

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATING BODY
September 20, 2023 MEETING
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Present: **Chair:** D. Johnson, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority;
 Vice Chair: S. Crawford, Council on Aging;

A Beautiful Me, K. Palka; Blue Water Allies, L. Hillman; Blue Water Allies, A. Ball; Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce, S. Wilton; Blue Water Community Action, K. Lake; Blue Water Community Action, D. Kramp; Blue Water Habitat for Humanity, Inc., C. Watters; Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center-BWROC, P. Patterson; Blue Water Safe Horizons, C. Burrum; Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan, K. Burdick; Citizen Representative, J. Gittings; Citizen Representative, K. Swantek; Community First Health Centers, D. Brejnak; Disability Network Eastern Michigan, C. Cook; EDA, D. Casey; Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, P. McKinney; The Harbor, L. Hammond; The Harbor, S. Bednar; Harbor Impact Ministries, B. Hanneke; Hunter Hospitality House, T. Willard; Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!, A. Austin; Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency/MI WORKS!, E. O'Brien; MSU Extension Services of St. Clair County, J. Rabine; Odyssey House, K. Heuvelman; Port Huron Police Department, J. Platzer; Professional Counseling Center, C. McNaughton; Professional Counseling Center, W. Ostrom; Spero Pregnancy Center, J. MacDonald; St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, K. Gallagher; St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, M. Wojorowicz; St. Clair County Health Department, J. Michaluk; St. Clair County Health Department, C. Livingston; St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, S. Baker; St. Clair County Sheriff Department, M. King; Salvation Army, J. Ortman.

I. Welcome, Introductions

Ms. Deb Johnson welcomed members and thanked Ms Barbara Hanneke for hosting today's meeting. She encouraged members if they had not been to Harbor Impact Ministries before, to stay and take the tour after the meeting. She then 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. Hearing none, the meeting moved forward.

III. Acceptance of July 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Debra Johnson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July 2023 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Ms. Barb Hanneke moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Juanita Gittings. **MOTION CARRIED**

IV. Tracking Chip Activities(10 minutes)

Ms. Cassidy Livingston gave an update on the St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP is updated every 5 years and the current timeframe for this plan is 2023 to 2027. The three goals to focus on in this plan include:

1. Mental and Behavioral Health,
2. Substance Use, and
3. Obesity and Associated Health Behaviors.

Ms. Livingston went over the overall goals of the CHIP and the different things the community is doing to support the CHIP goals. She asked each organization to write down different things they are doing to support these goals and turn them in to her. These activities will continue to be collected and she encouraged organizations to enter their activities on the website.

V. Presentations (15 minutes each)

A. Harbor Impact Ministries

Ms. Barbara Hanneke introduced herself and her staff to the CSCB Full Body. She explained that the Harbor Impact Ministries opened in 2010 by the Blue Water Bridge. With the expansion of the International Bridge Project, their building was sold for 1.3 million dollars. Using the 1.3 million dollars to purchase the old Sparlingville Elementary School, Harbor Impact Ministries asked community members what was needed in the community. With all the community survey results and the needs in St. Clair County, Harbor IMPACT days were started. This day is held the last Tuesday of each month at Harbor Impact Ministries. On these days different organizations from the county come and set up vendor tables to educate individuals about different services in the county. Food, clothes, toiletries, medicines, hygiene products, household items, baby items, pet food, and supplies are all offered for free. Ms. Hanneke explained there is a specific birthday table for people with birthdays that month, to receive a gift. It was also noted that each staff member is a volunteer and do not get paid for their service to the community. Harbor Impact Ministries is able to keep going with the help of the church pay for utilities and rent. At the conclusion of the meeting today, tours are being given for anyone who has not been to this facility.

VI. Emerging Issues (10 minutes each)

A. FIT Team

Ms. Kristy Ryan with Michigan Health & Human Services (MFHHS) explained there is a new program working with people who qualify to purchase a cars and beds. She explained this program also assists people with applying for assistance. She explained that a referral to this program is needed, and usually happens through Children’s Protective Services or other workers at MDDHS. The FIT Team started August 23 and has assisted 28 families. The goal of this program is to help remove financial barriers and make children feel safe.

B. Homeless Shelter Update

Ms. Kathy Swantek gave a brief update of the Homeless Shelter Ad Hoc Committee. She noted that negotiations are occurring regarding a possible location. The hope is still to have something available to open on November 1, 2023.

C. Headstart Update

Ms. Deb Johnson reported that Blue Water Community Action’s Board of Directors has relinquished their Headstart Contract and are no longer providing Headstart services in St. Clair County. The Federal Department of Headstart has appointed a temporary organization called Community Development Institute – Headstart (CDI) to come in an assist with getting the program up and going again. She noted members of the Steering Committee have met virtually with CDI staff and have agreed to assist them with this transition. Ms. Karen Lake noted that staff are back to work.

VII. CSCB Updates (30 minutes)

A. Steering Committee

Deb Johnson expressed the steering committee is starting to plan the end of the year meeting, which will be held on November, 15th 2023. The theme will be “Building Bridges: Connecting Our Community.” Port Huron Police Chief, Joe Platzer has agreed to be the guest speaker. Ms. Johnson asked for workgroup chairs to start thinking of this past year’s accomplishments, memberships, and next year’s goals that can be added to the Annual Report. She noted that the steering committee will meet and select the CSCB Community Services Award recipient. Nominations can be forwarded to Ms Amy Smith and will be accepted through October 20th .

B. Workgroup Updates

a. Substance Use Disorder Prevention , Treatment, & Recovery

Mr. Ken Heuvelman reminded each member that the SUD-PTR Meeting is every other month, on the fourth Wednesday at Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center (BWROC). Mr. Heuvelman stated there was a town hall held via Facebook Live on August 31, 2023. He reported that the event went very well and will be available to the CSCB website to view. He expressed appreciation for all the panelist for sharing their time and talents.

b. Adolescent Services

Ms. Karen Palka reminded each member that the Adolescent Services Workgroup meets monthly on the first Wednesday at St. Clair County Community Mental Health. This workgroup is currently working on a survey for teens to complete to tell us what they need.

c. Business Resource Network

Ms. Ann Austin noted they are trying to grow membership and if anyone would like to join to contact her or Amy Smith. BRN meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00 at SCC CMH.

d. Early Childhood

Ms. Shannon noted that the community baby shower is coming up on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. This event will be held at Hillside Wesleyan Church in the Family Life Center. The event is free but registration is required. Handout included in the packet

e. Housing Workgroup

Ms. Kathy Swantek expressed the Community Resource Fair for 2024 will be May 8th at SC4. She noted the committee is looking for more members. The first meeting will be held on October 16, 2023 at Community Mental Health. Ms. Swantek also noted that the July Point and Time count that was taken and the numbers doubled the amount of individuals and families who are homeless and counted in January 2023. November is Hunger & Homeless Awareness Month and activities will be held to promote awareness. Ms Swantek reviewed the 2023-2024 ESG Allocation Recommendations that was based on MSHDA's formula. The total amount of allocation is \$209,267.00.

- Blue Water Community Action - HARA received 57.4% (\$120,328.53)
- Detroit Rescue Mission – Pathway Shelter received 12.5% (\$26,158.38),
- Comprehensive Youth Services – The Harbor received 27.5% (\$57,548.42) for shelter & street outreach
- Blue Water Community Action received 2.5% (5,231.68) for street outreach

Handout was include in the packet.

VIII. Additional Agenda Items (15 minutes)

A. Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of SCC

Ms. Lynn Wilhelm announced the Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County is having a 5K run and Walk at Kiefer Park on September 24th, 2023. Run starts at 11:00 am with the Walk starting at 11:15 am Registration begins at 10:00 am. Fliers included in the packet

B. 2-1-1

Shannon Benjamin noted that 42% of 211 calls from St. Clair County are related to housing. She expressed that housing is a major concern in St. Clair County. She noted that 211 is a free 24/7 crisis line and encouraged organizations to make sure that their information is current in the 211 system. Business cards were provided to members.

C. Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide

Ms. Amy Smith announced that the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Committee is hosting the 8th annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide at East China Township Park on October 8th, 2023. The walk starts at 12:00 pm. Registration starts at 11:00 am. This event is for anyone who has been touched by suicide, struggles with suicide or for the family and friends who support them. All are welcome. The event is free, donations are accepted to help support prevention efforts within the county year around. Flier included in the packet

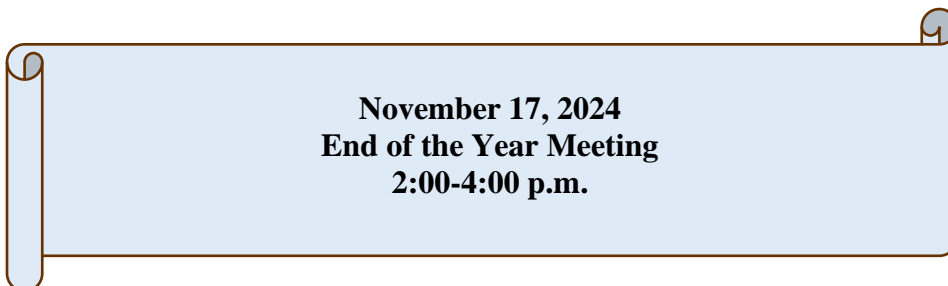
IX. Announcements

In the packet there were a variety of handouts:

- Recovery Summit Webinar Series

- BWROC Partners in Recovery Campaign
- Mental Illness Awareness Week Virtual Workshops
- Take a Shot at Breast Cancer Events for the month of October
- Donuts with Deputies Trunk or Treat
- HIV Support through Blue Water Ally Center
- Harbor Impact Ministries Needs Volunteers
- Naloxone distribution boxes are available to anyone interested. contact Odyssey House
- Blue Water Community Action Needs Assessment is an online survey

X. Next Meeting



XI. Adjournment

With no further business to address, Ms. Debra Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Bethany Murdick
Recording Secretary

Debra Johnson
Chair