

**St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body
Steering Committee Meeting
August 26, 2025**

Members Present:

Vice-Chair: Scott Crawford, Council on Aging, serving St. Clair County
Karen Lake, Blue Water Community Action Agency
Mat King, St Clair County Sheriff's Office
Astrid Elkins, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
Bob Currier, St Clair County Homeland Security / Emergency Management Office
Brent Gillette, United Way of St Clair County
Telly Delor, St. Clair County Community Mental Health
Jazmyn Thomas, City of Port Huron
Juanita Gittings, Citizen
Mike McCartan, Citizen
Brenda Tenniswood, St. Clair Regional Education Services
Liz King, St. Clair County Health Department
Becky Gorinac, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency / Early Childhood Workgroup
Kathy Swantek, Citizen / Housing & Support Services Workgroup
Michael Thomas, IMPACT / Substance Use Prevention Treatment & Recovery Workgroup
Amy Smith, St. Clair County Community Mental Health / Community Services Coordinating Body

I. Welcome

Scott Crawford welcomed members to today's meeting and thanked them for making time to attend today. He noted that in today's packet were the minutes from the June's meeting. Kathy Swantek made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes as presented. Brent Gillett seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

II. National, State Changes & Local Impact

A. SCCHD Changes for School-based Clinics- Liz King

Liz updated the committee on the closing of the three school-based clinics: Algonac, Marysville, Yale. The only center still operating is the Teen Health Center located at Port Huron High School. The reason for this change is that Dr. Neven, Medical Director does not want RN's providing any services off site. These closings will occur effective September 1st. All of the clinics were fully funded through three-year grants from MDHHS and these funds included staffing. Therefore 5 staff were laid off. A lengthy discussion occurred.

B. PIHP Procurement RFT & Medicaid– Telly Delor

Telly directed members to the handouts in today's meeting packet. She stated that the PIHP procurement RFP has been released. The state will be decreasing the number of PIHP's from 10 statewide to 3. Points noted include:

- ✓ Managed by private providers rather than non-profits
- ✓ \$500,000,000 in administrative costs rather than services to individuals
- ✓ There will be no local control
- ✓ No public oversight
- ✓ Advocacy at all levels is essential
- ✓ The lawsuit is on hold currently – waiting to see what legislation does

Telly encouraged members to review the handouts in today's packet, to stay aware of what is happening and to help advocate as much as possible.

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the role of CSCB, individual agency directors, versus individual citizen status. Collective support is more effective, however it can have a cost. Decide to encourage CSCB Full Body to support in any way they feel comfortable. Letters will be included in the next Full Body meeting packet as examples.

C. Other issues of Concern

Brent Gillett shared that 211 is being cut despite call volume increasing.

Scott Crawford shared that the Foster Grandparent program is being eliminated

Astrid Elkins stated that TANF funded programs are being reduced to 4 months

III. CSCB Steering Committee Update

A. 2025 Budget Status

Amy Smith reported that with the voluntary increase in dues that so many organizations made, the CSCB collected \$72,400 this year. A majority of the budget is used for salaries of those who work for the CSCB. The hope is to be much closer to a balanced budget than in the past so CMH does not have to cover the overage. Budget report is in the meeting packet for today.

B. 2026 Budget

Scott reported that in the packet is the 2026 dues structure that was adopted at the CSCB Full Body meeting last month. Since many of you were not at that meeting, the proposed budget was on the agenda to alert members of the increase. However, it was endorsed to move ahead with the increase. Nothing has been sent out to membership at this point; however Amy has received two emails of organizations that are withdrawing membership: Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties (Offender Success Program) and McLaren Port Huron. Both emails are in your packet. Amy has not reacted to either of these and McLaren's was just sent yesterday. Discussion occurred.

