

**Bay Human Services Collaborative Council**  
**HSCC Steering Committee**  
**June 28, 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  
Nicole Luczak, United Way

HSCC Coordinator & Recorder: David Wesoloski, Bay County Health Department

- I. **Call to Order – Beth Eurich, Chairperson:** The meeting was called to order at 8:38 AM by Beth Eurich. Introductions were made.
  
- II. **Review of/and Additions to the Agenda:** Laura Love made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Jill Sutton seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  
- III. **Approval of April Steering Committee Minutes (attached):** Diane Mahoney made a motion to approve the April 26 meeting notes. Nicole Luczak seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
**May HSCC General Member Meeting Minutes:** For review (see attached).
  
- IV. **Bay County Health Department:** Joel addressed the impact the wildfires are having in Bay County. There are multiple forest fires going on in Canada and Mexico. With the forecast being a hot and dry summer and wind patterns moving smoke toward Michigan, we will likely experience more air quality alerts throughout the summer. A press release went out yesterday and the health department plans to put out more information/education in the future. People in sensitive populations with chronic conditions should take precautions. When air quality is poor, be careful of strenuous activity (i.e., running marathons) and limit time outdoors, if possible, to reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke. The health department is giving out free KN95 masks to the public and can be picked up during normal business hours. Joel mentioned there are free air purifiers available to schools and plans to send out information to them soon.  
**COVID-19 Update:** Outbreaks continue to happen in long-term care facilities. COVID is still out there and is spreading, but the numbers remain low.  
**New Health Center:** Joel is looking at a new potential location on the west side of Bay City. It is slightly smaller than the first location, but does not require as much time and money to renovate. It does have a loading dock which would be beneficial for a morgue and/or food distribution. The county attorneys are looking at procurement.
  
- V. **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services:** MDHHS has had 700 redeterminations come in this month and is working to process applications. Katie mentioned that medical coverage will end

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if people do not reapply for benefits. The volume of work from July and August redeterminations will likely increase along with phone calls. MDHHS is doing robo-texts to get the word out, but is challenging with not all of the phone numbers updated and active. Katie states they have not seen the true impact yet, but could start to see it in the fall. They have also received 500 intakes for food assistance and referring people to other services for help. They (and other organizations) are trying to meet the need of food insecurity in the county.

- VI. Bylaws Subcommittee meeting July 10:** Beth mentioned that there is a subcommittee group meeting Monday, July 10 to review the bylaws of the HSCC. If you are interested in joining this group, contact David.
- VII. Dues Reminder:** David stated that most of the membership has paid dues with a few stragglers remaining. David is trying to follow up with each of them.
- VIII. Review Presentation Schedule for 2023:** The group reviewed the presentation schedule for the rest of the year and suggested a speaker for January 2024. The remainder of the 2023 speaker schedule will be: 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. November- Disability Services Resource Center will be invited. January 2024 – Lisa Thompson of Self Love Beauty (a mental health program).
- 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 9:40 AM.

The next regular HSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 in a hybrid format (on Microsoft Teams or at the Bay Area Community Foundation).

Respectfully submitted, David Wesoloski, Bay County Health Department.