

# MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

August 4, 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; **Linda Huyck**, MSUE Montcalm; **Bob Brown**, The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health; **Dan Petersen** (for John Van Nieuwenhuyzen), EightCAP, Inc.; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Homeless Student Supports Project; **Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Judge David Hoort**, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah Nykamp), Catholic Charities West Michigan; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care.

Members Absent: **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community/Adult Education; **John Pellet**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Vacant**, K-12 schools; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **Judge Simon**, Probate Court; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE; **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Mo Beach**, Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Deborah Terborg**, Goodwill Industries.

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff; **Linda Crouch**, DHS Program Manager; **Bonnie Steed**, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; **Cindy Brown**, West Michigan Strategic Alliance.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### WELCOME

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel welcomed members and head them do introductions.

### CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motioned by Dr. Dorothy Berg to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Chris Hyzer. Motion carried.

### PRESENTATION: PEOPLE RESOURCES

[Cindy Brown](#) from West Michigan Strategic Alliance spoke on the Intern in Michigan Program. Interns may be valuable resources for individual non-profits or for MHSC related projects. She provided a folder of materials for the members. Her phone number is (616) 871-2452.

We also discussed opportunities for service learning with area high schools through the efforts of Deb Wagner and others. MHSC members interested in being on a panel to discuss community/social issues

and address ways for kids to get involved should contact Deb Wagner per the service learning informational handout that was e-mailed on Tuesday. Contact Lisa Lund if you need this handout.

## **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

The group met in committees to work on their candidate questions and other tasks. More work will take place at the September retreat to review goals and progress of past year, plan ahead, and finalize October 6 meeting candidate questions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **“Health Rankings” Presentation Follow-up and Application**

Members were asked to consider how we might further use the information given in this June presentation. This information was included in the members packets. Judge Hoort mentioned the idea of a dual-county drug summit; there was also discussion about substance abuse and reaching those who are hard to reach. Kim Singh mentioned organizing a community health plan/assessment process. Dr. Berg suggested one topic or focus the MHSC could take up, food/health eating was mentioned as a suggestion. Members were also asked to consider how the information could be used to further work in the MHSC 2010-2011 workplan efforts.

### **Final Retreat Planning**

No changes were made to agenda presented. There was clarification about what information committees would use; Lisa Lund will provide a copy of each committees 2009-2010 goals and objectives. Any additional member comments or suggestions should be submitted to Lisa Lund. Retreat will be held September 1 from 9am-12pm at regular meeting location (MAISD, Stanton).

### **System of Care Recommendations**

Lisa Lund sent the System of Care meeting summary and draft workgroup charge via email on Tuesday, and also brought hard copies today. This is follow-up from the May meeting request.

Motioned by Bob Brown to approve workgroup charge as submitted. Seconded by John Kroneck. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ASIST Suicide Prevention Training**

Lisa Lund announced that the training grant was awarded and the training would be held on September 28-29. MHSC members were asked to verify their interest in participating in the training via a sheet that went around. The Suicide Coalition will meet August 9 and will look to fill the 30 training slots.

### **Two New Grant Opportunities**

Both grant opportunities had information in the meeting packet. Jodie Faber announced she decided not to submit her grant. Anyone interested in the Volunteer Generation Fund grant should contact Denise Hubbard ASAP at (616) 225-1082.

### **2010-2011 Vice-Chair Nominations**

Motioned by John Johansen to nominate Bob Ferrentino for Vice-Chairperson with a second by John Kroneck. Motioned by Franz to close nominations and vote. Seconded by Brenda Greenhoe. Motion carried. New officer terms will begin at October meeting; Bob Ferrentino will serve as Vice-Chair and John Johansen will become Chairperson.

### **Meeting Times for Remainder of 2010**

After discussion, it was motioned by John Johansen to change meeting times to 9:00 am for the remainder of 2010 Seconded by Chris Hyzer. Motion carried. Lisa Lund will confirm room for October 6, November 3, and December 1).

### **Recovery Bill of Rights**

John Kroneck presented information about this initiative. Members had information in their meeting packets. Petitions are available for signature. Contact John Kroneck for more information (989) 831-4591.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **St. Joseph County Human Services Commission 2010 Legislative Platform**

An example provided for information.

### **August Primary Election Update**

Reviewed list of results, including successful races and ballot issues.

### **October 6 MHSC Meeting with Candidates Preparation**

We will invite the candidates for State Senate, State Representative, and U.S. Representative (democratic and republican) to attend our October 6 meeting. Lisa Lund will do an inquiry to see who can attend and we will finalize details in September, including if candidates will get information in advance, format, etc... The purpose of the venue will be to ask the candidates questions and build rapport. There was also discussion about getting information on the State Constitutional Convention.

### **October 26 General Election Community Candidate Forum Planning**

The July 27 event went well- thanks to all those who were involved. The next one is scheduled for October 26 again at MTEC. A planning group will again be convened. Emily Mason from the Greenville Schools expressed interest in involving students in the planning/running of the event. If you are interested in getting involved, let Lisa Lund know.

## **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](#) shared information on a food preservation class and waste collection events that are coming up (*now posted on MHSC website*).

**Our next meeting is our annual retreat. It will be held Wednesday, September 1 from 9:00am-12:00 p.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room.**

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund