

## SCC Community Services Coordinating Body Meeting

July 17, 2024

2:00 – 4:00 PM

### Present:

Chair  
Vice Chair

Debra Johnson	St. Clair County Community Mental Health
Scott Crawford	The Council on Aging
Karen Palka	A Beautiful Me
Sharon Wilton	Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce
Dave McElroy	Blue Water Area Transportation Commission
Karen Lake	Blue Water Community Action
Juanita Gittings	Citizen
Kathleen Swantek	Citizen
Kimberly Burdick	Catholic Charities of Southeast MI
Caitlin Reynolds	Community Enterprises of St. Clair County
Daniel Brejnak	Community First Health Center
Rebecca Kettlewell	Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor
Stacey Bednar	Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor
Laken Hammond	Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor
Lynn Wilhelm	Dementia & Alzheimer’s Association of St. Clair County
Christine Cook	Disability Network Eastern Michigan
Sheri Faust	Friends of St. Clair River
Trish Spencer	Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County
Suzanne Powers	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
Erin O'Brien	Michigan Works! Macomb/St. Clair Counties
Courtney Eveningred	NorServ Group, Ltd.
Andrew Seppo	Operation Transformation
Randy Bennett	Operation Transformation
Joe Platzer	Port Huron Police Department
Ken Heuvelman	Professional Counseling Center, P.C.
Jennifer MacDonald	Spero Pregnancy Center
Ann Austin	St. Clair County 31st Circuit Court – Family Division
Julie Ganhs	St. Clair County Administration
Kathleen Gallagher	St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
Misty Wojnarowicz	St. Clair County Department of Health & Human Services
Alyse Nichols	St. Clair County Health Department
Jen Gunderson	St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency
Kaitylyn Herber	The Salvation Army St. Clair County
Brent Gillette	United Way of St. Clair County
Elia Hussain	Vinculum Care
Shannon Benjamin	2-1-1
Mary Paquette	2-1-1 - Retired

### 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 with.

### II. **Agenda Changes**

Ms. Deb Johnson noted that there were a couple agenda changes.

VI. CSCB Updates A – Steering Committee; Add c. SCC Car Seat Program

VII B; Add “Community First Health Center Grant request.”

She asked for any additional changes, there were none.

### III. **Acceptance of May 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Deb Johnson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the May 2024 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Scott Crawford moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Kathy Swantek **MOTION CARRIED**

#### IV. **Emerging Issues**

##### A. **CSCB Disaster Planning Ad-Hoc**

Mr. Scott Crawford reported that after the May meeting a survey monkey was sent to all CSCB members asking for information regarding resources that could be available in the case of a disaster. The survey will close soon and the results will be compiled. He indicated that an ad-hoc committee will review the results and look for gaps / needs that may be evident when it moves into the recovery phase. He noted that it is also important to list three individuals who can be contacted and make decision on behalf of your organization to cover for vacations, etc. Additionally, Mr. Crawford requested that any individuals who have not yet completed the survey do so, in order to ensure the accuracy of the information for St. Clair County. Please contact Amy Smith for the survey link if you need it.

##### B. **2-1-1**

Ms. Shannon Benjamin and Ms. Mary Paquette delivered a brief presentation on the 2-1-1 service. Ms. Paquette reminded committee members to provide their contact information to 2-1-1 to facilitate accurate connections between individuals and appropriate resources. Ms. Benjamin explained that 2-1-1 comprises two components: a database service and a contact center. The database service, funded by the State of Michigan, is available to various communities at no additional cost. She emphasized that 2-1-1 can only disseminate information that is entered into the database, which is updated annually. Each record in the database includes details such as location, hours, contact information, a description of services provided, eligibility requirements, and accessibility considerations. 2-1-1 can be accessed via phone, text, chat, or their website. Over the past year, 2-1-1 was contacted requesting information for St. Clair County resources 2,599 times. The most common requests were for housing, utility assistance, food/meals, and clothing/personal/household needs. Ms. Benjamin noted that information is shared only with individuals who need it and qualify for assistance. Each committee member was provided with a Statement of Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria and a New Organization Survey Form. Ms Amy Smith reminded members that in case of an emergency / disaster, 2-1-1 is often the point of information and referral.

##### C. **SCC Veteran's Administration**

St. Clair Veteran's Administration had a scheduling issue and was not able to present today. However Ms. Debra Johnson provided an update on a change in Veterans Services being offered locally. She stated that due to legislation, clinical services are no provided by St. Clair County Community Mental Health (CMH). She highlighted that any mental health services need to be provided by the VA office in Yale, who only has one therapist. CMH has written letters to both US Senators and Congressman James asking for support. She stated that CMH supports veterans and military families by assisting with treatment access, navigating the VA system, and connecting with other community resources. These services are available to all veterans. Ms. Johnson detailed several ongoing programs and fliers were included in the meeting packet. Additionally, Ms. Johnson announced the availability of Talk Space, a free online counseling service accessible to all county residents. Ms Johnsons stated that if anyone was interested in advocating for our local veterans, a sample letter can be provided.

#### V. **Organizational Presentations**

##### A. **Operation Transformation**

Mr. Andrew Seppo delivered a brief presentation on Operation Transformation (OT). He explained that OT is a local, faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to fostering positive change in the Blue Water Area. Mr. Seppo highlighted that OT actively collaborates with various non-profits, businesses, and social change agencies to further its mission. Mr. Seppo noted there is a Human Flourishing Program at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science that helps with family, work, education, and religion. Mr. Seppo stated that OT was

modeled after the CSCB years ago when it began. He acknowledged the importance of collaboration and continues to promote it within the faith-based community, while building bridges with the various human services. Discussion occurred

#### **B. Friends of St. Clair River**

Ms. Sheri Faust gave a brief presentation on Friends of St. Clair River. Friends of St. Clair integrates watershed management strategies with scientific research to offer expert guidance on a broad spectrum of water quality concerns, including riparian habitat restoration, invasive species control, and green stormwater infrastructure. They also stay vigilant on emerging and contentious issues such as nutrient pollution, pharmaceuticals, microplastics, climate change effects, and energy pipeline impacts. Discussion occurred

### **VI. CSCB Updates**

#### **A. Steering Committee**

##### **a. New CSCB Member - Vinculum Care**

Ms. Debra Johnson noted there is a recommendation by the Steering Committee for CSCB membership for Vinculum Care, LLC. Ms. Johnson asked committee members for the endorsement of Vinculum Care for membership. Mr. Brent Gillette moved to approve the endorsement, seconded by Mr. Karen Palka. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Johnson welcomed Ms Elia Hussan to the CSCB.

##### **b. End of the Year Meeting 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Ms. Johnson provided a reminder to the committee about the CSCB Full Body 40th Celebration, scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at noon Alexander's Banquet Facility in Marysville. Each committee member has received a "save the date" card for this event in the meeting packet today. Additionally, Ms. Johnson requested that any committee member with historical files please share them with Ms. Amy Smith.

##### **c. St. Clair County Car Seat Program**

Ms. Johnson noted that the St. Clair County Car Seat Program has been added to the CSCB Full Body Organizational Chart as an Associated Initiative. She stated that this program began as part of the Safe Community Workgroup. However, when the workgroup disbanded, the project continued to run independently overseen by MDHHS. Recent changes resulted in looking at this initiative and formalizing it under the CSCB. In the packet members were provided the current referral flyer and a program brochure.

#### **B. Workgroup Updates**

##### **a. Housing & Support Services Workgroup (HSSW)**

Kathy Swantek stated that in the meeting packet is the meeting summary from the HSSW meeting held last week. Ms Swantek highlighted:

1. The Community Resource Fair Committee held it's wrap-up meeting in June. She reported out the demographic information, positive feedback as well as the things the committee will tweek for next year. Summary is included in the meeting packet.
2. Summer Point-in-Time Count, will occur on Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. In the packet is the information needed to conduct this activity. She stated that it is important to capture the data in the summer since it is difficult to find individuals / families struggling with homelessness in the end of January. This data helps to secure funding for our county and asked each organization to share the information with there staff and to participate.
3. In the packet is the Emergency Solutions Grant Funding recommendations by the HSSW. These funds are allocated based on funding formulas established by MSHDA.

- b. **Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery Workgroup 9SUPTR)**  
Mr. Ken Heuvelman reported out on the most recent meeting held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The summary was included in today's meeting packet. Highlighted was the sclink and the updated on the Overdose Fatality Review Team.
- c. **Adolescent Services**  
Ms Kren Palka reported that the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting summary is in today's packet. She stated that due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, the workgroup did not meet in July. She stated that the workgroup continues to gather information from teens and that the committee is looking for ways to help to focus on strategy 3 of the CHIP long the lines of healthy activity.
- d. **Business Resource Network**  
Ms Ann Austin stated that this workgroup continues to assess what it can accomplish versus due to lack of support it is time to disband. They have a meeting in the fall to make a final decision and will present this decision to the Steering Committee.
- e. **Early Childhood**  
Ms Riley Alley noted that she has been promoted to a new position called Early Childhood Coordinator. Her current position is posted. Ms Alley noted that registration for pre-school is currently open countywide. Ms Alley also noted that there was handout in today's packet about **T.E.A.C.H**

VII. **Additional Agenda Items** (10 minutes)

- A. Back to School Backpack Events – Ms Karen Lake spoke about the annual Back to School Backpack events that are occurring throughout the county. She asked for volunteers to assist with the event that is being sponsored by BWCA and occurring in Port Huron. Fliers are in the meeting packet.
- B. Community First Health Center Grant Request – Ms Deb Johnson stated that the CSCB has been asked for a letter of support for Community First Health Center to expand hours. The grant abstract is included in the meeting packet. After discussion, Mr. Scott Crawford made a motion to support a letter of recommendation. Mr. Ken Heuvelman seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

VIII. **Announcements**

**Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home Boat Raffle:** drawing July 24, 2024 – flier in the packet  
**SC4 – Free Tuition Program** – press release in meeting packet  
**MSU Extension – Free Online Classes** – flier in the meeting packet  
**A Beautiful Me - Runaway Bride 5K** – August 10<sup>th</sup> flier in the meeting packet  
**Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County:** 5K run on September 21, 2024, 9:00AM – flier in the packet

IX. **Next Meeting: September 18, 2024, at CMH Auditorium**

X. **Adjournment**