

Bay Human Services Collaborative Council
HSCC Steering Committee
April 26, 2023

Present:

Joelin Hahn, BABH
Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation (guest)
Laura Love, McLaren Bay Region
Diane Mahoney, Bay Area Community Foundation (Vice Chair)
Carrie Prosowski, Michigan Works!
Magen Samyn, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Katie Sperling, Michigan
Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Dept.
Gretchen Wagner, BAISD

Recorder: Diane Mahoney, Bay Area Community Foundation

- I. **Call to Order:** Diane Mahoney, Vice Chair: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Diane Mahoney. Roll call was taken.
Review of/and Additions to the Agenda: Diane Mahoney added a grant proposal for HSCC's consideration to the agenda.
- II. **Approval of February Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (attached):** Gretchen Wagner moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023 with the correction of Diane Mahoney as Vice Chair, not Co-chair. All were in favor.
- III. **Grant Proposal:** Joni King shared that \$2,894 is available for grants. This includes \$1,277 that was unspent last year and \$1,617 in spendable from this year. The request from Disability Services Resource Center was reviewed. The Committee did not feel that the request aligned well with our funding priorities. It was moved by Gretchen Wagner, with support from Laura Love, to deny the proposal. All were in favor.
- IV. **Bay County Health Department:** Joel Strasz stated the COVID Public Health Emergency will end May 11. We are now in the endemic phase. There is not a system for tracking the effects of long-COVID which is a concern in our aging population. Over 600 people died in Bay County. Negotiations with the Younkers property owners have been challenging. The County is also looking at different locations. More to come. With regard to growing levels of food insecurity, Joel shared that Bay County is hampered by a fragmented system of delivery. With the end of supplemental/stimulus benefits coupled with inflation, it is imperative that we coordinate and educate the public on this. Joel will connect with MiHIA on their food ecosystem project.
- V. **MI Department of Health and Human Services:** Katie Sperling stated that the federal state of emergency that began April 1, 2020 is ending. Beginning June 1, MDHSS must process medical re-determinations for everyone who lives in Bay and Arenac counties. During the pandemic, this was not required. The State is expecting to have 66,000-86,000 cases renewed each month with 1/3 of the cases expected to lapse. Foot traffic and calls for food and medical assistance are increasing. There have been no increases in staffing. It is a very challenging environment for staff.

- VI. **Membership Survey Results:** There seemed to be interest in hybrid meetings; although all acknowledged the challenges of that format. If the group offers hybrid meetings, it was felt that better technology would be necessary and owls were suggested. BACF offered to host the Steering Committee meetings in a hybrid format as a test if there was interest. Diane Mahoney was not sure that BACF would be able to accommodate the General Membership meetings though. Gretchen Wagner said she'd check into the BAISD.
- VII. **Bylaws Review** (Section VIII and XI): It was suggested that a more thorough look be taken at the bylaws. Gretchen Wagner, Laura Love and Diane Mahoney agreed to meet to review the bylaws and develop a recommendation for the Steering Committee. A temporary sub-committee will be formed to review and discuss the HSCC bylaws.
- VIII. **Dues Reminder:** No update.
- IX. **Review Presentation Schedule for 2023:** Joel has the County Perinatal Coalition on May 24. Joelin Hahn has the July meeting and will speak about their Youth and Adolescent Mobile Response Unit.
- X. **Roundtable Updates:** Members shared pertinent updates.
- XI. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.