

## MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

September 2, 2009  
Montcalm Area ISD, Stanton  
Michigan Room  
8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

### Fall Retreat Summary

Members Present: **Bob Brown**, The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health; **Linda Huyck**, MSUE Montcalm; **Bob Clingenpeel**, Commission on Aging; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **John Van Nieuwenhuyzen**, EightCAP, Inc.; **Michelle Seigo**, Ionia Montcalm DHS; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Dr. Scott Koenigs knecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Chad Campbell**, Community Hope Counseling Center; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE Ionia/ Montcalm; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Kristi Romashko** (for Judge Simon), Probate Court; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Therese Reilly**, Montcalm Area Health Center; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah McCormack), Catholic Charities of West Michigan; **Mo Beach**, Habitat for Humanity of Montcalm County; Hon. Suzanne Kreeger, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.

Members Absent: **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **John Johansen**, County Commissioner. **Kathy Betts**, Central Montcalm Community Education; **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Mike Brewer**, Goodwill Industries; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Don Myers**, Vestaburg Community School; **Brenda Greenhoe**, Great Start Montcalm; **Hon. David Hoort**, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.

Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, MHSC staff.

Handouts: Retreat packet previously sent via e-mail including agenda, updated initiative dashboard pages, and Lisa Lund's evaluation comments/current activities.

### MHSC OVERVIEW

Lisa Lund provided an overview of the role of the MHSC, the value of each of its members, and return on investment. Members were encouraged to address their own interests and needs as well as those of the greater good.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Copies of original submitted committee reports/notes will be scanned electronically and be available for member review. These will be attached to the initial retreat report when sent to members for information. Lisa will compile the results and provide a document for member review prior to sending out in October meeting packet. It will be attached to this report following "approval."

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

### **Items to put on “MHSC radar” for the next year**

- Census 2010
- Advocacy/legislative/candidates/2010 elections
- Countywide transportation
- 211 progress. *Note: When asked at the retreat, the full group informally made decision to consider the 211 Committee’s recommendation for a 211 Call Center at October 7 meeting and not request a MHSC presentation by the chosen call center. The Community Collaboratives served by the call center (MHSC) are required to provide a letter of endorsement for the process.*

### **Strategic Initiatives**

- Group will keep current strategic initiative (goal) areas as they are.
- Use area headings as “filter” for new items that emerge and discuss those that are important but don’t fit- how to address.

### **Meetings**

- We agreed to rotate meetings to Greenville quarterly in order to better accommodate Greenville members. We will assess impact via attendance and member feedback. John Van offered 8CAP facilities at Turk Lake; Robert Ferrentino offered MTEC; Dr. K offered Seiter Center. Lisa will arrange these sites in advance after Executive Committee meeting discusses and sets a plan.
- We agreed to keep same meeting time of 1:30 p.m.

### **15<sup>th</sup> MHSC Anniversary**

Kim Singh and Bob Brown were recognized with cards/gift cards to acknowledge their commitment to the group since its inception in 1994. A celebratory cake was served as dessert for lunch.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 7 at the Montcalm Area ISD in Stanton, Michigan Room at 1:30 p.m.