

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

April 7, 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; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Dan Petersen** (for John Van Nieuwenhuyzen), EightCAP, Inc.; **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; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Mo Beach**, Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity.

Members Absent: **Mike Brewer**, Goodwill Industries; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community/Adult Education; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **John Pellet**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Public School; **Judge David Hoort/ Judge Suzanne Kreeger**, 8th Circuit Court.

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Rep. Mike Huckleberry**.

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 John Johansen to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Chris Hyzer. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Due to a restructuring of the agenda, we did not have time to review our initiatives. We will meet next month.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Michigan Prosperity Initiative and “New Economy” Training Opportunities

Lisa Lund provided information to members about the training that was held on March 18 as well as the Michigan Prosperity Initiative. Among other concepts, there is a strong emphasis on “placemaking” and community development issues.

John Johansen and Linda Huyck also contributed their ideas to the discussion.

Lisa noted that there is a New Economy tab in the advocacy section of our website with additional information about it, so members could follow up after the meeting.

All MHSC members were encouraged to attend at least the New Economy 101 training.

MHSC members were interested in hearing the March 18 presentation but felt even more people hearing it would be beneficial. Lisa Lund will follow up with Candy Kerschen to see if a COGG meeting can be a forum to host the March 18 presenter Dave Ivan again.

Smoke Free Workplace Information

Kim Singh discussed the new regulations that will take effect May 1. MHSC members can contact her with additional questions.

Review of Operational Guidelines

One of our annual activities. Group discussed listing individual member organizations in the operational guidelines except for the generic positions (e.g., K-12 Superintendent, Faith Community Representative). Lisa will go through the current roster and look for those changes that need to be made; group will review proposed changes and vote at the next meeting.

Recommendation to change meeting time from 1:30pm to 1:00 pm

The topic was brought up to better accommodate some members’ schedules. Members decided at least for May to change our meeting time to 1:15 and review moving back to 1pm at the next meeting after members check their schedules.

The group also discussed keeping the meeting time at 1:30pm but keeping the meeting to 1.5 hours and decreasing the sharing time. The Executive Committee will review the agenda and see if a 1.5 hour agenda is do-able and try in May if possible.

ADVOCACY

The MHSC participated in a dialogue with Rep. Mike Huckleberry. The submitted MHSC member questions were reviewed. Rep. Huckleberry discussed his position on various issues, and he also discussed the State budget process. There was also interesting discussion about a Constitutional Convention and what it could mean, cost, and entail. Mike Sadler is his new chief of staff.

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.

- Denise Hubbard provided information on the Vital Needs summit that will happen April 29 (this flier is posted on our website event calendar).
- Dan Petersen provided information on a housing event and Landlord Connect events on June 17 (this form/info is posted on our website event calendar).

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, May 5 from 1:15- 3:15 p.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room.**

Adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund