

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
General Committee Meeting
September 28, 2022

Present:

Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region, Chairperson
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Center
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department
Beth Eurich, Department on Aging
Rich VanTol, BAISD, Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative
Shannon Hernandez, Bay City Housing Commission
Katie Ball, Bay County Prevention Network
Laura Kukla, Bay County Probate Court
Diane Fong, Bay Area Community Foundation
Nicole Luczak, United Way of Bay County
Magen Samyn, Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Aland Stamps, River of Jordan
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation
Casey Williams, Recovery Pathways
Katie Sperling, Department of Health and Human Services
Lindsey Richardson, Bay Area Women's Center
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization/211 of Bay County
Jill Sutton, MidMichigan Community Action
Lisa Galonska, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers
Pastor Marcelle Smith, Second Baptist Church
Leslie Eschenbacker, CAN Council
Terri Robbins, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathways

Guest:

Barb Smith, Suicide Response & Resource Prevention
Evan Nichols, Legal Services of Easter Michigan
Kathy DePrekel, Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic; Bay County Community Service Partners
Sarah Humerickhouse, Founder/Director of Foster Families Navigation & Resource Center

Coordinator: David Wesoloski, 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:** Beth Eurich made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Katie Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of July Minutes (attached):** Lisa Galonka made a motion to approve the July 22 meeting notes with the following changes: Stacey's last name is Meininger, Gail Frahm is from Disability Services Resource Center and Beth Eurich is Department on Aging (not of). Laura Kukla seconded the motion. All were in favor.
August Steering Committee meeting notes: For review.

IV. Guest Speaker – Sarah Humerickhouse, Founder/Director of Foster Families Navigation & Resource Center: Sarah presented on Foster Families Navigation & Resource Center. The following highlights were address:

- Mission is to support and empower foster families
- Huge need for foster families (closed at 1000 homes and opened only at 500)
- Working with families and child welfare agencies is how to create a positive experience for the fostering families (not only create more homes).
- Mentor the foster families in the Wrap-A-Round Program. Main thing they do is resource request (work with families – try to make as easy as possible to get things out).
- Have newborns through 3X clothing, new back packs with school supplies, hygiene products that families can go and pick up whenever they need these supplies.
- Created a google link for families as well as child welfare agencies can use the link and fill out the form (tag and bag it - where they can request items on-line, come in to retrieve the items requested and go (5 minutes will all it will take to pick up the items requested).
- In August there were 57 requests and so far, this month they had 52 requests.
- Service the Great Lakes Bay Region
- Offer mentoring
- Once a month (every other month) a fellowship is offered
- Website – a resource database is offered on the website
- Provides a warm setting for visiting time as well as in public places (McDonalds, mall, ice skating rink, etc.).
- Working on providing a training facility for foster families.
- Will take donations
- Do not have support groups for youths that have been in foster care (River Jordan has a foster care recovery group – work with them).
- Post on Facebook every Wednesday
- Located at 1501 W. Thomas Street, Bay City to donate. Here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Bay County Chamber of Commerce is presenting the Brick Award today to Foster Families Navigation & Resource Center

V. COVID-19 Response Updates:

Bay County Health Department COVID-19 Update: At this point, the pandemic is not way over with. Still seeing cases (approximately 10-20 per day) and the hospitalizations have decreased. The number of individuals in the ICU is maybe e-1 per day (sometimes none). Very low in school cases. Received the new booster. More and more individuals every day getting their COVID and flu shots every day. Expecting to see an emerging pattern of flu and other types of illnesses. Starting to see weird things (Rubella and measles) getting diagnosed. The state expects to see a pretty significant surge of COVID in the wintertime. Still will promote individuals to be vaccinated and live a healthy lifestyle. Highly recommended that booster shots should be given every 6 months. The one thing seeing regarding COVID is if you've had a confirmed case of COVID, the wait time for the next booster shot is between 60-90 days.

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Department of Health and Human Services Update: October 1, will start the start of emergency relief applications for consumers with the onset of the new fiscal year. Still haven't heard regarding the end of Federal Support with Medicaid (thinking will happen on or sometime after January 1).

- VI. Discussion & Nominations for 2023 Officer Positions:** Barry has a new position with the ISD. Leslie Eschenbacher has volunteered to be Vice-Chairperson until December. September is the month we typically put forth nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Typically, the Vice-Chair would step into the Chairperson position. But since Leslie was just Chair, we will nominate a Vice-Chair and Chair position today. We can take nominations today or via email. Present Chairperson can be nominated again. Beth Eurich has volunteered if needed, she can step into one of the nominations. Email nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair (indicate what the person will be nominated for) to David by October 14.
- VII. Discussion on Zoom and Microsoft Teams platform:** After further discussion, this meeting will be held via Teams starting in January of 2023. Zoom will continue through the rest of this year.
- VIII. Dues Update:** All dues are paid in full.
- IX. HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:**
- Bay County Community Service Partners:** Kathy presented on Bay County Community Service Partners. The group is being folded into a northern Mid-Michigan local planning that is going into a bigger group that consists of Arenac/Gladwin/Clare and Bay County (Bay County Community Service Partners no longer exists). The primarily focus is homelessness. This is put together through Mid-Michigan Community Action Center.
- Suicide Prevention Coalition:** This is suicide prevention month. Barb's network is providing about 18 trainings. Hoping to do more of a Region Plan to include Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties. Suicide rates have gone up (Preliminary reports show the rates have surpassed the year before from 2020 to 2021). Funding can be provided if anyone would like to host a training.
- 2-1-1 Board Update:** Friendly Connection is available now here in Bay County. This is a community program that connects community members a month by phone (2-3 hours). It takes a person feeling isolated to connect them with a community member. Individuals can call 2-1-1 to get them connected. Up to the individual calling if they just want to chat or become or can develop a relationship (up to the 2-1-1 member of what they want). All the front-end staff at 2-1-1 are certified (Community Health Care Workers). They can assist with Medicaid, Medicare, and Market Place applications (all can be done over the phone).
- X. BACF Grant Applications:** The 2nd grant cycle has closed. They are in the review process not only for community partnership grants but also for the non-profit grants. The Steering Committee will possibly be reviewing between 1-3 grant applications. This group typically have other committees that typically will look at the same grants (which means some of the grants will be fully funded before they get to us). Expecting at least one that will get to us. Joni will email the grants out to David to get to the Steering Committee.

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- ~~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

- 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 16, 2022 via Zoom. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October, 26, 2022 via Zoom.

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