

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

February 3, 2010

Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **John Johansen**, County Commissioner; **Michelle Seigo**, Ionia Montcalm DHS; **Bob Clingenpeel**, Commission on Aging; **Susan Sunden**, Great Start Collaborative; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah Nykamp), Catholic Charities West Michigan; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **John Pellet**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Linda Huyck**, MSUE Montcalm; **Renee Barnaby** (for Bob Brown), The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Public School; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Judge Suzanne Kreeger**, 8th Circuit Court; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Undersheriff Mark Bellinger** (for Bill Barnwell), Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services.

Members Absent: **Mike Brewer**, Goodwill Industries; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community/Adult Education. **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **Kristi Romashko** (for Judge Simon), Probate Court; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Mo Beach**, Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity; **John Van Nieuwenhuyzen**, EightCAP, Inc.

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Homeless Student Project; **Marisa Cascarelli**, American Red Cross Blood Services.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel welcomed members and they did introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Lisa Lund requested that the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Emergency Solutions Grant be added under new business. Motioned by Dr. Dorothy Berg to approve the consent agenda as amended. Seconded by Denise Hubbard. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Members met and discussed their committees work including their progress on goals and report card revision updates. Updates should be submitted to Lisa.

PRESENTATION

Marisa Cascarelli- American Red Cross Blood Services, Great Lakes Region

Marisa Cascarelli, Donor Recruitment Representative, shared information about the Blood Services program that she oversees and distributed handouts. She serves primarily Gratiot and Montcalm Counties but does some work in Ionia and Clinton. She is always looking for new partners to sponsor/host blood drives and currently works with groups like schools, churches, Montcalm Community College, veterans groups, and others. *Note that there is a link on the MHSC event calendar under "other calendars" for people to search the American Red Cross website for current blood drives.* Marisa can be reached at (517) 484-2224 x 225 or cascarellim@usa.redcross.org.

OLD BUSINESS

Feedback on MHSC Technology Use and Website

Bob Clingenpeel asked for feedback on the website that was created in January. There were no suggestions for improvement. Many members complimented the effort. The address is www.mhsc.info

NEW BUSINESS

MHSC Membership Request from Brenda Greenhoe

Brenda Greenhoe spoke at length about her new position and the needs she is seeing in working with homeless students in the Montcalm, Gratiot, Ionia, and Isabella Counties. She referenced a handout describing her new role in the meeting packet. Brenda was a MHSC member representing Great Start Montcalm.

Motioned by Dr. Dorothy Berg to add Brenda Greenhoe to membership. Seconded by Erin Roberts. Motion carried.

Review and Discussion of Draft Community Partners Document

Lisa Lund had created this document a few years ago for a MHSC retreat and has updated this. The document identified interagency/collaborative groups working in the strategic initiative areas identified by the MHSC. Members were asked to focus on membership and the other group's goals as they continue their work, looking for efficiencies and alignment. Lisa Lund received updates the Greenville Transportation Committee and the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission after the document was printed and she will add and send out a revised document to members.

MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant

Erin Roberts and Lisa Lund shared information with the group about this allocation. A plan has been developed for Montcalm and Ionia Counties and approved by the Ionia Montcalm Continuum of Care. Lisa Lund highlighted sections of the proposal including the Continuum of Care partners, other housing funding sources, the budget page, and who would receive the funds (EightCAP and RAVE) and for what purposes. Required signatures include the Continuum of Care Chairperson (Erin Roberts), Community Collaboratives' Chairpersons, Ionia and Montcalm Counties' community mental health agency Directors in, and the Ionia Montcalm Department of Human Services Director.

Motioned by John Johansen to acknowledge review of the plan and authorize MHSC Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel to sign. Seconded by Judge Kreeger. Motion carried.

Lisa Lund will forward a completed signature page to Continuum of Care Coordinator Leigha Christensen. A final draft will be available to members for review after it is submitted in mid-February.

ADVOCACY

Census 2010 Report and Discussion of Efforts

Bob Clingenpeel and other MHSC Complete Count Committee members presented information about what was discussed at the first meeting; a meeting summary was included in the meeting packet. The Committee specifically discussed doing a photo opportunity to raise awareness about returning Census forms. Lisa Lund noted that Tom Lindeman has asked to join the committee. Lisa also noted that the MHSC website has a 2010 Census section as a resource. The next Complete Count Committee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Department of Human Services. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. The event is posted on the MHSC website; an agenda will be posted when ready.

Report on 2010 Election Year Races and Advocacy Planning

Lisa Lund distributed a summary of 2008 election year advocacy activities and reported on the information she was asked to collect regarding 2010 elections including timelines and candidates. The filing deadline for the August 4 primary is May 11. The only seats that the MHSC will likely focus efforts on are the State Senate (currently held by Alan Cropsey- termed out), State Representative (currently held by Mike Huckleberry), 8th Circuit Court (Judge Hoort), and County Commissioners. There will also be other local /village office elections in the Fall but probably not of interest to the MHSC.

MHSC members felt we should consider the following election year strategies:

- Keep current on and promote all public community candidate forums, assist as opportunity presents
- Invite the successful August primary candidates to meet with us, finalize plans at MHSC meeting on August 5
- Revisit and revise questions from 2008 (or create new) that candidates can respond to (*clarification: is this pre- and/or post-primary?*)

Lisa also noted that Rep. Mike Huckleberry would be visiting with us at our April 7 meeting.

AGENCY SHARING

The MHSC procedure on agency sharing asks that any members wanting their agency sharing information to go into the meeting minutes submit their information to Lisa Lund in writing (members can still share verbally at the meeting). If any MHSC members did not provide something in writing at the time of the meeting, they can still send their information to Lisa Lund afterwards who will forward to the membership.

No MHSC members submitted items in writing.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 3 from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund