

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council  
HSCC General Committee  
March 22, 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  
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  
Ryan Thicke, Legal Services of Mid-Michigan  
Elan Nichols, Staff Attorney Legal Services of Bay County  
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation  
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region  
Dawn Clarey, Manager of Wellsprings  
Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization/211 of Bay County  
Nicole Lazurka, United Way of Bay County  
Stacey Meininger, Bay Arenac ISD  
Pastor Marcelle Smith, Historic Second Baptist Church  
Marni Westphal, Recovery Pathways  
Kathy DePrekel, Helen M Nickless Volunteer Clinic  
Carrie Prosowski, MI Rehabilitation Services  
Amy MacDonald, City of Bay City  
Joelin Hahn, BABH  
Kathleen Sperling, MDHHS  
Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action  
Lindsay Richardson, Bay Area Women’s Center

**Guests:**

Erin Kreutzberg, Bay Area Community Foundation  
Moira Branigan, YWCA/Great Lakes Bay Region

**Coordinator:** David Wesolski, 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 January Steering Committee Minutes (attached):** Katie Ball made a motion to approve the January 25 meeting notes. Gretchen Wagner seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - February Steering committee minutes for review
- IV. **Guest Speaker: Erin Kreutzberg & Moira Branigan – Bay County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report/Bay Area Community Foundation & YMCA:** Erin presented on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Earlier this year the Bay County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion report was released.

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This report can be found on the Bay Area Community Foundation's website. The main focus areas include: Demographics, Education, Housing, Socioeconomics, Policing/Criminal Justice, and the results from the DEI surveys. Moving forward, the work of the Bay Area Community Foundation will be focusing their work on Early Childhood Development, Post-High School training/Education, and Sense of Place. Erin will send the presentation to David so he can share this with the group. Moira presented on the YWCA. YWCA's mission is to eliminate racism and empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity of all. YWCA Provide programming for women who are in the poverty area of the community. The YWCA serves Midland, Bay and Saginaw communities. There are approximately 186 individuals that are being served currently. IDI (Interculture Development Inventory) is an assessment that helps to measure how flexible, how experience, and how comfortable individuals are with interacting with folks that don't have the same background as they do. Regions are becoming more diverse. This organization meant to start a conversation and find a way to investigate everybody's personal comfort level with interacting with diversity in their community. There will be a Community Interact session in April for those who would like to learn more. There is a \$20.00 fee. Also, doing a book club in Saginaw and Midland. For more information go to their website.

- V. Bay County Health Department Update:** There will be no further COVID updates anymore. Currently seeing the levels of COVID are down. Still seeing hospitalizations but not half of the deaths that we saw last year. We are in the endemic phase currently (which means it's a part of us and we have to live with it – in the background). Good news - there are no new or upcoming variances that are merging. Focusing on other traditional public health matters such as: looking at improvements in the region, birth outcomes (saw a decrease in birth outcomes particular in prenatal care), and community information exchange (joint project with Untied Way and the intermediate school district).

**Health Center:** Moving forward (slowly) to acquire the property in question. Anticipate by summer we will have acquired the property and assigned a contractor or in the process in getting ready to start the renovations on the facility. Any questions/concerns, contact Joel.

- VI. MI Department of Health and Human Services Update:** This will be the first month where families will not receive the supplemental food assistance (ended at the end of February). The impact of some of the families will be great. Applications have increased and phone calls regarding the food assistance have increased. Working internally to have food baskets available for those families who are in need. Concerned that this will impact our child welfare. The greatest impact is through the federal support, HSCC have not been evaluating whether individuals meet the criteria for medical coverage (support is no longer available). HSCC will be working through Bay and Arenac to perform the re-determinations (eligibility must be redetermined every year). The bulk of the work will start in June and go through for 12 months. In Arenac and Bay there are approximately 14,000 folks that are just receiving medical coverage through the state. There are approximately 18,000 more that are receiving medical coverage with another program. Lansing is trying to give support with addition staff – realistically it's just going to be additional work that has to get done. If you have family or friends that are on Medicaid that receive a packet that has to be completed, please make sure they are filling it out and submitting it. If the package is not received by MDHHS, then those

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families will have to re-apply and start the process all over again. Each month there will be a different set of re-determinations that are due (based on when the families are up for re-determinations). Any questions/concerns, contact Katie. More to come.

- VII. Membership Contact List:** Beth and David have been updating the contact list as new members have joined. There are some names/numbers that have changed. David will send this out to the group to make sure there are no inaccuracies. If there are changes, contact David or Beth.
- VIII. Membership Survey:** The membership survey came from the Steering Committee group. A membership survey will be sent out to the whole group to evaluate how the meetings have been going, thoughts/suggestions on what improvements can be made/if there is anything on what you would see more of/and how you would prefer to conduct the meetings. On a side note, if you haven't seen David's messages come through, please check your junk/spam folders before reaching out to either David or Beth.
- IX. Dues Update:** David sent out reminder emails regarding those who have not paid their dues. If you haven't seen these emails, please check your junk/spam folders before contacting David.
- X. BHSCC Taskforce/Subcommittee/Affiliated Group Reports:**
- **Suicide Prevention Coalition:** Barb Smith provided an update via email. The Suicide Resource & Response Network (SRRN) hired a new staff member to facilitate a transition for mental health services that follow the State and National recommendations. The State of Michigan is requiring behavioral health specialists, first responders, and educators to do suicide prevention trainings. The State's Suicide Prevention Commission developed a standardized Suicide Police Report to properly collect data. Suicide Prevention Training week is May 21-27. The SRRN is hosting multiple intervention trainings and to contact Barb if interested. SRRN is also having a Walk for Hope awareness event on Sunday, August 6 at SVSU. They are in seeking sponsors and vendors for the event. Contact Barb for details.
  - **2-1-1 Board Update:** There is a new executive director for Northeast Michigan: Chiara Cameron-Wood. Sarah Kyle is the director of the Community and Partner Engagement at Michigan 2-1-1. At the last meeting, discussion was held regarding the volunteer income tax assistance numbers through United Way. There were 53 individuals that met at the WIRT Library and 78 individuals who met at Financial Edge Credit Union. Also, discussed the need of what to focus in – Alice Population and the Lift Program (Leverage Income for Tomorrow).
- XI. BACF Grant Applications:** The cycle has closed. The HSCC has 5 grant applications that meet the criteria. HSCC is the last program that meets in April. There may be other opportunities that will fund these grants. HSCC will have anywhere in the means of 1 to 2 but may be up to 5 applications for review. Joni will email these to David on the 20<sup>th</sup> to review at the April 26 meeting.
- ~~**1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>. (HSCC Review in March – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-May)~~
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>. (HSCC review in October – Grant recommendations are approved by BACF Board of Trustees in mid-November.)
- XII. Roundtable Updates – Please keep updates to programs/services/community events**

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- 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)

**Upcoming Events:**

With no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24. 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.