



MINUTES OF THE BAY AREA HSCC

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

8:30am - 10:00am

Members Present: Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region; Gail Frahm, DSRC; Shannon Hernandez, Bay City Housing; Beth Eurich, Bay County Department on Aging; Marcelle Smith, 2nd Baptist Church; Laura Kukla, Bay County Probate Court; Gretchen Wagner, BAISD; Lindsay Richardson, BAWC; Katie Sperling, Bay Co. MDHHS; Ryan Thick, Eastern Michigan Legal Services; Terri Robbins, Disability Network; Heather Beson, GLBHC; Carrie Prosowski, Michigan Rehabilitative Services; Nicole Luczak, United Way of Bay County; Marnie Westphal, Recovery Pathways; Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department; Jill Sutton-Mid Michigan Community Action Agency

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Laura Love at 8:32.
- II. **Review of / and Additions to the Agenda** – Motion by E. Eurich, seconded by G. Frahm. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of September Minutes** Motion by G. Wagner, seconded by L. Kukla. All were in favor.
- IV. **Guest Speaker -**
Jill Armentrout, Fund Development Coordinator and Heather Beson, Behavioral Health Services Director from Great Lakes Bay Health Centers-Bay County services with Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Treatment presented GLBHC’s plans to expand mental health and substance abuse services locally and regionally. GLBHC is working to integrate therapy and peer recovery into current efforts. Please see the attached presentation.
- V. **COVID-19 Response Updates**
Health Department COVID-19 Update , Joel Strasz reported that virus activity had slowed considerably during September and October and was cautiously optimistic that future activity would be less intense and overwhelming on local health care resources than previous surges. Department of Health and Human Services Update- Katie Sperling reported on the notice of the end of the medical emergency will not occur in January, per federal guidelines but may well take place in March or April. At the time of the meeting, it was discussed that the decision to end the medical emergency would probably occur in February. Food and medical assistance have been greatly expanded during this time and many are at risk of losing benefits and inflation may complicate matters further.
- VI. **Election of Chair and Vice-chair positions – Confirmation of said positions:**
Beth Eurich—Chair for 2023 and Diane (Fong) Mahoney—Vice-chair for 2023. Motion by G. Frahm and seconded by J. Sutton. All were in favor.
- VII. **HSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports**
Discussion held on the following groups: Great Start Collaborative – G. Wagner reported of plans for Winter Family Fun Fest and literacy/reading programs. Bay County Youth and Family Connect- no report. Domestic Violence Community Response Team-it was reported from Holly Smith that the CVRT were unsure if they are able to continue into 2023.



VIII. BACF Grant Applications - No report.

IX. Other Agency Updates

BC Housing Commission – DHS applications are up and activated.

United Way of Bay County – Toys for Tots will take apps until December 6. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10-3. Reported on activities of ‘Smart Hope for the Holiday’, which targets families who wouldn’t normally qualify for aid, with a goal of a December 16 distribution.

BAISD – Diaper Bank appropriation was received from the State of Michigan. BAISD is working with the Diaper Alliance to store and distribute stock.

MMCAA – Working with Diaper Bank as well on distribution efforts. Weatherization program is tripling in size, MMCAA may be able to provide \$20,000 in repairs for eligible participants.

Disability Network – Discussed open enrollment efforts and fundraiser on February 11, “Feathers and Fedoras.”

Probate Court – Nothing to report.

Department on Aging – Helping for enrollment in Medicare part D, please call to schedule appointments, bringing back the Senior Olympics this year after two year hiatus. Both winter and summer activities, including kayaking.

DSRC – Discussed Christmas lights event and lending library ceremony scheduled for December 1. Reported building 10 ramps in current year, most in recent years. Planning for Special Needs Enrichment program in 2023.

Michigan Rehabilitative Services – Discussed success in placing eligible participants and needs of assistance in hiring counselors.

DHS – No Updates

Second Baptist Church – vaccine clinic and thanksgiving giveaway scheduled for November 19.

Bay Area Women’s Center – discussed plans for Christmas programming, but not trying to duplicate what other organizations are doing. Also reported a substantial number of new staff coming on board.

Recovery Pathways – Christmas program with other community members, focusing on sustained recovery will occur December 16 at Knights of Columbus in Essexville. Discussed using suboxone shots and no longer relying on oral medications. Also reported that the numbers of pregnant women in need of SA services may have dropped.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan – looking for testers for ‘Fair Housing/Discrimination’ programs.

McLaren Bay Region – Laura Love has moved to the East Side Medical Mall, where MBR is looking to house support and educational groups by January/February of 2023.

GLBHC – See above presentation.

| Upcoming Meetings: | Date: | Time: | Location: |
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| Steering Committee Meeting | Wed., December 14, 2022 | 8:30 - 10:00 AM | Zoom Meeting— https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84880880753?pwd=UIZqMk92ZFJGcUtuaGdlRUxmR01aQT09 |
| General Meeting | Wed., January, 2023 | 8:30 - 10:00 AM | Microsoft Teams Meeting—Pending approval of meeting dates |



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