

SCC Community Services Coordinating Body Meeting
May15, 2024 MEETING
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** Debra Johnson, St. Clair County Community Mental Health

Vice Chair: Scott Crawford, The Council on Aging

Sharon Wilton Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce
Karen Lake Blue Water Community Action
Lisa Beedon Blue Water Developmental Housing
Rochelle Bannon Blue Water Safe Horizons
Colleen Burrum Blue Water Safe Horizons
Maegan Swecker Blue Water Safe Horizons
Kimberly Burdick Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan
Kathleen Swantek Citizen: Kathleen Swantek
Robert Furtado Citizen: Robert Furtado
Caitlin Reynolds Community Enterprises of St. Clair County
Daniel Brejnak Community First Health Center
Audrey Sochor Community Foundation of St. Clair County
Laken Hammond Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor
Stacey Bednar Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor
Kristy Jones Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County
Dan Casey Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County
Sheri Faust Friends of St. Clair River
Trish Spencer Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County
Mike Weaver Harbor Impact Ministries
Tracy Willard Hunter Hospitality House, Inc.
Suzanne Powers Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
Erin O'Brien Michigan Works! Macomb/St. Clair Counties
Jacqui Rabine MSU Extension Services of St. Clair County
Courtney Eveningred NorServ Group, Ltd.
Nicole Hutchinson Odyssey House of Port Huron
Kimberly Burdick Offender Success – Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties
Andrew Seppo Operation Transformation
Joe Platzer Port Huron Police Department
Ken Heuvelman Professional Counseling Center, P.C.
Lisa Stoneberg Professional Counseling Center, P.C.
Whitney Ostrom Professional Counseling Center, P.C.
Kathryn Baker Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home
Sheriff Mat King St Clair County Sheriff's Office
Deb Johnson St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
Kathleen Gallagher St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
Misty Wojnarowicz St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services
Liz King St. Clair County Health Department
Jennifer Michaluk St. Clair County Health Department
Mike Mercaiante St. Clair County Library System
Justin Westmiller St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
Riley Alley St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency
Scott Crawford The Council on Aging Inc. serving St. Clair County
Aaron Ortman The Salvation Army St. Clair County
Major Jenny Ortman The Salvation Army St. Clair County

I. Welcome, Introductions

Ms. Deb Johnson welcomed members to today's CSCB Full Body Meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state what organization they are from.

II. Agenda Changes

Ms. Deb Johnson asked if there were any agenda changes at this time. Foster/Kinship Support Night was added to item VII. As an additional agenda items

III. Acceptance of March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Deb Johnson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the March 2024 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Mr. Kathy Swantek moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Brent Gillette. **MOTION CARRIED**

IV. Emerging Issues (20 minutes)

A. CSCB Disaster Planning Ad-Hoc

Mr. Scott Crawford stated that during the April Steering Committee meeting, a presentation was made by Mr Randy Maiers, Community Foundation of SCC, regarding the new initiative called scstrong. The Community Foundation has created an account that would provide quick access to funds for organizations assisting the community in the event of an established disaster. As a result of this presentation, the Steering Committee recognized that it has been a long time since the CSCB has updated information with the Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management (HSEM) and so created an ad-hoc committee to work with HSEM to accomplish this. The first meeting was this morning. Mr. Crawford ask Mr. Justin Westmiller to elaborate on what HSEM would need from CSCB members. He explained that HSEM is currently working on an updated recovery plan which would include the various supports and services that CSCB members can provide immediately after a disaster and for the several months after. Mr. Westmiller explained Ms. Amy Smith would be sending out a survey in the next few weeks for agencies in the community to complete. This survey will help indicate what resources could potentially be offered to the community. Once the survey was completed and the ad-hoc committee reviewed it, additional steps will be planned. A brief discussion occurred. Mr. Westmiller suggested that individual organizations should review their own disaster plan to make sure it is updated and staff are aware of it.

V. Organizational Presentations (30 minutes)

A. Blue Water Safe Horizons

Ms. Rochelle Bannon gave a brief overview of Blue Water Safe Horizons, a nonprofit agency that provides emergency shelter for domestic violence/sexual assault survivors and elder abuse. They also provide non-residential counseling and advocacy services. Ms. Bannon explained how the organization started in the 1970's and is still continuing to support the community. Ms. Bannon shared that the agency connects individuals with different services in the county to help support them and keep them safe. It was noted that they no longer put survivors in a shelter and only place them in a hotel. It was questioned if that caused any safety issues. Ms. Bannon noted that research shows that it is safer for survivors to stay in a hotel and allows them to have family and friends visit. BWSH has a safety plan in place and provides 24/7 support. It was noted that once an individual starts services, that individual is with the same worker for the duration of the time the case is open. Meals are provided to survivors daily while they stay under care. Ms Swecker noted there are many different support services they provide before and after a survivor is open to services, such as legal advocates, case managers, yoga classes, and support groups. Blue Water Safe Horizons provides a 24 Crisis and Text Line. Call: 888 985 5538 Text: 810 824 7948. In today's packet was a variety of

informational fliers: support group flyers, a training opportunity flyer, and a flyer regarding their new diaper program, which provides parents with diapers, ointment, powder, and wipes.

B. Blue Water League for the Blind

Mr. Robert Furtado gave a brief overview of the Blue Water League of the Blind (BWL), which is located in Port Huron. BWL is a nonprofit organization and an affiliated chapter with the Michigan Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired (MCBVI) and the American Council of the Blind (ACB). Mr. Furtado explained BWL is there to support people with vision loss or blindness in the community and provide them with information and different resources in the county. Mr. Furtado noted the Blue Water League for the Blind advocates for members on local, state and national levels. Mr. Furtado provided each committee member with an overview brochure of the BWL. He also gave several examples of ways to assist individuals who may have visual impairments.

VI. CSCB Updates (30 minutes)

A. Steering Committee

a. CSCB's 40th Anniversary

Ms. Deb Johnson announced that the end-of-the-year meeting will be held on November 20th, 2024, at Alexanders at 12:00pm. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. There will be a video made for the 40th anniversary. It was requested that the committee send any pictures, videos, stories, accomplishments, etc. that have happened in the last 40 years to Ms. Amy Smith.

b. 2-1-1 Meeting Update

Ms Deb Johnson stated tht as a follow-up to last meetings discussion of duplication of services, a meeting was held between 2-1-1 and several stakeholders to look at possible breakdown with 2-1-1 services in St. Clair County. One issue identified is who completes the information for any organization. Therefore Ms. Shannon Benjamin provided the committee with a New Organization Survey Form to fill out. She asked if each committee member complete and return it to 2-1-1's Database Manager. She stated that to keep 2-1-1 updated, agencies need to communicate and provide updated information to 2-1-1 to ensure the correct information is getting to the individuals in St. Clair County.

B. Workgroup Updates

a. Early Childhood

Ms. Riley Alley gave an update on the Regional Child Care Planning Grant and explained that there is a business survey and a childcare survey to help determine the needs/wants around child care and the support needed. Ms. Riley noted that Sanilac GSC was awarded grant funds through the Region 6 Perinatal Quality Collaborative. There were 45 applicants. Six (6) of those applicants were St. Clair County residents who were all offered a full-tuition scholarship and place in the program. Ms. Riley announced SCC RESA has received the award letter for \$1.4 Million coming to Region 6 for Literacy Hub and Family Engagement support. The Summer Fun Guide is completed and was distributed to each committee member. Ms. Alley supplied everyone with the St. Clair County EDA press Release regarding the Childcare Crisis and The State of Child Care in St. Clair County handout.

b. Housing & Support Services

Ms. Kathy Swantek expressed her gratitude for everyone's contributions to a successful Community Resource Fair, which was last Wednesday. She reported that there were 343 people who registered, there were 79 vendors who provided resources and giveaways to the community. The mobile food truck provided food for approximately 959 family members. Ms. Swantek noted the event had over 50 volunteers and garnered \$10,000 in sponsorships. T Ms. Amy Smith presented to the committee a video produced by ThumbCoast TV/EBW, showcasing highlights from the event.

c. Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Mr. Ken Heuvelman gave a brief overview of the Opioids Advisory Commission Reports and noted that the workgroup had discussed the potential ways the County dollars could be spent.

Mr. Heuvelman discussed they received annual data from the PHPD that showed the number of overdoses within the City of Port Huron had dropped nearly 50%. Mr. Heuvelman noted the group continues to do community education and awareness. He also expressed that the workgroup combined the efforts of creating a service directory through the Community Education & Awareness subcommittee.

d. Adolescent Services

Ms. Amy Smith reported that students from the Virtual Learning Academy hosted the last meeting and held discussions about four important issues to them. The students led the discussion and expressed what they thought would benefit their community peers regarding mental health, employment opportunities, violence, and sex education. Workgroup members were energized by the students participation and input.

e. Business Resource Network

Ms. Amy Smith expressed the workgroup meets every other month. Ms. Smith noted the workgroup will send a 5-question survey to HR contacts, the Blue Water Chamber, and the Blue Water Human Resource Committee. The survey is intended to determine what are some of the larger issue they are experiencing with employees and how the workgroup may be able to assist.

VII. Additional Agenda Items (10 minutes)

A. Miles for Memory Bracelets

Mr. Scott Crawford informed the committee of the Help Home Personal ID Program. He explained that this program provides people with dementia with a bracelet. Each bracelet is specially designed to be comfortable and waterproof. It has a QR code that can be scanned by emergency responders to notify the emergency contact if the person wearing it gets lost, is confused, or experiencing an emergency. The program aims to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits. Bracelets are funded through the St. Clair County Senior Citizens Millage and are available for pick up at The Council on Aging.

B. Foster/Kinship Support Night

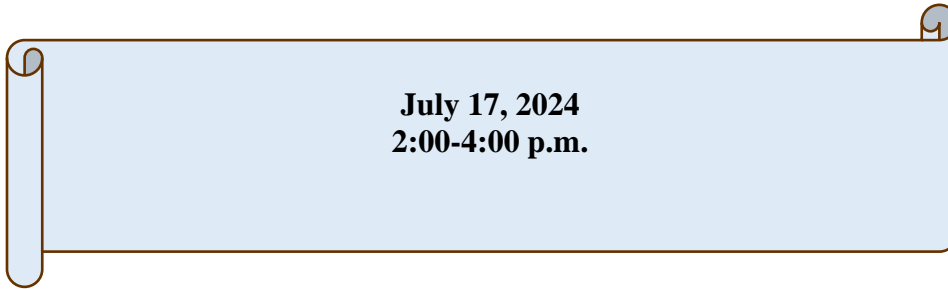
Mr. Andrew Seppo highlighted an upcoming support night tailored for current foster, adoptive, or kinship families. He explained that it is a night of respite and support while the kids are treated to dinner and games. Parents/caregivers will have the option to pick up any goods they need from Harbor Impact Ministries. This event will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Blue Water Free Methodist Church from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. A Handout regarding the event was provided to each committee member.

VIII. Announcements

- **SCC – CHIP Update**
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – St. Clair County CMH – 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- **Brisket Dinner**
Friday, May 17, 2024 – Harbor Impact Ministries – 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- **Veterans Appreciation & Luncheon**
Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – Port Huron Elks Lodge - 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- **Parenting Workshop**
Thursday, May 23, 2024 – RESA East – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Adult Wellness Group**
May 28, 2024- July 2, 2024 (Every Tuesday) – Port Huron Counseling Office – 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- **Quarter Auction**
Friday, May 31st, 2024 - Salvation Army – 5:00-7:30 PM
- **Win This Boat**
\$100/ticket Drawing held Wednesday, July 24. 2024 – Port Huron Yacht Club
- **Tee off Fore Kids' Sake**
Monday, July 15, 2024 – St. Clair Golf Club – 8:00 AM/1:00PM

- **Blue Water Community Action – Backpack Event**
Wednesday, August 14th, 2024 – McMorran – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

IX. Next Meeting



X. Adjournment

With no further business to address, Ms. Debra Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Bethany Murdick
Recording Secretary

Debra Johnson
Chair