

**SCC Community Services Coordinating Body Meeting**  
**September 17, 2025**  
**SCCCMH 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium**

**Present:**

<b><u>Chair</u></b>	Scott Crawford	The Council on Aging
<b><u>Vice Chair</u></b>	Amy Smith	Community Services Coordinating Body
	Annie Austin	St. Clair County Friend of the Court
	Kendra Kracht	Community First Health Centers
	Alyse Nichols	St. Clair County Health Department
	Brandon Fey	St. Clair County Health Department
	Julie Pemberton	Head Start
	Kristy Secoy	Blue Water Allies
	Misty Wojnarowicz	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
	Cliff Thomason	The Athletic Factory
	Mike Weaver	Harbor Impact
	Jennifer Gunderson	RESA / Great Start
	Melissa Jacobs	Blue Water Safe Horizons
	Colleen Burrum	Macomb / St. Clair Michigan Works
	Liane Allen	Macomb / St. Clair Michigan Works
	Mike Thomas	I.M.P.A.C.T.
	Mike Kehoe	Day Treatment / Night Treatment
	Danielle Eastwood	St. Clair County Juvenile Probation
	Matt King	St. Clair County Sheriff
	Andrew Seppo	Operation Transformation
	Christine Cook	Disability Network of Eastern Michigan
	Juanita Gittings	Citizen
	Lisa Stoneberg	Professional Counseling Center
	Whitney Ostrom	Professional Counseling Center
	Brian Kerrigan	Port Huron Police Department
	Mike Baranowstu	Community First Heart Center
	Karen Palka	A Beautiful Me
	Robert Furtado	Citizen
	Eric Norax	Catholic Charities Southeast Michigan
	Kathleen Swantek	Citizen
	Vicki Blackburn	Citizen
	Patrick Patterson	Blue Water Recovery and Outreach Center
	Nicole Bickel	Blue Water Recovery and Outreach Center
	Katie Scharf MSW	AgeWays
	Courtney Eveningred	NorServ Group Ltd.
	Major Jenny Ortman	The Salvation Army
	Brent Gillette	United Way of St. Clair County
	Dave McElroy	Blue Water Transit
	Tod Logan	Camp Gracie Bentley
	Traci Buck	Camp Gracie Bentley
	Aubree Mayhew	St. Clair County Community Mental Health
<b><u>Staff</u></b>	Gloria Valentin	St. Clair County Community Mental Health

I. **Welcome, Introductions**

Mr. Scott Crawford called the meeting to order at 2:02PM. Mr. Crawford opened today's CSCB Full Body meeting by inviting everyone to introduce themselves and share their organization.

II. **Agenda Changes**

Mr. Scott Crawford confirmed that there were no changes to the agenda.

III. **Acceptance of March 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Scott Crawford inquired about any corrections or additions to the July 2025 CSCB Full Body meeting minutes. Ms. Karen Lake made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Juanita Gittings. The motion carried.

IV. **Organizational Presentations**

A. **Blue Water Community Action**

Ms. Karen Lake delivered an engaging and informative presentation on Blue Water Community Action and its mission to empower individuals with limited income to achieve social and economic self-sufficiency within their communities. She highlighted the wide range of programs and services the organization offers, including Housing and Energy Programs, Financial Assistance and Education, Health and Nutrition initiatives, and numerous community-focused special events.

Ms. Lake gave details about their Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA). The HARA provides:

- Supportive Housing Homeless Services
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Street Outreach
- Tenant Based Housing

Ms. Karen Lake also shared information about Blue Water Community Action's Asset Development Program, which offers foreclosure prevention assistance, including mortgage lender mediation and support with delinquent property taxes. The organization also provides Pre-Purchase Homeownership Counseling, Homebuyer Education, and Financial Literacy programs to help individuals build long-term financial stability.

In addition, Ms. Lake highlighted the Weatherization Program, which delivers energy conservation and related health and safety services at no cost to eligible low-income households.

BWCA also offers a variety of emergency and community support services, including Utility Assistance, a Diaper Bank, Adult Briefs, the Community Cares Cabinet, and Food Referrals. The Backpack and School Supply Program supports students from preschool through high school.

Another important initiative, the Money Management – Representative Payee Program, helps individuals manage their finances and budgets. A representative payee appointed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) manages Social Security or SSI benefits for individuals who are unable to do so themselves due to age, disability, or other circumstances.

Eligibility requirements for each program vary and may include factors such as household income, residency or citizenship status, age, disability, or other program-specific criteria. For more information, contact Blue Water Community Action at (810) 982-8541 or visit [www.bwcaa.org](http://www.bwcaa.org).

## B. AgeWays

Ms. Katie Schart provided an informative presentation about AgeWays, who they are and how important they are to our community. AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves as the designated area agency on aging for a six-county region in southeastern Michigan: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Washtenaw counties. Though it changed its public name recently, the organization's role and programs remain consistent with its longstanding mission of supporting older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers. They aim to help people live with independence, dignity, and choice in their own homes and communities rather than being forced into institutional living.

Ms. Schart went into detail about the different services and programs they offer:

- **Information & Assistance Line:** A free telephone helpline staffed by resource specialists who help older adults, persons with disabilities, and caregivers identify what programs or services they may be eligible for, and how to access them.
- **In-Home & Community Based Services:** Services that allow people to stay in their homes rather than entering institutional care. This includes home-delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), in-home supportive care, adult day services, transportation, and other supports.
- **Caregiver Support:** Programs to assist family caregivers, including respite vouchers (so caregivers can take a break), caregiver coaching, and online tools for education on topics like dementia care.
- **Advocacy:** AgeWays also engages in advocacy on behalf of older adults and caregivers working at the local, state, and federal level to promote policies and resources that support aging in place.
- **Transportation & Mobility Services:** They work to connect older adults and persons with disabilities to transportation options, including programs that help find accessible rides for medical appointments or errands.

Ms. Schart emphasized the importance of AgeWays and why it matters. Many older adults want to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. AgeWays helps make that feasible by providing and coordinating services that address daily living needs, safety, health, and social connection. Family caregivers often face stress, isolation, and lack of resources. By offering support, training, respite, and referral services, AgeWays helps lighten the burden and keep caregivers able to continue in their role. As the baby-boomer generation ages and with caregiver shortages on the horizon, organizations like AgeWays play a critical role in bridging the gap between independent living and institutional care. You can contact AgeWays at 1-800-852-7795 or via email at [www.ageways.org](http://www.ageways.org).

## V. Emerging Issues

### A. National / State Changes

Ms. Aubree Mayhew provided key details and updates about PIHP Procurement and RFP. MDHHS plans to move to a competitive procurement model for PIHP contracts that manage specialty behavioral health services (adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, intellectual/developmental disabilities, substance use disorders). The RFP is slated for summer 2025 with the target service start date of October 1, 2026. The procurement contemplates a restructuring of the PIHP regional model: current system is 10 PIHP regions; under the new model that may change (fewer larger regions) beginning FY 2027.

Ms. Mayhew explained how negatively this will impact the individuals we serve and the services they receive.

- **Loss of local connection & local control** - Many participants worry that the new model reduces the local voice, in behavioral health planning.
- **Disruption of existing provider relationships & networks** - Longstanding provider to PIHP or community mental health provider relationships could be altered. If a new PIHP replaces the incumbent, continuity of care might be threatened. Disruption of existing provider relationships & networks. Longstanding provider-to-PIHP or community mental health provider relationships could be altered. If a new PIHP replaces the incumbent, continuity of care might be threatened
- **Potential increases in administrative burden or overhead, leading to service impact** - Some experts suggest that if new entities (especially private or larger nonprofit insurers) assume PIHP roles, overhead costs may rise significantly, which could reduce funds available for direct services.
- **Reduced transparency and public accountability concerns** - Critics note that if a private or large nonprofit insurer takes over, they may not be subject to the same open-meetings, FOIA, local oversight standards as public PIHPs.
- **Contact your legislators** - <https://cmham.org/advocacy/take-action-now/>
- **Find contact information for local legislators at SCCCMH's advocacy page:** <https://scccmh.org/education-outreach/advocacy>

Ms. Mayhew provided attendees with two letter templates that they can personalize and send to their local state legislators, the Governor, and the Director of MDHHS. She emphasized that every individual's voice plays a vital role in protecting the future of Michigan's public mental health system.

