

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council  
Steering Committee  
February 24, 2021

Present:

Leslie Eschenbacher, CAN Council, Great Lakes Bay Region, Chairperson  
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Vice-Chair  
Beth Eurich, Department on Aging  
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD  
Nichole Lazurka, United Way of Bay County  
Mike, United Way of Bay County  
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department  
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action  
Barry Schmidt, Neighborhood Resource Center, Bay County Prevention Network  
Joelin Hahn, BABH  
Diane Fog, Bay Area Community Foundation

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.
- II. **Approval of December Steering Committee Minutes (attached):** Gretchen Wagner made a motion to approve the December 9, 2020 meeting notes with the re-wording (under Community Response Update) stating “The goal to give out vaccines to individuals within the next 6 months is 70,000”. Joelin Hahn seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**January HSCC General Member Meeting Minutes:** Deferred.
- III. **Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update:** Currently at approximately 7100 confirmed COVID cases as of today and estimated 263 fatalities since the pandemic began. The county (as a total) has given out around 22,000 vaccines (about 12-15% of the population have had vaccines). Test positive rate is about at 3% (much lower compared to December 2020). Estimated about 14 individuals currently in the hospital with COVID in the ICU. Average of 10-15 individuals testing positive per day (was down to about 6 individuals per day before County has start to re-open). Currently there are two vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) that are given out – both require two doses. The concerns that the Health Department are; 1) UK variant (B117) that is spreading through-out Mid-Michigan (vaccines works against this strain); and 2) South African variant (vaccine not so good about protecting against symptoms, but is very good against severe illness in hospitalization). Almost 0 deaths against individuals who have been vaccinated against the South-African strain. Starting to see the vaccine opening up to individuals. Two items on the horizon are: 1) will be expanding access to the clinics and to start engaging Meijers with giving out the vaccines; and 2) Currently in the process of qualifying to go out to high-rises to give out vaccines to individuals 60+ of age. As of March 1, will start to vaccinate food manufacturing workers and farmers. Currently an estimate of 10,000 individuals still on the waiting list.

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- IV. Return to Learn Updates:** Currently all the schools are in-person throughout Bay County. Quarantines are not happening nearly as frequently as in the past. Working with Bay County Health Clinic and Great Lakes Bay Health Systems to get all educators vaccinated (most have received first dosage).
- V. Community Response Update:** The Health Department has recently transitioned their Diaper Program over to the United Way. Now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Still funding for financial assistance through COVID funding and also the quarantine program. Boys and Girls Club is currently closed because of potential exposure. Due to a small fire in the elevator shaft at the United Way Building, the Tax Program have been moved over to The Depot (going strong getting individuals taxes completed). Currently putting individuals on a waiting list to get scheduled in for taxes.
- VI. Trauma Informed Communities/MiHIA ACE's Resiliency Workgroup Update:** Rich VanTol is the chairperson currently – meetings held every other month with the next meeting in March. A virtual Mack Training was held in January to train individuals in the community on how to be a trainer. There were 20 individuals that attended – 2-day training. Working with MiHIA to be the backbone of some of this work.
- VII. Dues 2021**
- **DSRC waiver request for 2021 dues:** A request from DSRC has been received to waive the 2021 dues. Beth will be sent out an email to this group to vote on before taking to the full committee for final approval.
  - **Other Dues questions:** A reminder will go out to those that have not paid their dues. Last year we received \$6600 in dues, currently we are at \$4600.
- VIII. Roundtable Updates – Please keep updates to programs/services/community events**
- Members provided agency updates. All updates submitted to Gretchen as a flyer or document can be found at [www.bahscc.org](http://www.bahscc.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

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

The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday April 28, 2021.

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