvelman updated that the subcommittee continues to work on restructuring with 3 main goal points- data regarding substance use, community education regarding substance use, and community resources. They continue to look for new members and interested persons should contact Amy Smith.

b. Adolescent Services

Ms. Karen Pelka shared that they had communicated with the new superintendent for RESA, Brenda Tenniswood, and she agreed to destitute the directory for Adolescent Services. This resulted in a youth from the Advisory Committee approaching them with suggestions of other options that would appeal more to a younger audience.

c. Business Resource Network

Ms. Ann Austin reminded the members that the purpose of the Business Resource Network group is to facilitate solutions for barriers to employment. People receive both monetary, and non-monetary support. Additionally they are also in need of new members.

d. Early Childhood

No update at this time.

e. Housing Workgroup

Ms. Kathy Swantek updated that the biggest priorities to the workgroup currently are increasing affordable rental housing, and affordable homes to own. Included in the provided packet was information and registration for the Virtual Housing Summit taking place next month. The seminar will provide information on local statistics, lived experience speakers, and Pulitzer Prize winning author of “Evicted” Dr. Mathew Desmond among other items.

f. Community Resource Fair

Ms. Kathy Swantek provided information on the Community Resource Fair taking place May 10th, 2023 which will be held on the campus of St. Clair County Community College. Ms. Swantek extended an invitation to all work group chairs to participate. The cost will be covered by local sponsors. There will be a need for volunteers to work the event.

VII. Additional Agenda Items

A. 988 & Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide

Ms. Amy Smith provided information on the 988 Suicide prevention hotline. The number is not ready to be rolled out in Michigan, and should not be used at this time. The old 800 number is still active and should be used for now. Ms. Smith also provided material on the Walk 2 Remember, and directed members to the flyer provided to them in their packets. Raffle tickets will be sold for prized and proceeds will go to the Prevention Fund.

B. SCC Kids Count Data

Deb Johnson instructed members that the most recent Kids Count data for St. Clair County had been provided in their packets. This report is funded through the Annie E. Casey Foundation and published through the Michigan League of Public Policy, and can serve as a source of data for anyone who may write grants or is interested in how our county is doing in relation to serving our children. Anyone who may want more information regarding the data collected or want to compare St. Clair County to other counties, information can be located on the “Kids Count Online Data Center” website.

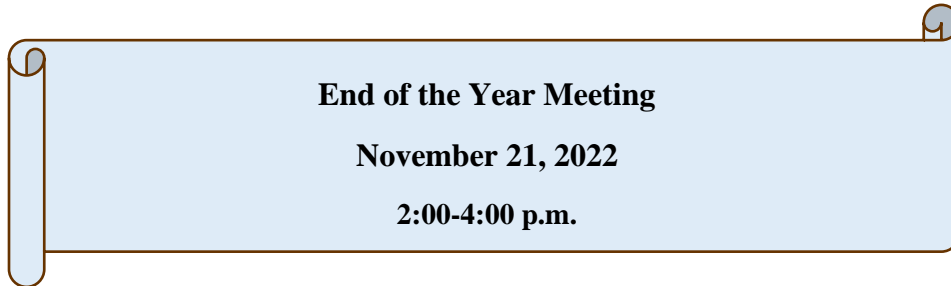
C. Community Calendar: <https://www.bwcaa.org/news-and-events/calendar>

Ms. Melinda Johnson gave a brief demonstration on what is included on, and how to use the Community Calendar. Any members who would like to add items to the Community Calendar should reach out to her with the pertinent information.

Announcements

- **Recovery Summit-** Virtual Series running thru the month of September
- **Empty Bowls-** September 22, 2022 4:30-7:00pm
- **Wheelchair Sports Clinic-** September 30, 2022 1:00-4:30pm
- **Walk 2 Remember Walk 2 Prevent-** October 9, 2022 12:00pm
- **Community Baby Shower-** October 11, 2022 5:30-8:00pm
- **Halloween/Glow Bowling-** October 29, 2022 1:00-5:00pm
- **Housing Summit-** November 15, 2022 8:30am-12:00pm

Next Meeting:



Adjournment

With no further business to address, Ms. Debra Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Jami Strickler
Recording Secretary

Debra Johnson
Chair