## B. CSCB Advocacy Recommendations

Mr. Scott Crawford provided an update on the most recent Steering Committee meeting, which included an in-depth discussion on advocacy and the numerous program changes and funding cuts currently taking place or anticipated. The Committee emphasized that advocacy is essential and that it is important for our collective voice to be heard.

### **Key recommendations from the Steering Committee include:**

- Stay informed and educated about all proposed funding cuts and program changes.
- If your organization is permitted to engage in advocacy, please do so actively.
- If your organization cannot advocate, consider advocating as an individual.
- When differences of opinion arise, take the time to understand opposing viewpoints and seek opportunities for compromise.

For example, during the recent Steering Committee discussion on Medicaid fraud, members explored the differing perspectives between law enforcement's duty to uphold the law and the frequency of fraud occurrences in relation to supporting the most vulnerable. Both parties gained a deeper understanding of each other's positions through this dialogue. Mr. Crawford closed his remarks by underscoring the need to remain engaged in advocacy efforts and to stay current with developments regarding program changes and potential funding reductions.

## C. Headstart Update

Ms. Julie Pemberton provided an update on the current status of the Head Start Program in St. Clair County. Beginning October 1, 2025, the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) will assume responsibility for Head Start and Early Head Start services in the county. This transition is designed to ensure continuity of care for children and families, maintaining

access to early childhood education, health supports, and family services traditionally offered through Head Start. Across Michigan, many Head Start programs are experiencing funding delays due to federal and regional administrative changes. In addition, the recent closure of the Region 5 Office of Head Start, which oversaw Michigan and neighboring states, has created uncertainty regarding program oversight and support. Families with children eligible for Head Start or Early Head Start in St. Clair County are encouraged to stay informed during this transition to NEMCSA. It is important to verify enrollment details, confirm program stability, and stay updated on any changes in contact or application procedures as the transition progresses

Ms. Julie Pemberton reminded attendees to share information with families who have children approaching preschool age (3 or 4 years old). To be eligible for the Head Start program in St. Clair County, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2025. The program is offered at no cost to families, and transportation may be available for children living more than five miles from a Head Start center. Enrollment requires documentation such as proof of residence, the child's birth certificate and Social Security card, income verification, immunization records, insurance or Medicaid information, and guardianship papers if applicable.

Ms. Pemberton also encouraged families to explore additional early childhood education options, such as the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), noting that preschool openings are often competitive and program changes are currently underway. She assured attendees that she will continue to provide updates as new information and developments become available.

#### **D. School Based Health Clinic Consolidation**

Ms. Alyse Nichols spoke to attendees about the recent closing of school based health clinics in our area. SCCHD issued a memo dated August 1, 2025 announcing that effective September 1, 2025 several school-based health clinic sites would cease services. The reason given was clinical services (diagnosis, treatment and management by nurse-practitioners at those school-based sites) would be consolidated to the Health Department's main office and Teen Health Center, limiting off-site and school-based primary care services. At a public meeting on August 21, 2025 the change triggered more than two hours of public comment, citing concerns that ending these clinics could impact rural, low-income, and teen populations who rely on school-based access.

The locations listed as **discontinued were:**

- Algonac Counseling & Medical Clinic (Algonac)
- Capac School Wellness (Capac)
- Marysville School Wellness (Marysville)
- Yale Counseling & Medical Clinic (Yale)

Per Ms. Nichols the SCCHD noted that while the above sites closed, **services continue at:**

- The Teen Health clinic on the campus of Port Huron High School (2215 Court Street, Port Huron)
- Capac Counseling Center (on campus of Capac Elementary School, 351 W. Kempf Ct) — though the earlier “Capac School Wellness” site is listed as discontinued, this suggests some offset / transition at that location.
- SCCHD's main building: 220 Fort Street, Port Huron

Ms. Nicols advised that these changes could impact accessibility for students who relied on walk-in or in-school health care (especially in rural areas). Families and schools should verify what services are still available (immunizations, well checks, mental health) and where they must go now that certain school sites are closed. Over time, look for updates on whether other providers

pick up or replace those school-based sites. If anyone has any questions you can call SCCHD at (810) 987-5300.

#### **E. St. Clair Juvenile Intervention Unit**

Mr. Mike Kehoe introduced Ms. Danielle Eastwood, Director of Youth Services at the St. Clair Juvenile Intervention Unit (JIU). Ms. Eastwood provided a brief history, noting that when the St. Clair JIU closed in 2013, the county arranged for youth placements through the Macomb County Juvenile Center. At that time, St. Clair County was allocated 15 beds for youth lodging. Over the years, however, that number steadily decreased, and as of three weeks ago, no beds remain available.

Ms. Hazelwood provided an update on the St. Clair County Juvenile Intervention Unit (JIU). The facility had been anticipating a September 2025 opening; however, progress has been delayed due to challenges in securing appropriate medical care for youth residents. The JIU is licensed as a coeducational, 20-bed facility serving youth ages 11 to 17. Its primary purpose is to provide short-term stays rather than long-term treatment. The new targeted opening date is October 6.

The St. Clair Juvenile Intervention Unit (JIU) will operate under the supervision of the Director of Youth Services as a secure facility for adjudicated youth. It will provide care, safety, and security while overseeing educational and medical services and ensuring compliance with all licensing standards. The facility will serve court-ordered youth and work collaboratively with the juvenile court, probation officers, law enforcement, school personnel, and court services to support effective programming and successful transitions. In addition to secure housing, the JIU will emphasize education and treatment services, integrating with the county's school-based charter program and comprehensive treatment planning.

Ms. Hazelwood once again encouraged attendees to contact her or Mr. Mike Kehoe if they know of a doctor or nurse practitioner who may be interested in working with the facility.

### **VI. CSCB Updates**

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

##### **a. 2026 Dues Increase**

Mr. Scott Crawford informed attendees that, during the last Steering Committee meeting, a motion was made and approved to adopt the new tier structure. The document is being presented today to provide members with advance notice that it will take effect with the 2026 calendar year. Members are invited to share any additional comments or suggestions. Questions or feedback may be directed to Ms. Amy Smith at [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org). A waiver process will remain in place for individuals unable to pay the assigned tier level.

##### **b. November End of the Year Meeting**

Mr. Scott Crawford reminded attendees that the next CSCB Full Body meeting will serve as the End-of-Year Meeting. He noted that this meeting will provide an opportunity to reflect on the many activities and accomplishments the collaborative has achieved throughout the year. This year's theme is "Engage, Empower, Elevate: Our Community, Our Responsibility." An annual report is being developed to highlight these efforts, and members are encouraged to contribute ideas or articles that align with the theme by contacting Ms. Amy Smith at [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org).

##### **c. 2025 Community Services Award Nomination**

Mr. Scott Crawford reminded attendees that during the End-of-Year Meeting, the CSCB will recognize a community member who exemplifies the spirit of collaboration. Included in today's packet is the nomination form for the 2025 CSCB Community Collaborative

Award, along with a list of all past recipients since the award's inception in 2001. Attendees are encouraged to nominate someone deserving of this honor by completing the form and emailing it to Amy Smith at [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org) no later than Monday, October 20th. The Steering Committee will review all submissions and select this year's award recipient based on the nominations received.

Mr. Crawford also noted that save the date announcements for the End of Year Meeting will be distributed in the coming weeks. The event will be open to all CSCB members, workgroup participants, partner initiatives, and community members interested in learning more about the CSCB's work.

**d. Camp Grace Bentley**

Mr. Scott Crawford reported that during the last Steering Committee meeting, Camp Grace Bentley submitted an application for CSCB membership. Following a positive discussion, the Steering Committee recommended approval and is presenting the application today for formal endorsement.

Mr. Crawford then introduced Mr. Tod Logan, Executive Director of Camp Grace Bentley. Mr. Logan provided a brief overview of the camp, explaining that Camp Grace Bentley is a residential summer program located on the shores of Lake Huron in Burtchville Township, near Port Huron, Michigan. The camp is uniquely designed to serve children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities and special needs. It is a coeducational program that welcomes both youth campers (ages 7–17) and adult campers (18 and older).

The camp's philosophy emphasizes:

- Enabling campers to develop a greater sense of independence through trying new adventures and working with others.
- Providing a welcoming, inclusive environment where campers are encouraged to “be themselves”.
- Creating lifelong memories, friendships, and positive experiences for children and adults who may not always have typical camp opportunities.

Mr. Logan expressed Camp Grace Bentley's enthusiasm about joining the CSCB and shared that they are eager to collaborate with community partners. Mr. Scott Crawford made a motion to endorse Camp Grace Bentley for CSCB membership. The motion was supported by Mr. Brent Gillette and seconded by Mr. Dave McElroy. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Crawford then formally welcomed Camp Grace Bentley to the CSCB.

**B. Workgroup Updates**

**a. Early Childhood Services / Great Start Collaborative**

Ms. Jennifer Gunderson provided an update on Early Childhood Services and the Great Start Collaborative. She discussed the status of the Early Childhood Block Grant (Section 32p), which provides approximately \$19.4 million in funding to support the Great Start Collaborative, Family Coalitions, home visiting programs, and early literacy initiatives across the state.

Ms. Gunderson explained that both the Governor's Office and the State Senate have proposed maintaining Section 32p as a dedicated funding source, ensuring that these dollars remain focused on early childhood systems and supports. However, the House proposal recommends moving these funds into the general school aid budget (Section 22f). This change would remove the existing safeguards that ensure the funding is used

specifically for early childhood initiatives. If enacted, the proposal could significantly impact programming and potentially jeopardize roughly \$19 million in early childhood funding.

Ms. Gunderson also provided information about the 35th Annual Community Baby Shower. Registration is currently open for both expectant parents and vendors. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 14th, from 5:00–7:00 PM at Hillside Wesleyan Church in Clyde. All expectant mothers and fathers in St. Clair County as well as new parents with infants under three months are invited to attend this free educational event, which will feature vendors, speakers, and door prizes. For additional information, please see the attached flyer or contact Ms. Jennifer Gunderson at [Gunderson.Jennifer@sccresa.org](mailto:Gunderson.Jennifer@sccresa.org).

Ms. Gunderson provided additional updates on Early Childhood Services and the Great Start Collaborative (GSC):

- **Help Me Grow:** The program is transitioning to a new HUB platform. Beginning January 2026, referrals will be managed through the updated system at [www.MIEarlyChildhood.org](http://www.MIEarlyChildhood.org).
- **Literacy:** New Talking is Teaching reading spaces are now open in the St. Clair County Health Department lobby and the Early Childhood Court waiting room.
- **Great Start Home Visiting:** Great Start hosts free weekly playground sessions for families with children from birth through the start of school. For more information, contact [Gunderson.Jennifer@sccresa.org](mailto:Gunderson.Jennifer@sccresa.org).
- **Great Start Family Coalition:** The Great Start Padlet is available as a resource for families with young children, providing helpful information and resources.
- **PreK for All:** Applications for the 2024–2025 PreK for All program are available at [www.sccresa.org](http://www.sccresa.org).
- **Next Meeting:** The next GSC meeting will be held October 30th, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at RESA East (1111 Delaware Ave., Marysville).

b. **Housing & Support Services Workgroup**

Ms. Kathy Swantek provided an update on the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The 2025–2026 allocation is \$221,989, an increase of \$2,000 from the previous year. A detailed updated sheet with additional information is included in your packet.

