

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
General Committee Meeting
March 23, 2022

Present:

Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Chairperson
Barry Schmidt, Bay County Prevention Network, Co-Chair
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation
Beth Eurich, Department on Aging
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Network
Nicole Lazurka, 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, 2nd Baptist Church
Jill Armentrout, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Joelin Hahn, BABH
Aland Stamps, River Jordan
Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathway
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action
Terri Robbins, Disability of MidMichigan
Amanda Russell, Sacred Heart Center

Guest:

Barb Smith, Suicide Resource Response Network
Kathy DePrekel, Bay County Community Service Partners

Coordinator: David Wesolski, Bay County Health Department
Recorder: Annette Maziarz, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health

- I. **Call to Order – Laura Love, Chairperson:** The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Laura Love. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** The agenda was approved as written. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of January Minutes (attached):** Barry Schmidt made a motion to approve the January 26 HSCC meeting notes with the following changes: Nichol's name is spelled Nicole Lazurka, Terri Guizer's name is spelled , and Helen Nickless is supposed to be Helen M. Nickless. Melissa Gary seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- IV. **Guest Speaker – Aland Stamps, Executive Director of River Jordan:** Aland Stamps gave a brief history of himself and presented on River Jordan's organization.
- V. **COVID-19 Response Updates:**
Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update: The lowest hospitalization since July (one new patient today). January through the first week in March there have been a considerably high number of individuals that were tested positive. 50-57% of individuals who have been vaccinated have received the booster (may see spikes because of this). A fourth dose may be coming out.

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Expecting to see different vaccine products in the coming weeks. Bay County Health Department has been storing up on test kits since Bay Health Centers has shut down all their testing sites. Several individuals are getting COVID the second time in the community.

Common Community Coordination Project: Met with a few organizations. In the process of scouting out a location currently. The Board of Commissioners has set aside \$9,000,000 (nearly half of the entire funds allocated to the county for this project) to help purchase a new building/property and begin on renovation or construction. The focus of building this site is to meet the needs of the community without having to fill out applications from each site individuals are seeking for assistance (all in one place) and to build a new system to have a male clinic for community health. Also, looking at integrating health trends and data into the services being provided.

Department of Health and Human Services Update: Very interested in collaborating with the Health Department. Continuing to be open. Numbers (as far as staff in office) continue to keep them out.

VI. Trauma Informed Communities Update: Meeting held a couple weeks ago – very productive. Discussed social emotional health, the wellness of teaching staff/students, and the fact that we really need to look and what this group will be doing going forward. The next step that this group will be focusing on is to support the schools (especially with the teachers) burnouts. A mass campaign of letting our entities and connections (circle of influencing) trying to get more subs to help the teachers so when they need to take time out, the school district is not struggling. The second thing discussed was the childhood positive experiences. The CDC has some protective factors. We will be taking a look at them to see how we can increase these while teaching the risk factors. More information coming.

VII. Dues Update: No new dues have come in from the last reminder. Reminder to those who David has reached out to that dues are due.

VIII. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:

Bay County Community Service Partners: Kathy presented on the Bay County Community Service Partners. The basic task for this group is sheltering homeless individuals in conjunction with the shelters and providing housing in the city. Some of the projects this committee are working on includes: 1) PIT County (Point in Time). Counted the homeless individuals in Bay County; 2) Housing for People. Looking for individuals to volunteer their time if interested, please send contact information to Laura to get to Kathy. This project is in the early stages for homeless individuals; and 3) Trying to put together a centralized location to share resources and information. When a client comes to Mid-Michigan Community Action Center to apply for housing, the information will go into a common database that all of the agencies can access so we can provide opportunities for our folks.

Suicide Resource Response Network: Barb Smith presented on the Suicide Resource Response Network. Just submitted the annual report (in the hands of the Legislature as of Friday). Some of the things they have been focusing on in the past year are: 1) 5-year commitment. Just developed an investigation report that will keep better data. There is no investigation form around suicide that will collect the data needed; 2) Universal Screening sub-Committee that is developing a list of an evidence-based screening tools as well as starting to educate; 3) Moving primary care to just screening to also learn how to access; 4) Looking at how to enquire to have suicide extension training; and 5) Mi Mind (through Blue Cross Blue Shield). This is about collaborative care – how to

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transition them to the next place of safety to live a quality life. Suicide rates are increasing in the ER's nationwide between 12–17-year-old (adolescent girls are 50% higher and males are 2.7% higher in 2019). It is very difficult to find beds in Michigan (to get our kids in care). Looking at people of color (Black community has increased 50%) and how to meet their needs. There is a grant for Preventing Suicide in Michigan Men (PSIMN) – male middle-aged men have the highest suicide. CMU has been working a tool kit – Man Therapy (mantherapy.org) to get the male population to go online to take a self-assessment. Currently individuals have to call 1-800-273-TALK – when someone is struggling with suicide (a lot of numbers to remember). In July of 2022 individuals will dial 9-8-8 (already out in Michigan). Network offers several different trainings (training and flyers are all on the website – srrn.net). Walk for Hope will be on August 7 at SVSU (hope to have 1500 to 2000 individuals attend this event).

Suicide Prevention Coalition: Barry presented on Suicide Prevention Coalition. Some of the things this committee are focusing on are: 1) Plan is to try to get a Suicide Survivor Representative – experience that we are making sure there is someone involved in capacity building; 2) Trying to build the 12-community sectors (i.e. safe community, public health). We will continue to reach out. Encouraged every staff to take the SafeTalk training. Still will be supporting Barb in everything she does, but we are looking at an up-stream prospective. We are trying to look at doing the Yellow Ribbon as well. The problem we are having is getting data from the schools (youth suicide rates going up). Barry will send out the youth suicide rates data to Laura to get out to the rest of the group. Also, looking at the media and how they report suicides as well as to advocate across the spectrum.

IX. 2-1-1 Board Update: Melissa presented on 2-1-1 Board Updates. One of the biggest referrals needed is the Utilities, Housing, and Food (the highest need). The biggest on this need is transportation. Behavioral Health is a big accent in helping out with this need. If anyone needs help with tax appointments, please contact 2-1-1.

X. BACF Grant Applications: The HSCC Steering Committee is the review committee for the Human Services Fund. There were 3 grant applications that were received that will be giving to the Steering Committee next month. Another Grant Opportunity – Bay Area Community Foundation was awarded a grant from Bay County. Should have contract sometime in May. We do have \$750,000 to distribute to non-profit organizations that either serve or are located in Bay County. This is a Federal Grant (grant that has never been offered before). More information coming when the grant is received. The city also approved funding for non-profit at their meeting on Monday. These are two separate grants - county and city funding. Any questions for city funding for non-profit, contact the city.

- **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).
- **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).

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

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- 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, May 24, 2022 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 via Zoom.

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