

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

June 3, 2009

Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **John Johansen**, County Commissioner; **Bob Brown**, The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health; **Linda Huyck**, MSUE Montcalm; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Denny Major**, Ionia Montcalm DHS; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah McCormack), Catholic Charities West Michigan; **John Van Nieuwenhuyzen**, EightCAP, Inc.; **Chad Campbell**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE. **Bob Clingenpeel**, Commission on Aging; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center;

Members Absent: **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Mike Brewer**, Goodwill Industries; **Judge Simon**, Probate Court; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Public School; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Judge Kreeger**, 8th Circuit Court; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care; **Don Burns**, Montcalm Community College; **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community/Adult Education;

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Great Start Collaborative; **Mo Beach**, Habitat for Humanity Montcalm County; Maryhelen MacInnes, MSU (presenter).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson John VanNieuwenhuyzen called meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

WELCOME

Chairperson John VanNieuwenhuyzen welcomed members and had guests/new members introduce themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motioned by Dr. Dorothy Berg to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Denise Hubbard. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Maryhelen MacInnes presented a final report for the FACT grant. This grant was a partnership between MSU and the MHSC to look at health care issues and what could be done locally to address them. Some of the themes were accessing coverage/ services, dental care needs, stigma, transportation, and awareness/communication. Her Powerpoint presentation will be forwarded to MHSC members through

Lisa. Some data is still to be finalized. Maryhelen offered to do additional statistical analysis for specific MHSC members/initiative needs. Maryhelen can be reached at mdm@msu.edu or (517) 353-3898.

DASHBOARD INITIATIVES

MHSC members met in committees today and were given the opportunity to provide updates:

- Basic Needs: Planning on doing Fall Basic Needs summit. Denise will be working with a recent college graduate to organize it.
- Economic Development/Transportation: Franz Mogdis will be meeting with the Economic Develop and Physical Resources Committee of Board of Commissioners on morning of June 8 to discuss a transportation authority. A decision will need to be made by August for the November ballot.
- Education: Due to lack of members, no meeting was held.
- Health Care and Substance Abuse: Will work on putting together a one page summary of Maryhelen's presentation for further action in August. Provided updated on Smoke-free initiative-passed Michigan House- waiting on next steps. Montcalm Area Health Center is meeting a need/ being well-utilized though more information and communication would be helpful. They continue to promote adolescent health referrals.
- Strong Families/Safe Children: System of Care project continues to move forward; a meeting summary from the last Child and Family Services Committee is in the meeting packet. FY 2010 bid process moving forward; not posted. Will work on Fall veteran/military event.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

GREENVILLE OFFICE SPACE AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDING

Mo Beach, Executive Director of Habitat shared a handout with the specifics of measurements and cost. A building was donated to their organization in Greenville and there is office space available in addition to a Re-Store they will have there. This space could be an agency's alone or time shared. For more information, please contact Mo at (616) 754-5772

2-1-1 START UP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The group discussed the grant opportunity per handouts in the meeting packet. Two of the key discussion issues were finding value in 2-1-1 for Montcalm County and the commitment to develop and sustain the service. EightCAP has put \$9,000 of its stimulus dollars to address basic needs into a plan to support this effort for 2 years (pending approval but appears within spending guidelines).

Some of the concerns/issues MHSC members noted by included:

- Long term sustainability
- Paperwork and updating concerns, keeping info current
- Not everyone would have to participate
- Concerns with 9-1-1 and potential funding competition
- Sources of funds questionable
- Whereas resources were stagnant a year ago, increase in services/resources through stimulus funding may provide new resources to navigate people to

- Would provide relief of staff burden of inappropriate calls/crisis calls (a positive)
- Would help people walk through resources available/access

Motioned by Denise Hubbard to pursue this grant by authorizing a subcommittee appointed by Chairperson Van Nieuwenhuyzen to continue work on it. Seconded by Dr. Dorothy Berg. Motion carried. Committee members include Denise Hubbard, Bob Brown (nominated), Erin Roberts, and Brenda Greenhoe. Lisa Lund will attend as support/staff. Initial meeting will be set following today's meeting.

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSDHA) HOMELESSNESS AND RAPID RE-HOUSING GRANT AND ENDORSEMENT

Members reviewed the handout in the meeting packet. Lisa Lund informed MHSC members that they will likely be contacted individual for agency commitments that they can make. The grant is due July 31 but the final application has not been released. EightCAP will be lead agency with \$420,689.39 coming to Ionia and Montcalm County over two years. More information will be shared with MHSC after submission.

Motioned by Jerry Jones to have the MHSC support the concept and need for this project and provide document of support or commitment as needed. Seconded by John Johansen. Motion carried.

FALL RETREAT PLANNING

Consensus to meet on morning of September 2 from 8:30am-12pm with lunch following (pending absent member feedback). Content and location to be determined and discussed again in August.

MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS

Brenda Greenhoe from Great start Montcalm and Mo Beach from Habitat for Humanity of Montcalm County have both requested membership on the MHSC.

Motioned by John Johansen to add them as MHSC members. Seconded by John Kroneck. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) GRANT

This was brought to the group by Denise Hubbard since we will not have a July meeting. It is to support free tax preparation in Montcalm County in the future. More than 900 returns were completed this year for a return of more than \$500,000 to Montcalm County residents. Denise will also be seeking commitments/ assistance/ match for the project; forms are available from her now. Contact Denise Hubbard with questions. More information will be shared with MHSC after submission.

Motioned by John Kroneck to validate need for expanded program. Seconded by Erin Roberts. Motion carried.

ADVOCACY

No business items discussed today.

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.

The following items were submitted in writing.

- Laura Thompson: Shared a flier on LifeWalk fundraiser on June 20. For more information, contact Alpha Family Center at (616) 225-2265.
- Mo Beach: Habitat is taking family housing applications through the end of June. Contact her for more information. Brochures with applications are available.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 5 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room. *There will not be a July meeting. If members have things come up they want shared before the August meeting, forward to Lisa for MHSC email listserv dissemination..*

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund