

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

March 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; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah Nykamp), Catholic Charities West Michigan; **Linda Huyck**, MSUE Montcalm; **Bob Brown**, The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Public School; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Tammy Cole** (for John Van Nieuwenhuyzen), EightCAP, Inc.; **Judge David Hoort**, 8th Circuit Court; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Kristi Romashko** (for Judge Simon), Probate Court; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Homeless Student Supports Project.

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; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Mo Beach**, Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity; **John Pellet**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office.

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Larry Ciolek**, 2010 Census; **Erin McElwee**, Lutheran Child and Family 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

Motioned by Dr. Dorothy Berg to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried.

After the approving the consent agenda, John Kroneck shared a request for in-kind grant commitments for the community substance abuse prevention grant. There is a 1:1 grant dollar funding for every in-kind dollar commitment. The grant period that commitments are being requested for is October 1, 2010-September 30, 2010. Federal funds cannot be used as match. He distributed a form. Match commitments are requested by Friday if possible. Contact John Kroneck for more information.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Members discussed their committee’s work and mid-year progress on goals.

<p align="center">Basic Needs 2009-2010 Goals</p>	<p align="center">Denise Hubbard reported that:</p>
<p><u>2009</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reprint pocket guide as needed until 2-1-1 implementation. • Compile results of survey and disseminate to human services providers • Complete first forum with National Issues Forum Model for human services providers. <p><u>2010</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Conversations (12-15 people) in two counties. • Summit with everyone to narrow down, define solutions and responsibilities. Identify structure, system, action plans? • 2-1-1 implementation. • Look for new, creative solutions; eliminate/reduce red tape. What long-term solutions and impact will result from their actions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first forum was held in the Fall, 2009. • They have begun the process of conducting 12-15 community conversations in Montcalm and Ionia Counties around community needs issues. Some reports have been submitted. April 29 has been tentatively identified as a date for the next basic needs summit. These are all steps toward the solutions identification in the last goal. • 211 Call Center is in the process of collecting community resource information. An email was just sent to MHSC members this week re: the status.

<p align="center">Economic Development and Transportation 2009-2010 Goals</p>	<p align="center">John Johansen reported that:</p>
<p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to explore tourism co-op/ Convention and Visitors bureau initiative. • Continue countywide economic development plan (April 2010) 	<p>For economic development goal 2, there is now less than 60 days now to finalize plans for the economic development plan grant.</p> <p>He would like to see “Revitalization of the Montcalm Alliance” added as a third goal in this section.</p>
<p><u>Transportation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get results of legal opinion by October 31. • Encourage Board of Commissioners to establish an Authority by December 2009. • Greenville Council received answers at their October 6 Council meeting regarding the “16 questions” put to the MCTI. • Establish Friends of Montcalm Ride • Hold Millage election in May 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation has addressed most of its goals set for this year. Six of the seven authority members have been seated, and an application has been received for the vacant seat. They submitted a tentative/placeholder budget for FY 2011. The goal re: the if/when of a millage issue will be up to the Authority.

<p align="center">Education 2009-2010 Goals</p>	<p align="center">Report</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Start • Advocacy for adequate funds • Post-secondary preparedness (NCRC, remediation, Keep On Learning, Opportunities, Seamlessness, K-14, Montcalm County Promise) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Myers reported that: preschool programming may be supported by the state. Vestaburg has submitted a grant. • Sue Sunden reported that: Great Start Montcalm continues working on its strategic plan, with a specific emphasis on social emotion assessment, support of 21 land transportation, and parenting education/ a master activity calendar.

<p align="center">Health Care and Substance Abuse 2009-2010 Goals</p>	<p align="center">Dr. Dorothy Berg reported that:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with education/prevention efforts associated with H1N1 (Novel Influenza A). Information about when to stay home, washing hands, how long to stay home. Distribute information through our agencies as appropriate to clients. • Positive parenting- inventory current resources/capacity and promote • Expanded participation in substance abuse treatment by Medicaid beneficiaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re: the H1N1 goal, they have ensured agencies have received information and have promoted immunizations to staff and clients. • They have been addressing parenting education as it relates to the development of a drug court for Montcalm County and working with Judge Kreeger. • For the last goal, they have been significantly successful in expanding participation of Medicaid beneficiaries in substance abuse treatment. Raising from 8-10%.

<p align="center">Strong Families and Safe Children 2009-2010 Goals</p>	<p align="center">Lisa Lund reported that:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-agency foster care licensing/ recruitment (need for) • Improving referrals/system navigation/211- reducing barriers • Interagency education and training opportunities- trauma, poverty, basic skills training for dealing with people in crisis. • Address (lack of) adolescent services in System of Care project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been discussion around the Ionia County models of this and that perhaps this can be replicated in Montcalm. • Continue support of 211 as a starting point • Have not addressed a training issue yet • Completed the system of care report in Fall, 2009 but have not yet presented to MHSC- want to schedule. Are trying to start productive discussions about what happened to the FY 2009 adolescent services contract and see what can be done to fill holes left by that granting process.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Census

Larry Ciolek came to discuss the Census, answer member questions, and provide items/materials.

There is a Census 2010 section on the website with many resources.

Per the direction of the Complete Count Committee, Lisa put together a “staff script” that agencies can modify to promote for communications/interactions between staff and clients.

She also put together a flier that can be distributed or hung that provides information on the Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QACs). The local Questionnaire Assistance Centers (where people can go to get in-person assistance with their forms) locations and hours should be confirmed by March 10. Larry will send that information to Lisa. Lisa will send the final version to members when confirmed; revised handouts may also be forwarded as information changes and these will have revision dates on them. Special assistance is needed in the Vestaburg area to identify a site; some ideas were provided.

Members who have questions can contact Larry at his cell 517-202-5555

The group will coordinate a MHSC photo opportunity to promote Census day on April 1. Lisa Lund will take lead on scheduling another committee meeting after March 10 to discuss final details, scheduling the photo op, and dissemination of QAC posters.

NEW BUSINESS

(Local) Impacts of the Governor’s Proposed FY 2011 Budget

Some members discussed what they know about the current budget forecast and what that might mean to their services. There is a new section on the MHSC website under advocacy that has FY 2011 budget process resources. One of the resources you will find there is a document that Sue Sunden distributed from Michigan’s Children (Great Start is referenced on Page 4). Members will continue to keep the group informed as there are additional developments.

Confirmation of April 7 MHSC Meeting Date

We will plan to meet on April 7 with whoever can join us.

ADVOCACY

Preparation for Rep. Mike Huckleberry’s Visit at April 7 MHSC meeting

It was discussed that there should be some proactive steps taken toward preparing for the discussion with Rep. Huckleberry in April. Some suggestions included needing a revenue side solution and finding out what he is hearing about the budget.

Per Dr. Berg’s suggestion, Lisa Lund will forward members the candidate questions from last election cycle for feedback on modifications; the Executive Committee will review these comments at its March 30 meeting. Members are asked to prepare comments also. Members should forward Lisa anything that they want Rep. Huckleberry to be prepared to speak to.

Decisions on Timing/Use of Candidate Questionnaire and MHSC Meetings

This was not discussed.

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.

- Linda Huyck provided information on upcoming 4-H fundraisers including a pancake breakfast and auction and a geranium sale.
- Kim Brown announced that the Catholic Charities Stanton office was relocating to 406 N. State St (in offices complex across from the post office).
- Denise Hubbard provided information on the United Way tax return check off box and prescription assistance cards she has available.
- Erin Roberts provided information on a fundraiser May 14 and activity plans for April being Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- Judge Hoort briefly discussed Judge Kreeger's new Drug Court initiative.
- Kim Singh suggested a good future agenda item might be the new county health rankings study that was just released. The website link is posted under "health data" in the data sources section of our website (*the third item*).

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 7 from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room. Note that Rep. Mike Huckleberry is expected to join us at the beginning of our meeting.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund