

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council  
General Committee Meeting  
January 26, 2022

Present:

Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Chairperson  
Barry Schmidt, Bay County Prevention Network, Co-Chair  
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  
Kathleen Sperling, Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services  
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization  
Pastor Marcelle Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Aland Stamps, River Jordan  
Faith, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan  
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department  
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathway

Guest:

Terri Guizer, Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic  
Jessica DuVall, Adult Services Collaborative

Coordinator: Beth Eurich, Department on Aging  
Recorder: Annette Maziarz, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health

- I. **Call to Order – Laura Love, 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:** Move Beth’s agenda items to the top of the agenda (Vice Chair, Dues Update, and New HSCC Coordinator – David Wesoloski). Gretchen made a motion to accept the agenda with the changes from Beth and to add Community Base Health Center Concept and Common Collaborative Process (Gretchen and Nichol). Barry Schmidt seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the agenda with the revisions.
- III. **Approval of November Minutes (attached):** Gail Frahm made a motion to approve the November 17 HSCC meeting notes with the revisions Gail Frahm made (Beth will email the revisions to Annette). Joel Strasz seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**December Steering Committee Minutes:** For review - attached
- IV. **Guest Speaker:** We will be introducing back to this committee a guest speaker for the 2022 year. Any ideas for future presentations, please forward to Laura Love. Laura reached out to MIHIA to present – still waiting on a response. Terri Guizer presented on the Helen Nicolas Clinic (volunteer clinic). Some highlights of Teri’s presentation are as follows:

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- ❖ Helen Nickless provides free healthcare for those who cannot acquire health insurance. First thing they do is look at income to see if they qualify for insurance. If they qualify for insurance, they help individuals obtain insurance.
- ❖ No appointment needed.
- ❖ Services provided for all of Michigan.
- ❖ Open Wednesday evenings from 4-6:30 (open to registration). Will see everyone that comes in before 6:30 PM (usually there until 8-9 PM). Open 49 weeks of the year (closed week of Christmas, Thanksgiving and 4<sup>th</sup> of July).
- ❖ 60% of individuals who they see are working.
- ❖ Services they provide include: General Practitioners (including some specialties, medical students – shadow and work in Clinic); dental care (have to be a patient) – send them to Delta or to Great Lakes Bay; Entomologist (see’s all dietary patients); Diabetic Education; pharmacist; mental health specialist; and OBGYN Services.
- ❖ Always looking for volunteers. Simple application process for all volunteers and providers who come to the clinic with a background check. Have to have COVID vaccine.
- ❖ Terri will send Beth pamphlets to send out to the committee.

V. **COVID-19 Response Updates:**

**Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update:** Omicron Variant is the most contagious variant and is here to stay (will not be going away). Bay County has the highest cases than they have ever seen. Most individuals do not get hospitalized with the Omicron. 150-300 cases per day with 2000 cases in the past week. New quarantine period is for 5 days for individuals. Most individuals who are vaccinated and boosted will only get mild symptoms. Still sending schools test kits if they request. Giving parents the option if wanting to 1) having kids tested that day. This will get the kids (who are positive) out of school to help isolate them; 2) want the schools to test kids coming back on day 5 so that they can assure they are not contagious (most kids are contagious until day 7 or 8); and 3) testing is for parents to be able to determine if their kids have been exposed. Waiting on a shipment 20, 000 KN95 masks. Supposed to be this week. For those organizations who would like to distribute these, we can send them several hundred KN95 masks to hand out. Put in a request for about 2,000 tests to distribute. If any organization would like to be a part to distribute, notify Joel. A combination of vaccination and natural immunity will protect individuals in the long run. Don’t expect cases to start decreasing until March (when warmer weather starts).

**Community Base Health Center Concept:** In the past, we’ve talked about having a community location for the Health Department and other significant health providers who can share a location to collaborate and integrate services together to the greatest extent possible. A presentation will be done next Tuesday in front of the Board of Commissioners to formally ask for the funding (will ask for 12–15 million dollars) for this project. Proposal would be to get a secure building to renovate or new construction (if needed). In order to do this, we need commitment from the Board of Commissioners with a dollar sign in front of. If you support this concept and are interested, please contact Joel.

**Common Collaborative Community Process:** The intent is to have one centralized location where community partners work together to provide services for individuals (i.e. submit one application - versus multiple - when needing assistance - i.e. help with paying electric bill). Gretchen submitted a proposal and gave to the County to look at for funding this project. Since then, there has been some demo’s of different systems to do the work. In December, Nichol

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and Gretchen went to the city to share the presentation and asked for funding (would include a Navigator position). Currently in a holding position. More information coming.

**Department of Health and Human Services Update:** Katie presented on the updates from DHHS. Processing all applications ideally in one day versus 30 days. As of Feb. 1, Project One Day will be brought back (processing applications in one day). The State has allowed overtime for staff in order to get caught up with processing data information.

- VI. Trauma Informed Communities Update:** Next meeting is on March 1. Overall, still offering ACE's trainings. Have several trainers that can be scheduled and deployed out into the community to do these trainings. Anyone interested in setting up a training, reach out to Rich.
- VII. Vice Chair:** All were in favor of Barry Schmidt becoming the new Vice Chairperson for 2022.
- VIII. Dues Update:** Beth and David will meet tomorrow to compare list to make sure everyone is up to date on the dues that were sent in. Any concerns, reach out to Beth and/or David.
- IX. New HSCC Coordinator David Wesoloski:** Welcome David. Beth and David are working on transferring all items over to David Wesoloski. All items will be transferred over by March (David will fully be taking over in March).
- X. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:** A reminder email will go out to these groups prior to them presenting.
- Adult Service Collaborative:** Jessica presented on Adult Service Collaborative. Last meeting was held in December (no January meeting). Plan on next meeting in February. Talking points are as follows: more supports in community for individuals who are hearing impaired; nomination for co-chair (co-chair will remain the same); continue to look for speakers for financial assistance with seniors; and hoarding.
- Bay County Prevention Network:** Barry presented his power-point on Bay County Prevention Network. Reviewed his Mission, Statement and Purpose as well as guidelines they follow. If anyone would like to be a part of any of the projects Barry discussed, please contact him.
- XI. BACF Grant Applications:** The semi-annual grant cycle is now open. There are PA grants for non-profits that are still in process – will communicate when these applications are ready and open.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Grant Cycle** – Opens January 10, 2022. Obtain application password by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Application submission deadline March 14<sup>th</sup>. (HSCC Review in March – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-May).
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Cycle** – Opens July 11, 2022. Obtain application password by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Application submission deadline September 12<sup>th</sup>. (HSCC Review in October – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-November).
- XII. 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](http://www.bahscc.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

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

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The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 via Zoom.

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