

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council  
HSCC Steering Committee  
February 22,2023

Present:

Beth Eurich, Department on Aging (Chair)  
Diane Mahoney, Bay Area Community Foundation (Co-Chair)  
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region  
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD  
Katie Sperling, Michigan Dept. of Health and Human Services  
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department  
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action  
Joelin Hahn, BABH

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 8:30 AM by Beth Eurich. Introductions were made.  
**Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** Beth Eurich made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Gretchen Wagner seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- II. **Approval of December Steering Committee Minutes (attached):** Gretchen Wagner made a motion to approve the December 14 meeting notes. Laura Love seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**January HSCC General Member Meeting Minutes:** For review (see attached).
- III. **Bay County Health Department**  
**COVID-19 Update:** The official federal public health emergency for COVID is ending on May 11. Most of the funding and programing will be formally ending on May 11 or shortly after. Been in a holding pattern, officially about 10-20 per day who are diagnosed with COVID (probably more a day – not see the hospitals filling up like we are used to). Looks like the major of the pandemic is behind us.  
**New Health Center:** Received notification in the last week that the New Health Center was invited to apply for the two-million-dollar earmark that Congressman Kildee put into the budget. The health Center will be putting the application in this coming Monday. Discussions will be held regarding negotiations of the purchase of the property (hoping to get this taken care of by summertime). The next steps will become a matter of drawing the design up. In the latter part of March beginning of April, community meetings will start back up. The main discussions will be on the health center and discussion with some of the potential partners. Hopefully by 2025-2026 we will be fully moved in and fully operational in the new health center. Currently, looking at the Younkers property on the Bay City Town Center to move into. Additionally looking at the possibility of having a regional mortuary in the health center.  
**MDHHS:** As of April 1, MDHSS will begin the process of medical re-determinations for everyone who lives in Bay and Arenac Counties that has been approved for Medicaid. During the pandemic, this was not required. AS of April 1, MDHHS will have 14 months to complete these. Over the next 14 months we expect to have 35-38,000 to complete in Bay and Arenac Counties. Each month there will be a certain number of re-determinations that will be required to complete. The actual process starts in April, but the heavy lifting of work starts on June 1. State is in the process of transitioning some of the clerical support to assistance payment workers to solely help on these re-determination

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pieces. Also, MDHHS will be soliciting everyone who's left state services in the past 5 years to call them back and help out with completing the re-determinations. State will also offer over-time and some other things to try to focus on the re-determinations. As of right now, MDHHS is hearing that this will not be mandatory. Although at some time, staff may have to balance their regular work as well as the re-determinations. The supplemental food assistance that has been provided to individuals since April 2020, families will get their last food assistance steepened in February. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, this will no longer be an option to receive. With the cost of inflammation, food, etc., MDHHS is expecting to be seeing an increase of new applications and also are expecting an increase in the child welfare side. MDHHS is working to getting this information out to the food pantries. Also coming on March 1, will be working on getting an increase of food baskets ready that will be handing out to the public. MDHHS may have delays in the regular workload due to the re-determinations (according to the State there are 2.5 million to complete in the next 14 months). Katie is asking for all us to let individuals be aware that there may be some delays with the paperwork because of all the extra work they are expecting. As more information comes in, Katie will share with this group.

- IV. Microsoft Teams Discussion:** According to Julie (ISD Person) anyone can obtain Teams that they currently don't have to pay for. As of right now, we should be ok using Teams. However, after April 8<sup>th</sup>, Teams will start charging a fee to use. David will send out information regarding Microsoft Teams software. There is a program through Teams that are free. The only downfall to using the free software is that you would have to sign up all over again. After further discussion, David will send out a survey asking the committee "how would you attend the meetings (- virtual, in person, and/or hybrid). Adding a few extra questions - if you attend meetings, last time you joined the meeting, why aren't you attending, and ways to make meeting more meaningful, what kind of topics do you want, easier if in-person or another way, etc.
- V. New Membership Request - City of Bay City Community Development:** City of Bay City Community Development (consisting of Amy McDonald and the Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator -2 different departments are requesting membership within Bay City) are requesting new membership to this group. David will send out an email vote since there are not enough individuals that attended this meeting (2/3 of the group in order to vote that are present in the meeting).
- VI. Bylaws Review:** Article XI: Membership and dues were discussed regarding how many times a waiver will be allowed per agency. David will email the Bylaws (Operating Procedures) to the group for review at the next meeting (with dues - page 7 - as the first part to review. David would also like to discuss at the next meeting in April inactive members and what happens to those individuals that do not pay their dues. Dues are focused on each agency's budgets. David will develop a spreadsheet for the General Meetings of who attends versus who doesn't attend the meetings. David would also like to review the rough rundown of all the organizations of the Steering Committee. David will send the spreadsheet to Beth for the April meeting (David will not be attending the meeting in April do to being in a conference).
- VII. Dues Reminder and Discussion:** Discussed in Section VI.
- VIII. Presentation Planning for 2023:** The following organizations will come in to present during 2023:  
March - Diane sent an invite to Bay County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report (accepted)  
May: Joel will invite the Counties Perinatal Coalition to present that is being reformulated and present on some of the work that is happening regional and statewide to come in May.  
July - Joelin will invite Bay Arenac Youth and Adolescence Mobile Response Unit (Crisis Response Unit that goes out into the community when there is a mental health crisis).  
September - Gretchen will present Early Childhood in September.

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November- Disability Services Resource Center will be invited.

**IX. 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](http://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, March 22, 2023 via Microsoft Teams. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

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