

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATING BODY**  
**July 19, 2023 MEETING**  
**2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**Present:**     **Vice Chair:** S. Crawford, Council on Aging;  
K. Palka, A Beautiful Me; L. Hillman, Blue Water Allies; D. Kramp, Blue Water Community Action; K. Lake, Blue Water Community Action; L. Beedon, Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc.; A. Bubel, Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc.; C. Watters, Blue Water Habitat for Humanity, Inc.; J. Wright, Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center-BWROC; C. Burrum, Blue Water Safe Horizons; K. Burdick, Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan; J. Gittings, Citizen Representative; K. Swantek, Citizen Representative; M. Baranowski, Community First Health Centers; D. Brejnak, Community First Health Centers; K. Jones, EDA; T. Spencer, Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County; S. Currie, The Harbor; E. O'Brien, Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!; J. Rabine, MSU Extension Services of St. Clair County; K. Heuvelman, Odyssey House; A. Fay, Odyssey House; A. Seppo, Operation Transformation; S. Eagen, People's Clinic for Better Health; B. VanDrew, Port Huron Area School District; J. Platzer, Port Huron Police Department; W. Ostrom, Professional Counseling Center; L. Stoneberg, Professional Counseling Center; K. Baker, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home; S. Archibald, St. Clair County Child Abuse & Neglect Council; K. Gallagher, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority; M. Wojorowicz, St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services; J. Michaluk, St. Clair County Health Department; M. Mercatante, St. Clair County Library System; R. Alley, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency; M. King, St. Clair County Sheriff Department;

**Staff Support:**   A. Smith & B. Murdick – SCCCMHA

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- I.     **Welcome, Introductions**  
Mr. Scott Crawford welcomed and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state what organization they are from.
  
- II.    **Agenda Changes**  
Mr. Scott Crawford asked if there were any agenda changes at that time. Hearing none, the meeting moved forward.
  
- III.   **Acceptance of May 2023 Meeting Minutes**  
Mr. Scott Crawford asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 2023 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Ms. Kathy Swantek moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Sheriff Mat King.  
**MOTION CARRIED**
  
- IV.    **Presentations (15 minutes each)**
  - A.   **A Beautiful Me**  
Ms. Karen Palka gave a brief overview of A Beautiful Me. She explained that this business helps give young girls self-confidence. She stated that they talk with girls in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools and now offer speaking engagements to organizations. Ms. Palka noted that A Beautiful Me has a retail store that offers business trainings to young women.

## **B. Assisted Outpatient Treatment**

Ms. Kathleen Gallagher provided everyone with a handout of general steps and rules for assisted outpatient treatment. She expressed there is currently a partnership with the police department and the sheriff department. She also noted that Kara Collins is the court liaison at Community Mental Health if anyone has any questions.

## **V. Emerging Issues (10 minutes each)**

### **A. CSCB's Opioid Settlement Task Force**

Mr. Ken Heuvelman explained there is now a task force that has been put together under the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery workgroup to prioritize the needs in the recovery community. The intent is to be an advisory committee to the County's team that allocates the opioid settlement funds. Mr. Heuvelman expressed this task force is opened for anyone who wants to join.

### **B. Suicide Prevention Updated Materials**

Ms. Amy Smith noted that all Suicide Prevention Committee has updated all of the marketing materials to include the national Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline, which is 988. She stated that if any organization would like to have some of this material, to let her know. She also announced the Walk 2 Remember, Walk 2 Prevent Suicide walk, which will be on October 8, 2023. Raffle tickets are currently being sold for \$5. Prizes include: 1<sup>st</sup> place is a 65" TV, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is a Laptop computer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$250 best buy gift card.

### **C. Homeless Shelter Update**

Ms. Kathy Swantek noted there has been a location for a permanent men's shelter identified and negotiations are occurring with the owner. Some renovations will need to be completed but they are hoping to be open by November 1, 2023.

