Present:

Beth Eurich, Department of Aging, HSCC Chairperson

Leslie Eschenbacher, CAN Council, Great Lakes Bay Region, Vice-Chairperson

Joni King, Bay Area Community Foundation

Gail Frahm, Disability Services Resource Center

Melissa Gary, Great Lakes Physicians Organization

Joel Strasz, Bay County Health Department

Diane Fong, Bay Area Community Foundation

Kathleen Sperling, MDHHS

Carrie Prosowski, MI Dept of Career Development

Terri Robbins, Disability Network

Joelin Hahn, BABH

Kimberley Martini-Toth, BABH/PFS

Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action

Barry Schmidt, Bay County Prevention Department

Jill Armentrout, Great Lakes Bay Health Centers

Gretchen Wagner, BAISD

Tracy Melcalfe, Bay County Health Department/HSCC Coordinator

Recorder: Annette Maziarz, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health

1. **Call to Order – Beth Eurich, Chairperson:** Beth called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Introductions were made.
2. **Health Department COVID-19 Update:** As of this morning, we are at 292 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 19 fatalities. A bulk of these cases coming in are patients who are in Assisted Living and/or health care workers. Saginaw County is about 1.6 times greater the population than Bay County with well over 1000 confirmed cases and well over 100 deaths. Continuing efforts to have better ways to reach out to the afflicted as well as potential afflicted to those who are affected by this virus. Trying to find ways to open back up the public – Reopenbaycounty.com. This website gives you all sort of guidance on how to re-open safely. Will be adding organizations as well as schools shortly (updating the website daily). We are expecting this virus to last at least 12 months (if not longer) with a second wave coming this fall. Even though there are promising sites for vaccine, none of them are forthcoming in the immediate future.
3. **United Way/COVID-19 Community Response Team:** Concern is the most recent flooding in Sanford/Eatonville/etc. placing several individuals in Bay County from the Midland area who were temporary displaced. One of the key things is how can we reach out to these individuals who are in need (most of which have gone back to their counties). The following items have been discussed through the United Way: 1) getting food to those in need and the need for childcare; 2) downtown businesses and helping to get them re-connected; and 3) food assistance program, EBT, and summer program.

Sarah (from 211) developed a phone-in service for those individuals who need to call someone (even if it is just to chat/get frustrations out in the open). United Way received a $10,000 grant from Huntington to be used for food services (most have been granted to feed the individuals in the community). If individuals have needs, they may call the United Way for support or 2-1-1 (Community Foundations funds are used primarily for small non-profit businesses as the United Way is more to help the public).

1. **Department of Health and Human Services Update:** Assistance Program has been able to get all of their back logs completed (as discussed at the last meeting – a head of the work) to the point where we can assist other counties for some of their needs. Have seen a significant drop in the number of applications within this month (March 22 through April 22 received approximately 3000 applications in the GEO Group – able to process all except for 11 of these). Paid it forward and loaned 8 staff to Genesee County to help them assist them with their back log. Signed up 20 staff to assist Midland and Gladwin Counties to assist them in any help they need (not only did the community suffer, but the workers also suffered tragedy as well) in the community do to the flooding. Bay County has suffered some layoffs through DHHS and will go until July 25 operating on half capacities on Monday and Fridays (identified furlough days). In the beginning phase of planning parenting time (hoping to get re-engaged within the next week or so). Also, in the beginning phase of getting our offices opened back up (may not bring back the volume of staff back – able to work from home).
2. **Department of Aging Update:** Starting curb side deliver for Riverside on June 8th (in the process of calling clients to let them know they can pick up a hot meal). Homemaking services are back up and running as of last Monday. 110,000 meals were predicted to serve, currently at 129,000 meals that have been provided since October. No clients were affected by the flooding in the Midland area. Still reaching out to our clients by phone regarding the Census counts.
3. **Bay ISD Update:** Seeing more childcare centers and homes re-opening as there is more need for childcare as more people are going back to work. Each facility/home has their process in place for bringing the children in safely and cleaning their facilities daily. If there is a family who reaches out in need of a childcare to anyone, they can google “Help me grow essential” who will in turn reach out to help those families in need assistance in finding childcare. Planning in mid-June to meet regarding what schools will look like in the fall when they open back up in keep families and children safe (waiting to see what guidance the state will have).
4. **Community Foundation Census 2020 Update:** The State of Michigan is at 61.7% (ahead of the national rate which is at 61.1%) regarding Census 2020 count so far. As of today, Bay County is coming in at 74.5%. Last Census was at 76% (governor as challenged us to get to at least 82%). We have until October 21st to get the rate up past 82% (which gives us more than enough time to accomplish this goal).
5. **Agency Updates:**

* Members provided agency updates. All updates submitted to Tracy as a flyer or document can be found at [www.bahscc.org](http://www.bahscc.org)

1. **Next Meeting:** Will be held on June 24, 2020 from 8:30 – 10:00 am via conference call (virtual). Joel will be sending out the link for this meeting.

With no further business to come before the General Committee the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

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