

St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body
Steering Committee Meeting
February 23, 2025

Members Present:

Vice-Chair: Scott Crawford, Council on Aging, serving St. Clair County
Becky Gorinac, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency
Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me
Kathy Swantek, Citizen
Jazmyn Thomas, City of Port Huron
Karen Lake, Blue Water Community Action Agency
Liz King, St. Clair County Health Department
Karynn Carrell, McLaren Port Huron Foundation
Amy Smith, St. Clair County Community Mental Health / Community Services Coordinating Body

Guest: Jackie Hanton, & Dr. Randa Jundi-Samman

I. Welcome

Scott Crawford welcomed members to today's meeting and thanked them for making time to attend today. He acknowledged that he would be chairing since Deb Johnson is on vacation.

- II. Community Foundation Strategic Goals:** Jackie Hanton was present today to share the Community Foundation's 2025 – 2027 strategic areas. She also had their former Board Chair, Dr. Randa Jundi-Samman with her. Jackie noted that the Community Foundation's focus for the next three years centers on strengthening our foundation and enhancing our community impact.

Key drivers of community & economic prosperity are

1. Nonprofit capacity,
 - Unrestricted grantmaking,
 - Basic Needs Support
 - Nonprofit Capacity Building
 - Each year focus may change – this year will address food, housing & shelter needs
2. Workforce & student success,
 - Post -secondary success
 - Career Exploration
 - Benchmarking Trips
3. Coastline communities /placemaking / rural
 - Coastline Communities / Bridge to Bay corridor – how do we put Money in communities to get a return?
 - Placemaking Initiatives – trails & outdoor recreation, public are, Blue Water River Walk

Jackie also announced the Big Give which is on Wednesday May 14th. Discussion occurred.

III. National Chanes & the Impact Locally

Scott stated that with the many changes that are occurring at the national level, a local non-profit asked if the CSCB was doing anything to prepare for possible changes coming. There was a lengthy discussion regarding how quickly information is changing and there has been no direct action at the local level yet.

Points discussed included:

- ✓ Need for advocacy

- ✓ Need to share local impact with the community, board members, local officials, state officials as well as representatives and senators at the national level
- ✓ Possibly host a Town Hall meeting
- ✓ SEMCOG is advocating with legislators

The decision was to keep a close eye on it at this point and if a special meeting is needed due to proposed changes, members agreed to meet.

IV. 2025 CSCB Budget Update

- A. Voluntary Dues Update -Amy stated that in the packet was a list of the CSCB membership broken into the five categories: \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,000 and Green Membership. If an organization had voluntarily to increase their dues for 2025, that was also noted. As of today those members are: A Beautiful Me, Professional Counseling Center, Blue Wate Community Action, SCC Department of Health & Human Services, The Salvation Army, Blue Water Area Transportation, IMPACT, The Council on Aging, servicing SCC, City of Port Huron, SCC Community Mental Health, and SCC Regional Education Services. This is an additional \$14,800 over what was collected from last year. Deb did send out another email asking those organizations who have not considered increasing their dues this year, to do so. Scott thanked those organizations that already had voluntarily to pay more. Discussion occurred – Liz will talk with Karrie Hepting to see if the county would consider increasing their dues due to the number of departments that are involved in the CSCB.
- B. Sub – Committee Update – Karen Lake outlined what the subcommittee, which included herself, Karen Palka, and Amy Smith would recommend for 2026. Handout had current versus proposed increase. Points identified include:
- Tiers are too broad – only 4 plus Green Membership
 - Add additional tiers - bold in chart below
 - Do we do a straight percentage increase of dues
 - For small organization maybe increase by 0.01% of annual budget

Discussion occurred

Current proposed breakdown is:

Beginning	Up To	# of Members	10% Increase	Amount	0.01% of budget	Amount
	\$500,000	21	\$275	\$5,775	\$250	\$5,250
\$500,000	\$1,500,00	8	\$550	\$4,400	\$750	\$6,000
\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	3	\$825	\$2,475	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000	4	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
\$5,000,000	\$7,500,000	6	\$3,000	\$18,000	\$3,750	\$22,500
\$7,500,000	10,000,000	0	\$5,000		\$5,000	
\$10,000,000	\$15,000,000	5	\$7,500	\$37,500	\$7,500	\$37,500
				\$74,150		\$85,750

Kathy Swantek made the motion to add the new tier levels for 2026 with an increase of 0.01% to better support the smaller organizations. Jazmyn Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Resource Navigation Ad-hoc Committee

Amy Smith reported that the new ad-hoc committee met just before this meeting for the first time. The focus of the discussion was to outline some of the issues with having multiple referral systems, lack of follow-up, inadequate information for referral, etc. This group will meet in March and were asked to bring the various referral materials those organizations generate, use, etc. The discussion was to remind

members that we were not looking to eliminate 211, but to help enhance it so it better meets community needs.

VI. CSCB Steering Committee Updates

- A. New Membership Applications – Scott stated that there were two applications in the packet asking for membership to the CSCB.
 - 1. 211 Northeast Michigan– members reviewed the application and had discussion. Karen Lake made a motion to endorse membership for 211. Jazmyn seconded the motion – motion carried.
 - 2. Behavioral Health Connections – members reviewed the application. No one had heard of this organization and there were no financials presented. Discussion occurred. Membership vote was tabled, and Amy will ask Liz Martinez to attend and make a presentation at the next Steering Committee
- B. Strategic Goals – Amy reviewed that handout in today’s packet that outlined the accomplishments of the 2024 goals / objectives / strategies. The highlighted areas were what occurred in 2024. Discussion occurred regarding the need to more actively recruit new members.

VII. Workgroup Updates

- A. Substance Use Disorder PTR – Amy reported that this workgroup met yesterday and had a presentation on SCC SUD Gap Analysis completed by a research group lead through MSU. Due to the time, Amy stated that specifics were in the meeting summary in the packet.
- B. Adolescent Services Workgroup – Karen Palka stated that during their first meeting of the year the efforts were on updating the Adolescent Services Resource Directory. Meetings have been moved to 3:00 p.m.
- C. Early Childhood – Becky Gorinac reviewed the handout for Early Childhood addressing the Great Start Collaborative, Great Start Family Coalition, Great Start Readiness Program, (GSRP) and Strong Beginnings. Handout was in the meeting packet.
- D. Housing & Support Services Workgroup – Kathy Swantek highlighted the outcome of the January HSSW meeting, summary in the packet. She highlighted the Community Resource Fair which is on Wednesday May 14th. In the packet was marketing materials, volunteer sign -up flier and the vendor flier. Kathy encouraged members to help spread the word of this great event as well as to allow staff to participate as vendors and volunteers.

VIII. Additional Agenda Items

- A. Disaster Planning Ad-Hoc Update – Scott stated that in January this group came back together and reviewed all of the information that was collected. He stated that Justin was very pleased with the amount of information / organizations that are willing to step up if needed. The discussion then turned to keeping the data current. Justin asked if this is something that the ad-hoc could do in approximately one year. By then Homeland Security / Emergency Management may have additional areas of support that may be needed. There was no additional meetings scheduled, but will wait until later in the year to determine if there is a need for this group to continue or disband.
- B. 2025 Help Card – Amy stated that in the packet was the updated version of the CSCB Help Card. After today it will be copied and disseminated throughout the various groups.
- C. Agenda Items for March 19th Full Body Meeting. – Scott asked for any additional agenda items. None were noted.
- D. Additional handouts included: CMH’s Run for Recovery, Dementia Alzheimer's packet of information.

IX. Next meeting Thursday April 24, 2025.