

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council  
General Committee Meeting  
May 25, 2022

Present:

Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Chairperson  
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Network  
Nicole Luczak, Bay County United Way  
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD  
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization  
Jill Armentrout, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers  
Terri Robbins, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan  
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department  
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathway  
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action  
Amanda Russell, Sacred Heart Center  
Leslie Eschenbacher, CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region  
Beth Eurich, Department of Aging  
Emilia Gutierrez, Do-All, Inc.  
Jeremy Rick, Bay Area Women's Center  
Rich VanTol, BAISD, Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative  
Katie Sperling, Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services  
Pastor Marcelle Smith, Historic Second Baptist Church

Guest:

Dan Streeter, CEO, Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan  
Rick Vouz, Chief Administrator, Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan  
Emily Young, BABH  
Brad Parker, BABH

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:** Gretchen Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Beth Eurich seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of March Minutes (attached):** Beth Eurich made a motion to approve the March 23 meeting notes with the following changes: Beth was not in attendance at the March meeting, Nicole's last name is spelled Luczak (not Lazaruka), and Terri Robbins is from Disability Services Resource Center. Jill Sutton seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**April Steering Committee meeting notes:** For review.
- IV. **Guest Speaker – Dan Streeter, CEO, Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan:** Dan and Rick presented on Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan; Good Samaritan and Youth Shelter. Youth Shelter officially opened their doors beginning of February 2021. Dan gave a brief history of the Youth Shelter (ages 12-17). The Youth Shelter is connected to the Rescue Mission. Approximately 50 kids have been serviced in the past year and a half. Youth Shelter provides a cooling-off period for youths and for

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the parents so they can re-group and work towards re-unification. The three main things they focus on are: cooling-off period, work on their education, and coping skills. To make referrals call 989-893-5973 for either the Good Samaritan or Youth Shelter. The dedicated number for the Youth Shelter is 989-596-8336. The website for youths is [Teen911.org](http://Teen911.org). This website is used to help provide information for youths to get help 24 hours a day (number provided on website). Another project that will be launched this week will be to focus on kids 18 years and older for permanent housing for up to two years while in the program. The third thing they are focusing on is they have applied with the state for a CPA License (Child Placement Agency license). This will allow them to start working with kids (16-17) to help them find their needs for stabilization to work with them for up to 18 months. More information coming once licensing is obtained.

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

**Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update:** Joel presented on COVID-19 updates. It is not unusual for individuals to get sick after having the vaccination and/or Booster shot because of the variant – 2.12.1 (will be more even more so when variants 4 and 5 arrive probably be in late summer/early fall). Overall, the nation-wide cases are up. Here in Michigan cases have been up in the last three weeks or so. There hasn't been a big spike in hospitalizations (typically runs 8-14 individuals at McLaren). There is usually only one person in the ICU. Expecting the numbers to start going down in the next week or so (already seeing in the western part of the state numbers decreasing). Still would like individuals to get vaccinated/boosted (gives good adequate protection from COVID and individuals typically get better fairly soon afterwards of becoming sick). There are plans to have 0–4-year-old vaccinated (probably be approved in June/early July). There is a plan to have combination flu and COVID vaccination that may be approved by this fall.

**Department of Health and Human Services Update:** Emergency medical was supposed to be ended in July. An extension has been signed by the federal government for the emergency to stay in place and will end October 27. Expected to be lifted on this date and all Medicaid individuals will have to be re-determined in Bay and Arenac Counties by MDHHS (about 32,000 individuals). Have not done any re-determination in the past 4 and a half years to see if individuals still qualify for coverage due the federal support.

**VI. Community Health Assessment – BCHD:** David presented on Community Health Assessment for Bay County Health Department. The full report is posted on their website.

**VII. Trauma Informed Communities Update:** Rich gave an update on Trauma Informed Communities (see attached strategic planning 2022). Next meeting will be held on June 7 at 9 am (see attached agenda). All are invited to participate. The four purpose bullets that will be discussed during this meeting are: collaboration; provide education and awareness; promoting community resilience, wellness and self-care with children and families, practitioners, and anyone who works with families; and collectively building community resilience. Will continue to update HSCC as they make progress.

**VIII. Dues Update:** There are a few outstanding dues that are not submitted. David will send out an email to those folks.

**IX. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:**

**Great Start Collaborative:** Rich presented on Great Start Collaborative. A meeting was held last week to start to go through the annual process of identifying priorities for the Great Start Collaborative work. Great Start Collaborative is all about focusing on families with young children

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ages 0-5. The vision to all Great Start Collaborative's working across the State of Michigan is that all children will begin kindergarten to succeed in school and in life. The rest of the vision is locally customized to meet on some of their focused areas and priorities. Rich reviewed the Mission, values in the Mission, the three buckets, and goals underneath the buckets. Rich will send this to David to share with the group. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

**Bay County Youth and Family Connect:** Brad Parker and Emily Young presented on the Bay County Youth and Family Connect. They are a community that work with a link to support families based on their needs where they are looking for strength based. They look at community opportunities to support families in need (most on hold since COVID). They also look at the Wrap-A-Round Program. This program is where a facilitator comes in to work with a family with high needs. The outcomes this committee has had included in the past 4 years are as follows: they've had 33 families involved with Wrap-a-Round; 25 began with the MDHHS Services; at the end when graduated only 2 of the 33 families still were involved (huge success). The average time spent in Wrap-a-Round is 10.5 months. However, they can stay in the program up to 2 years. Have collaborated with 35 systems within the community in those 4 years. The rating scale (CAFAS) they have is to determine some of the services provided for the families. The CAFAS includes how they rate at school, how they are at home, in the community, behaviors toward others, substance, thinking, how the care givers affect the youths in their areas. The average age of an identified age of an individual in the program is 13 years old. In the beginning of the program, there was a family contact in our emergency services department that would call approximately 22 times a month; now the family is calling once a year. They do have guest speakers frequently. This Thursday, they are having their very first parent (graduated from the Wrap-a-Round Program) come in to talk about the highlights that have helped them and their families while they were in the program. This program meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Anyone who would like to be a part of this program or a guest speaker, notify either Brad or Emily.

**Domestic Violence Community Response Team:** This group is now called "The Community Response Team". It is over-seen by the CAN Council (Holly Smith). Moving forward, we will ask Holly to join us for a future meeting to present. Laura will update our records to reflect this.

**X. BACF Grant Applications:** The Board of Trustees approved the Steering Committees grant recommendation to the Foster Families Navigation Resource Center for the \$2000.00 grant they applied for. They have been notified and thrilled to receive the grant.

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- **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).

**XI. 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)

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**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, July 27, 2022 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 via Zoom.

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