

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

May 5, 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; **John Van Nieuwenhuyzen**, EightCAP, Inc.; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Homeless Student Supports Project; **Deborah Terborg**, Goodwill Industries; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Judge Suzanne Kreeger**, 8th Circuit Court.

Members Absent: **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community/Adult Education; **John Pellet**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Public School; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **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; **Kristi Romashko** (for Judge Simon), Probate Court; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance.

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Erin McElwee**, Lutheran Child and Family Services.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel welcomed members and they did introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

The items "Education grant letter of support" and "Children's Block Grant Letter of Support" were added as new business items. Motioned by Denise Hubbard to approve the consent agenda as amended. Seconded by Erin Roberts. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Committees met. They reviewed their strategic annual goal progress and began working on their candidate questions. The committees will finalize their issues and questions at the next meeting.

SYSTEM OF CARE INITIATIVE

Lisa Lund presented information regarding the System of Care planning project she facilitated last year and the report. The System of Care Powerpoint presentation was e-mailed to members in advance. Members received handouts at the meeting of the plan recommendations and the actual workplan.

The MHSC was asked to make decisions about plan implementation.

Motioned by John Kroneck to reconvene the planning group to explore how the MHSC can best support their efforts. Judge Kreeger made a friendly amendment to the motion by requesting that the committee also identify one thing in the recommendations to start working on. Motion carried.

As a result of this decision, there will be recommitment of the key agency players as well as a workgroup charge draft that will outline key issues including leadership. This should be presented to the MHSC no later than August meeting depending on time needed to convene the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of New Economy Training and Dave Ivan presentation.

These training opportunities were discussed at the last meeting. Several MHSC members have attended the New Economy 101 training as encouraged at the April meeting. The presentation has been put on our website under the "Advocacy" and then "New Economy" tab. COGG is following up with Dave Ivan to schedule his presentation for a future meeting.

Review of Operational Guidelines Proposed Revisions

At the last meeting the group discussed updating the membership section to reflect all current members. Motioned by Denise Hubbard to approve revisions. Seconded by Erin Roberts. Motion carried.

Recommendation to Change Meeting Time to 1:00 p.m.

After much discussion, the group decided to change its meeting time to **9:00 a.m.** on the first Wednesday (to be done by 10:45am) at least for **June and August** (there is no July meeting) to see if this is a good change. Lisa Lund will confirm room reservations and let all members know of the changes.

Note that the retreat is scheduled for September 1 but a time has not yet been confirmed- MHSC Executive Committee will be planning and getting feedback from members.

NEW BUSINESS

Montcalm Literacy Initiative

This was on the agenda but no one attended the meeting to discuss.

Education Grant Letter of Support

Kathy Betts requested a letter of support for a grant she is submitting, similar to the one the group provided last year. She was not able to attend today's meeting but provided the following information: It is for the grant period 7/1/10-6/30/11. \$54,000 for General Instruction and \$20,000 for the Jail Program. This year the program looks to graduate 31 in alternative and adult education with another 10 individuals getting their GED.

Motioned by John Johansen to draft a letter of support for the Chairperson's signature. Seconded by Bob Brown. Motion carried.

Children's Block Grant Letter of Support

Lisa Lund discussed a grant that The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health will be applying for that she is assisting with writing. It will focus on trauma-informed care and serve children in the county. Details are not complete yet. Full details can be provided to the MHSC when completed.

Motioned by John Kroneck to authorize the Executive Committee to make a decision about this and sign when the information is ready. Seconded by Erin Roberts. Motion carried.

ADVOCACY

The group discussed their plans regarding the upcoming elections. The candidate responses to the written questions will be posted on our website. We will invite successful primary candidates to come to one of our Fall meetings for further interaction. We will assist with promotion and co-sponsorship of community candidate forums, such as done in 2008.

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.

- Kim Brown provided a flier for Family Fun Day on May 22. This will be posted to MHSC website.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 2 from 9:00- 10:45 a.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room.

Adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund