

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
HSCC General Membership Meeting
January 25, 2023

Present:

Beth Eurich, Department on Aging (HSCC Chair)
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department
Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Center
Shannon Hernandez, Bay City Housing Commission
Nicole Luczak, United Way of Bay County
Terri Robbins, Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
Rich VanTol, BAISD, Bay Arenac Great Start Collaborative
Emily Yeager, CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region – Bay County
Megan Samyn, Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Sarah Humerickhouse, Foster Families Navigation and Resource Center
Ryan Thick, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
Elan Nichols, Staff Attorney Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region
Jessica Somerlott, My Senior Services Manager; Department on Aging
Dawn Clarey, Manager of Wellsprings Lutheran Services
Katie Ball, Bay County Prevention Network
Kathy DePrekel, Helen M Nickless Volunteer Clinic
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization/211 of Bay County
Laura Kukla, Probate Court
Stacey Meininger, Bay Arenac ISD
Pastor Marcelle Smith, Historic Second Baptist Church
Marnie Westphal, Recovery Pathways

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

- I. **Call to Order – Beth Eurich, Chairperson:** The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Beth Eurich. Introductions were made.
- II. **Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** Gretchen Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Kathy seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- III. **Approval of November Steering Committee Minutes (attached):** Katie Ball made a motion to approve the November 16 meeting notes with the following revised: Most of the assistance that residents were requesting was for help completing the DHHS applications (under BC Housing commission). Gretchen Wagner seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - December Steering committee minutes for review
- IV. **Guest Speaker: Emily Yeager, President & CEO – Responding to Child Maltreatment in Bay County**
CAN Council: David introduced Emily and gave a brief report of all Emily's accomplishments. Emily presented an overview of her program – "Responding to Child Maltreatment in Bay County".

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V. COVID-19 Response Updates

- **Health Department COVID-19 Update:** Updates on COVID: COVID number have dropped in the state as well as in the community. We are still averaging 1-2 deaths a month. Come April the Medicaid Emergency Authorization will be ending. For the number of Medicaid people on Medicaid will have to re-apply. This also goes for Great Lakes Bay Health Center. All the rest will be kicked off. All individuals that are trained in Health Navigators as well as anyone with staff are trained on Medicaid should expect a rush in March. Some of the other pandemic types of programming will be ending soon in this area.
- **Building Project:** The building project received the 9 million dollars that happened in December. The other thing that happened in December is the federal budget has awarded to us an additional funding of 2 million dollars through Representative Kildee. That makes a total amount of funding 11 million dollars. Hoping to leverage more funding either from state resources or others. The CAN Council was the first organization to commit. A tentative date of March or April for us to purchase the building. The other concern we have is the bridges here in Bay City there will be a tow to cross the Liberty Bridge as well as Independence Bridge.
- **Department of Health and Human Services Update:** Deferred.

VI. Discussion of in-person meetings: Discussion to meet in-person was held. The United Way is open for us to start in-person meetings there. Suggestion is to do this meeting hybrid for those who cannot attend in-person meetings. Another suggestion was a device called “The Owl” (with a rotating camera and speaker system). Gretchen does have an Owl for us to use since it is very expensive to buy. Will continue to talk regarding this topic before a final decision can be made. If there are anyone who would like to send either Beth or David concerns/questions, please do so.

VII. Dues Update: Reminder to submit their dues to David earliest as possible. David will then send out a confirmation letting them know their dues were received. The other thing David wanted to remind us is that if you don’t receive the emails he sends out is to look in your junk mail or spam.

VIII. BHSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:

- **Adult Service Collaborative:** Adult Service Collaborative has a room at the Department on Aging for in-person meetings. Police Officers from the Bay City Police were invited to join the meetings. Presentations were given by Suzie Author (with A& D Waiver), who is an Outreach Specialist, presented on Nursing Home Transition Program and the updates. Another presenter Meghan Dahl, from the psychiatric partial hospitalization program with MyMichigan. We now have Partial Hospitalization Programs for geriatric mental health in Bay City and at MyMichigan for all ages. In need of any supportive Mental Health Services they can get in the Geriatrics population. Having another speaker next month from another Mental Health Program.
- **Bay County Prevention Network:** Leadership Youth Summit coming up on Feb. 8. Where the middle schoolers are invited to discuss different mental health barriers in their communities and take back to their school and start working on.
- **PACEs Trauma Informed Coalition:** Stacey Meininger and Rick VanTol presented on PACEs Trauma Informed Coalition. This committee focuses on are reducing suicide, unmet mental health needs, and breaking cycle abuse and neglect. Continuing to encourage schools and others to use the Barb Smith’s Suicide and Response Network and their trainings to get education and trainings out to the public. Through the Bay Area Community Foundation and The Great Lakes Bay Mental Health Partnership they’ll be a few trainings available for the Mental Health First Aid for Youth. These trainings will be hosted at Bay Arenac ISD. Gretchen, Stacy and Rich, plus a couple other colleagues will be going to Central Michigan University to

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meet with two professors: Dr. Larissa Niec and Dr. Sarah Gomoff on (1) research on the impact of too much screen time on youth and young children and (2) parent-child interaction therapy. More information will be brought back to this group to debrief.

- IX. BACF Grant Applications:** They no longer have a process to obtain grants. A new online grants portal has been replaced with Passwords if you applied in the past. They now have a two-step application process that is filled out online Letter of Information Form (not a formal letter, but an application). After the application has been filed, it will go to Joni for approval. Grants are open to 501C3 status, government entities and schools in Bay and Arenac County. If your organization is not in Bay County but you serve either one of these counties, you can fill out an application for a grant.
- **1st Grant Cycle:** Opens January 9, 2023. BACF has a new platform. No password is needed, but all users will have to create an account (unless you applied in the fall of 2022).
 - Application submission deadline March 13th. (HSCC Review in March - Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-May)
 - **2nd Grant Cycle:** Opens July 10, 2023. BACF has a new platform. No password is needed, but all users will have to create an account (unless you applied in the fall of 2022).
 - Application submission deadline September 11th. (HSCC review in October – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-November.)
- X. Roundtable Updates – Please keep updates to programs/services/community events**
- Members provided agency updates. All updates submitted to David 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 10:15 AM.

The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 via Teams.

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