C. Camp Bently Membership Application

In today's meeting packet is an application for membership from Camp Grace Bentley. This is a camp for people with disabilities and is held in Fort Gratiot. Karen Palka was talking with the camp director at The Big Give about the CSCB. Amy met with Tod and he attended the July Full Body meeting. After discussion Juanta Gittings made a motion to accept the application. Jazmyn Thomas seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

D. November End of the Year Meeting

Scott stated that it is that time of year to begin planning our End of the Year Celebration. In the meeting packet is a handout with suggested themes. Discussion occurred. The committee choice "Engage, Empower, Elevate: Our Community, Our Responsibility". Scott also asked for suggestions of the meeting format. After discussion it was agreed to have the meeting on the regular scheduled meeting date of Wednesday November 19th at CMH in the Auditorium. The group did not have any ideas on any speaker, however, will email Amy if they think of someone. Election of Officers will occur this year for a three-year term beginning in January. Also at the next meeting this committee will decide the winner of this year's Community Service Award. Nomination and the list of previous winners are in today's packet.

IV. Workgroup Updates

A. Housing & Support Services Workgroup – Kathy Swantek reported that:

The meeting summary form the July 9th meeting is in today's packet. Highlights included:

- ✓ the July Summer Point in Time (PIT) Count which was scheduled for July 31st.

- ✓ Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week which is November 17th – 25th. A committee is meeting to begin planning for this community awareness week.
 - ✓ Reviewed was the actual Emergency Solutions Grant funding allocation for St. Clair County. This year we received approximately \$2,000 more than last year. Kathy reviewed how these funds were dispersed.
- B. Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery – Michael Thomas new co-chair of this workgroup reported that at their first meeting which was on August 13th the focus was on reviewing and updating the workgroup goals and objectives. They will begin to focus education activities around marijuana and vape pens. In addition, it created a Task Force to work on moving the recommendations forward from the Overdose Fatality Review Committee. The meeting summary is in today's packet. Meeting dates have been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the even months. Co-Chair Nicole Bickle will be attending the Full Body meetings and will report on this workgroup.
- C. Adolescent Services Workgroup – Karen Palka was not able to attend today's meeting. Amy Smith reported that the August June meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is Wednesday September 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
- D. Early Childhood – Becky Gorinac reported that
- The committee will be working on updating the strategic plan throughout the next year.
 - Community Baby Shower is being planned for October 14th.
 - Great Start Collaborative is promoting talking, teaching, reading instead of using technology
 - Pre-K for all – St. Clair County is at 50% enrolled, stated goal is 75%. Six more classrooms are being added
 - The Early Childhood HUB is being discontinued and will move to utilizing the statewide website.
 - A new Headstart provider has been named: NEMSCA – lengthy discussion regarding the changes that will occur as a result due to licensing issues.

VI. Additional Agenda Items

- A. Resource Navigation Committee – Amy reported that this group continues to meet and is going through the 211 website by category to determine which resources are missing as well as to make recommended changes to the website. The plan is to host enrollment opportunities to CSCB members once the website is updated.
- B. Agenda for the September 17th meeting – Scott asked members to send any agenda items or handout to Amy for the next Full Body meeting.
- C. Recovery Summit – throughout the month of September. Flier with the various trainings is in today's packet. Free CE's for specific professions.
- D. Recovery Fest –Sponsored by BWROC on September 13th - handout in today's packet
- E. DAASCC Run / Walk – September 27th - flier in today's packet
- F. Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide – Sunday October 12th. Flier is in the packet.
- G. City of Port Huron – Jazmyn announced that St. Clair Landing had a large water pipe burst and 25 residents were misplaced. The Community Foundation of St. Clair County help to put these people in to hotels for the fist couple of nights. Needed suggestions on what to do about the 12 people who have not yet been able to return to their apt. Karen Lake stated she would talk with Jazmyn after today's meeting.
- H. Brent Gillette announced that Liz King is co-chair of this year's United Way Campaign.

Next CSCB Steering Committee Meeting is October 23rd.