Ms. Swantek also gave an update about the July PIT Report. The count was done on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 12am to 11:59pm. A total of 220 people were counted versus January’s 165 counted. They had a larger number of organizations participating and more community volunteers.

**Below are more count details:**

- 58 adults were in shelters
- 40 adults were unsheltered
- 21 children in shelters
- 8 families
- 3 children unsheltered

Ms. Swantek once again expressed her gratitude to all individuals, organizations, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the Community Resource Fair (CRF). She reminded attendees that a wrap-up meeting summary is included in their packet, providing key details and highlights from the 2025 CRF. The event welcomed 270 participants, representing 744 household members. The first planning meeting for the 2026 CRF will be held on Monday, September 22nd. Attendees were encouraged to join this dedicated group to help organize the

next successful Community Resource Fair. The next Community Resource Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Ms. Swantek provided an update on Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, which will take place Sunday, November 16 through Saturday, November 22, 2025. The week is intended to raise awareness about hunger, homelessness, and poverty through community events, service projects, and educational activities. This year, efforts include collaborating with the Colonial Woods Youth Group to potentially host the youth sleep-out event at their church on Friday, November 21. Additionally, organizers are coordinating a community scavenger hunt to locate food boxes, connecting with Mid City Nutrition regarding a soup meal, and planning several other outreach opportunities to engage the community.

Ms. Swantek concluded her update by sharing information about the new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project. Greg Mustic of George Lhota, Wodda Cooper Companies, a firm involved in multiple projects across the county and throughout Michigan, is seeking endorsement to develop a PSH project in Port Huron called “Robin Crest.” The project will include 18 to 50 units specifically designated for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026, pending the approval of tax credits from MSHDA.

The next Housing & Support Services Workgroup meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at CMH.

**c. Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Workgroup**

Ms. Nicole Brinkel from BWROC introduced herself as co-chair of the SUPTR Workgroup, alongside Mr. Michael Thomas from IMPACT. She began her update by reminding attendees of the new meeting time now scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Ms. Brinkel noted that an updated SUPTR calendar with revised meeting dates and times is included in the packet.

She invited attendees, or anyone interested in joining the SUPTR Committee, to contact her at [nbickel@bwroc.org](mailto:nbickel@bwroc.org). Ms. Brinkel also announced the formation of two new subcommittees:

- **The Substance Use Data and Information Exchange Subcommittee**, which focuses on addressing unmet substance use concerns within the county by sharing data and insights.
- **The Overdose Fatality Review Taskforce**, established to respond to issues identified by the overdose fatality team.

Both subcommittees will meet monthly and include participation from in-county or out-of-county representatives who will share data and recommendations aimed at reducing overdose rates across the region.

Ms. Bickel concluded her SUPTR update by reminding attendees that the next SUPTR meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 2:30 p.m., co-chaired by Ms. Bickel and Mr. Thomas.

**d. Adolescent Services Workgroup**

Ms. Karen Palka provided an update on the Adolescent Services Workgroup and highlighted the ongoing efforts to ensure the Adolescent Services Directory remains accurate, up-to-date, and easily accessible. She expressed appreciation to A Beautiful Me

and Operation Transformation for distributing more than 500 Adolescent Directory postcards to families during their recent family night events.

Ms. Palka emphasized the importance of outreach, noting that while creating the directory is valuable, its true impact comes from being actively used by the adolescents and families it was designed to support. Based on the positive community response, the committee recommended expanding outreach by sharing the directory at upcoming events such as the Port Huron Bash, the Annual Back-to-School Giveaway, and other vendor opportunities that members may participate in.

Ms. Palka also provided an update on the MiPHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth) Data Collection, emphasizing the importance of gathering accurate local data. The MiPHY survey is completed by students in grades 7, 9, and 11 every two years and provides valuable insights directly from youth perspectives. It is now time to begin the next data collection cycle, and Ms. Palka encouraged schools to once again support and participate in this important effort.

She also invited individuals who work with adolescents ages 8–18 to join the Adolescent Services Workgroup and contribute to this collaborative initiative. Those interested may contact Amy Smith at [asmith@scccmh.org](mailto:asmith@scccmh.org).

Ms. Palka concluded by noting that the next Adolescent Services Workgroup meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at 3:00 p.m.

## VII. **Additional Agenda Items**

### A. **CMH Crisis and Access Line**

Ms. Aubree Mayhew provided an update on the upcoming changes to the St. Clair County Community Mental Health Crisis and Access Line, which will take effect on October 1st. She also announced the opening of Behavioral Health Urgent Care Services on the same date. These new services will enhance access to immediate support, offering walk-in assistance for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis or in need of rapid access to care.

Ms. Mayhew concluded her update by noting that a flyer included in the packet provides detailed information about the available services: including Services Offered, Eligibility, What to Expect, and, most importantly, the new Access to Services phone number: 810-488-8888.

### B. **Community Health First Center – Letter of Support**

Mr. Scott Crawford introduced Mr. Mike Barrowski, who addressed the CSCB to request a letter of support for the Community Health First Center. Mr. Barrowski explained that the organization operates three locations, including sites in Algonac, New Haven, and Port Huron, and has been serving the community for nearly 50 years. For 46 of those years, the center has received a federal grant that supports its mission of providing primary care services through a dedicated team of doctors and nurse practitioners.

Mr. Barrowski noted that the organization is required to reapply for this grant every three years, which includes obtaining letters of support from community partners. He expressed appreciation for the CSCB's consideration and emphasized the center's ongoing commitment to community health. Mr. Crawford informed members that a draft letter of

support was included in their packets for review. Mr. Crawford then called for a motion to approve the letter of support. The motion was made by Mr. Brett Gillette, seconded by Ms. Annie Austin, and unanimously approved.

VIII. **Announcements** (flyers provided)

- **Community Foundation of St. Clair County** – Women’s Initiative, Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.–8 p.m.
- **St. Clair County Community Mental Health** – Recovery Summit free webinars throughout the month of September
- **Friends of St. Clair River** – St. Clair River Summit, Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, contact [Sheri@scriver.org](mailto:Sheri@scriver.org) for questions.
- **The Salvation Army** – Little Tunes Music Classes, September 26<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dementia & Alzheimer’s Association of St. Clair County** – 5K Run & Walk, Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> registration begins at 8 a.m. run starts at 9 a.m.
- **Operation Transformation** – Annual benefit dinner, Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- **The Salvation Army** – Shuffling Seniors Board Game Club starting Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m.-11a.m.
- **The Salvation Army** – Open Gym, Mondays from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Walk 2 Remember Walk 2 Prevent** – Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.- 1:30 a.m. at East China Park.
- **St. Clair County RESA** – 2025 Community Baby Shower, Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m.-7p.m.
- **A Beautiful Me** – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Signature Gala Fundraiser, Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, doors open at 2:30 p.m.
- **MI Works** – trainings and educational opportunities for more information and to schedule trainings go to [www.msc-mw.org](http://www.msc-mw.org) .
- **MDHHS** – Diaper Assistance Program, to inquire about the program at the front window of your local MDHHS office and complete the request form,
- **Grand Reopening** – Port Huron Dental Clinic, call now to schedule an appointment; 810-488-8004.

IX. **Next Meeting: Wednesday November 19th from 2PM – 4PM at CMH Auditorium**

X. **Adjournment**

With no further business to address, Ms. Deb Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:54PM

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Gloria Valentin  
Recording Secretary

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Scott Crawford  
CSCB Chair