

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
General Committee Meeting
January 27, 2021

Present:

Leslie Eschenbacher, CAN Council, Great Lakes Bay Region, Chairperson
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Vice-Chair
Beth Eurich, Department on Aging
Carrie Prosowski, MRS
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation
Jill Armentrout, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Center
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization
Nicole Luczak, Bay County United Way
Barry Schmidt, Neighborhood Resource Center, Bay County Prevention Network
Katie Sperling, MDHHS
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD
Jeremy Rick, Bay Area Women's Center

Recorder: Annette Maziarz, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health

- I. **Call to Order – Leslie Eschenbacher, Chairperson:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Leslie Eschenbacher. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** Laura Love made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Jeremy Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of November Minutes (attached):** Joni King made a motion to approve the November meeting notes. Laura Love seconded the motion. All were in favor.
December Steering Committee Minutes: For review - attached
- IV. **COVID-19 Response Updates:**
Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update: Numbers of cases have significantly dropped (only 5 new cases confirmed in the county). Hospital levels have decreased. Bay County started receiving vaccines a little over a month ago. However, the State has not sent Bay County as many vaccines as requested (out of 6 requests, only received 3 and not as many vaccines as requested). Nationally, there were not enough supplies of vaccines to go around. This past week, the State has announced that they are revamping their distribution to go towards to a more population-based distribution. This will affect the most vulnerable communities (which will affect Bay County). Bay County will be giving out 1000 vaccines starting this week. 26-27,000 individuals have registered on the On-Line Registration to receive vaccines. Bay County will be going live with a call-in number to register for the vaccines for those individuals who do not have internet. Bay County expects that in about 4 weeks the supply issues will improve dramatically. Joel thanked everyone for all their support they have given.

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United Way / COVID-19 Community Response Team: Nicole reported on United Way and what they are doing regarding immediate needs. Have some funds available for non-profit and friends & family for specific needs.

Department of Health and Human Services Update: Offices continue to be closed (anticipated through at least March 1). Still seeing an increase in the number of assistance applications. Continuing to be out in the field working with families in Child Welfare side – still seeing a large decrease in the amount of complaints received (a lot to do with schools not being open). MDHHS continues to amend policies to help assist with families during this difficult time.

Department on Aging Update: Helping to get people registered for COVID vaccines. Phone calls are going to voicemail currently to help with clients registering for the vaccine and to keep up with their work loads. Meals on Wheels still going strong. Office is closed still.

Bay IDS - Return to Learn: Most of schools are back in session. For those schools who have not been back in session, they will be returning next week. All the Arenac County schools have been vaccinated. This week there will be 500 individual's vaccine.

V. Trauma Informed Communities/MiHIA ACE's Resiliency Workgroup Update: A virtual MACK was held January 14 and 15 of January. There were 20 individuals trained. Will be transitioning to meeting quarterly versus monthly starting March 2.

VI. Dues Update: Dues have been coming in on a regular basis. There were a few organizations that have asked for a waiver (will be discussed during the Steering Committee meeting next month).

VII. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports

Adult Services Collaborative: Deferred

Bay County Prevention Network: Underage drinking is a big concern at this time in Bay County (based on the MiPhy data - 2019-2020 Bay County had one of the highest ratings in the State). On Feb. 9 from 11 – 1:00 a Data Walk will be held virtually (see attached flyer) regarding underage drinking. Currently doing some on-line alcohol promotions. Team Advocate Prevention is working on a retail responsibility project. Focus Group is scheduled with a Youth Advisor Council at the next meeting on Feb. 3. Bay County Prevention Network organization took a \$16,000 hit because of Block Grant Funding. State over allocating Block Grant Funding (were prepared for this and adjusted ahead of time).

VIII. BACF Grant Applications:

- **1st Grant Cycle** – Opens 2nd Monday in January (1/11/2021) with a deadline of 2nd Monday in March (3/8/2021) (HSCC Reviews in March – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-May). Individuals are required to submit their application for a grant by March 1st.
- **2nd Grant Cycle** – Opens 2nd Monday in July (7/12/2021) with deadline of 2nd Monday in September (9/13/2021) (HSCC Reviews in October – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-November)

IX. Roundtable Updates – Please keep updates to programs/services/community events

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- Members provided agency updates. All updates submitted to Tracy as a flyer or document can be found at www.bahscc.org

Upcoming Events:

With no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Bay County Department of Health and Human Services, 1399 W. Center Rd., Essexville. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Maziarz, Recorder, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health