

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
General Committee Meeting
September 22, 2021

Present:

Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Vice-Chair
Beth Eurich, Department on Aging
Carrie Prosowski, MRS
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Network
Nichol Luczak, Bay County United Way
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD
Laura Kukla, Probate Court
Barry Schmidt, Bay County Prevention Network
Kathleen Sperling, Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization
Pastor Marcelle Smith, 2nd Baptist Church
Rich VanTol, BAISD, Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative
Lisa Galonska, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Jill Armentrout, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Joelin Hahn, BABH
Terri Robbins, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathway

Recorder: Annette Maziarz, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health

- I. **Call to Order – Leslie Eschenbacher, Chairperson:** The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by Laura Love. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** All were in favor of approving the agenda as written.
- III. **Approval of May Minutes (attached):** Joelin Hahn made a motion to approve the July 28th meeting notes. Terri Robbins seconded the motion. All were in favor.
August Steering Committee Minutes: For review - attached
- IV. **COVID-19 Response Updates:**
Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update: Bay County is well over 10% test positivity. The case rate per million is 283.5 as of yesterday (averaging about 30-40 cases per day compared to approximately 75 cases per day last year - 2- 3 months ago, we averaged about 3 cases per day). The growth in school's transmission of COVID have skyrocketed. No schools have shut down as of yet. There are a number of counties that have adopted similar ways of testing as Bay County with most adopting mask policies. The numbers are increasing due to the Delta Variant. Other than masks, there are a number of other ways to help decrease the spread of COVID – vaccination, ventilation, and testing. We are at about 55% of the ages 12 and older that have been fully vaccinated. About 61% individuals have been given the first dose. The good news, about 88% of the older population are fully vaccinated. The third dose of vaccines (hopefully will be put in place by the end of the week – expecting to be both Pfizer and Moderna) will be available for 65 and older, individuals with health issues, and occupational

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workers (i.e. teachers). Vaccines could come as early as Halloween for children under the age of 12. A number of insurers and health care organizations are no longer going to offer free care for treatment for COVID. The testing is still free – expected to stay free for the next 18-20 months (will be a cost to testing after this). Rapid antigen testing is currently in short supply.

Department of Health and Human Services Update: Deferred.

- V. Trauma Informed Communities/MiHIA ACE's Resiliency Workgroup Update:** Rich announced that he has now started an Asset Audit (help build resilience in youth). More information to come at the November meeting. Any groups that need ACE's training, please contact either Gretchen or Rich.
- VI. Dues Update:** All dues have been received for 2021. Dues for 2022 will be going out in the mail in October. Beth will also be sending out next year's meeting dates.
- VII. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:** A reminder email will go out to these groups prior to them presenting.
- Bay County Community Service Partners:** Deferred.
- Suicide Prevention Coalition:** The Suicide Coalition is in the process of re-building the group. One of the main things this group is doing is data collection – will be reaching out to different organizations to collect data on attempts as well as completed suicides. Part of the discussion this group is having is creating a 6-year plan which includes whether Midland and Saginaw Counties have a coalition and making into one coalition – Great Lakes Bay Suicide Coalition. Not only are we focusing on the prevention side, but we also are looking into the "After Care" part as well. As of right now, the only individual we have is Barb Smith who provides after care of those families who have had a suicide. We are looking at developing some teams to focus on the after care part. The goal is to have a full time or part time individual to head the after care portion. We are in the process of an audit in the membership list to see who we have/who we need/and what role will each of them play.
- 2-1-1 Board Update:** Currently hired a new Connections Manager. United Way is currently sharing a shared position with 2-1-1. They will be located at the United Way office 40 hours a week - 20 hours will be reimbursed by 2-1-1 to take phone - the other 20 hours will be working with United Way in their Community Emergency Service fund and the Direct Assistance Programs. United Way is still accepting applications for this position until This Friday (September 24).
- VIII. BACF Grant Applications:** Semi-annual grants have closed for 20-21. Potentially there will be 3 grants to approve starting with next year's plan. Beth will add this to the next meeting's agenda. There are still a couple of other grant opportunities available – Hemlock Semi-Conductor Chair grant available. Their deadline is Sept. 30 to apply. The Dow Advanced Youth Service grant and the Education Mini grant to help fund up to \$300 for supplies (does not cover operating costs). If anyone is interested in any of these grants, please contact Joni.
- **1st Grant Cycle** – Opens January 10, 2022. Obtain application password by March 7th. Application submission deadline March 14th. (HSCC Review in March – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-May).

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- **2nd Grant Cycle** – Opens July 11, 2022. Obtain application password by September 6th. Application submission deadline September 12th. (HSCC Review in October – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-November).

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

- Members provided agency updates. All updates submitted to Beth 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, November 17th, 2021 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 via Zoom or at United Way Lower-Level Conference Room.

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