## **VI. CSCB Updates (30 minutes)**

### **A. Steering Committee**

Mr. Scott Crawford noted at the Steering Committee meeting in June, the committee reviewed a CSCB Membership request from Blue Water Allies. The Steering Committee has recommended approval of this organization for membership. He asked Ms Laura Hillman to briefly talk about Blue Water Allies. Ms Hillman stated that Blue Water Allies has been around for several years however has recently established a 501C-3 status. The focus is to be a place for education, support, advocacy for individual who identify as LBGQT+. There location is on the corner of Military and Griswald.

Mr. Crawford asked for a motion to accept Blue Water Allies as a new member to the CSCB.

Ms. Kathy Swantek moved to approve the new memberships seconded by Mr. Ken Heuvelman.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Scott Crawford announced that the Steering Committee will begin planning the 2023 End of the Year Meeting, which will be held in November. If there are any suggestions on the meeting format, speakers, who are willing to present at no or minimal cost, please contact Ms. Amy Smith. He announced that they will soon be soliciting for nominations for the 2023 Community Collaborative Award, and asking each committee member to think about who they can nominated. Mr. Crawford also asked for suggestions on themes for this year's Annual Report, along with any pictures that have come from CSCB events that can included in the report.

### **B. Workgroup Updates**

#### **a. Housing Workgroup**

Ms. Kathy Swantek reviewed the Housing and Support Services Workgroup (HSSW) Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. She also noted there will be a summer Point In Time Count on July, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She asked all agencies to participate in asking the individuals served the survey questions and have all information returned to Bernie Newby by Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Substance Use Disorder PTR**

Mr. Ken Heuvelman noted the SU PTR Workgroup has been approved to host a Town Hall meeting which will be held on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>. He also noted that the workgroup is working on updating the list of resource for prevention, treatment and recovery and currently is on the BWROC website. The committee will be creating a hardcopy of this document once it is all updated and it

will be available on the CSCB website as well. Lastly Mr. Heuvelman noted CMH is holding a recovery summit for the month of September.

**c. Adolescent Services**

Ms. Karen Palka noted that the workgroup is currently working on creating a survey to collect information from local adolescents about what they see as gaps in our community. Their next meeting will be August 2, 2023 at 130pm.

**d. Business Resource Network**

Ms. Amy Smith stated that this workgroup continues to discuss ways to help address issues surrounding childcare and workforce housing. This workgroups continue to look for new members and their next meeting will be August 23, 2023 @ 1:00pm at CMH.

**e. Early Childhood**

Ms. Riley Alley stated St. Clair County has opened a couple new childcare facilities. She also noted that there has been an increase in the GSRP poverty percentage. It is now 300% above poverty instead of 250%. This entitles more families to qualify for assistance. The Strong Beginning grant has been awarded and there will be one location in Port Huron, and the second location will be located in Yale.

**VII. Additional Agenda Items (15 minutes)**

**A. BWCA Community Calendar**

Ms. Darlene Kramp reminded that Blue Water Community Action continues to host a community calendar on their website that includes all the CSCB and organizations events as she is made aware of them. She encouraged members to send her any information of upcoming events and she will post them for all to see.

**B. Back to School Back Pack Giveaway**

Ms. Karen Lake noted BWCA is currently looking for volunteers to help pack backpacks on July 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-3:00 pm. In the packet was the dates of the various locations where the community back pack giveaways were occurring.

**C. CSCB Help Card Final Version**

Ms. Jennifer Michaluk reminded each committee member that the Help Card will only be updated once per year. It is posted on the CSCB website to share with anyone who may needed. Any updates can be sent to her or to Amy Smith who will then forward them.

**VIII. Announcements**

Handouts were included in the packet.

**Lived Experience Group** – Misty Wojnarowicz

**Alzheimer’s and Dementia Walk** – September 24, 2023

**Narcan Kits**- Ken Heuvelman noted there are free kits throughout the community and are available for all agencies interested.

**Family Night** – Andrew Seppo thanks each organization that participated in the event.

**BWROC Softball game** – August 18, 2023

**Next Meeting:**

**September 20, 2023  
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Mr. Scott Crawford adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Bethany Murdick  
Recording Secretary

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Scott Crawford  
Vice Chair