

# MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

MAISD Office in Stanton

## MINUTES

### Members Present

Fran Schuleit, Under Sheriff Mark Bellinger, Dr. Dorothy Berg, Mo Beach, Bob Brown, Bob Clingenpeel, Jodie Faber, Brenda Greenhoe, Linda Huyck, Chris Hyzer, Commissioner John Johansen, Neil Kapustka, Penny Dora, Jenny Mills, Erin Roberts, Michelle Seigo, Kim Singh, Evi Petersen, Deborah Terborg, Laura Thompson, John VanNieuwenhuyzen, Kim Brown, Senator Judy Emmons, and Representative Rick Outman

**Welcome and Call to Order** occurred at 9:00 AM by Chairperson John Johansen.

**Public Comment** – None shared.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

On the motion of John VanNieuwenhuyzen, it was moved to approve meeting minutes from June, 1, 2011. This motion was seconded by Bob Clingenpeel and approved by the MHSC members.

### MHSC Executive Director Position Status

Chairperson John Johansen led a discussion regarding the status of the MHSC Executive Director position and funding options to maintain this position. Chris Hyzer has offered fiduciary services to be managed through the offices of Montcalm County. Chair Johansen recommends the agenda for the coming September retreat focus on the future of MHSC and strategies for maintaining funding for the executive director position. Discussion occurred regarding some options. This discussion will be continued in September.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Basic Needs** – No report was available. Committee chair is on maternity leave.

### Economic Development & Transportation

Committee Chair Bob Brown reported on committee activity. He shared reports from the economic development committee detailing the goals for 2011 and 2012 which were set at the last committee meeting.

The transportation committee continues to look at funding sources and options for improving county wide transportation opportunities. The Montcalm Alliance presented to the Greenville City Council earlier this week. A summary of the meeting was shared by Greenville City Councilperson Fran Schuleit.

### Education

A formal committee report was not available due to the absence of Committee Chair Bob Ferrentino. However, Evi Petersen shared information about the Early Childhood Conference which is scheduled for September 24. She has conference brochures available.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### **Health Care**

Dr. Dorothy Berg reported as the committee chair. She indicated the committee expanded their scope to include physical health, mental health, and issues of substance abuse. She shared the committee's goals including their intent to support the Montcalm Healthy Communities initiative. Dr. Berg discussed the ROSC system pilot project which is intended to improve access of care for substance abuse treatment and care.

### **Strong Families and Safe Children**

Kim Brown reported on the work of the committee. One of their goals is to support the System of Care workgroup in their efforts to improve access to mental health services with the goal of improving access for children as well. Further, they will be seeking a MHSC representative to serve on the Military Supports Committee due to Lisa Lund's resignation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Letters of Support**

The MHSC has received requests for Letters of Support for four initiatives: (1) Montcalm County Drug Court, (2) Arbor Circle, (3) Montcalm County 211 Call Center, and (4) Lakeview Adolescent Health Care Center.

On the motion of Dr. Dorothy Berg, it was moved that the MHSC support these four initiatives by submitting Letters of Support to each requesting entity and initiative as indicated above. This motion was seconded by Brenda Greenhoe and fully supported by the MHSC members present.

### **Continuum of Care Verification of Document Review**

RAVE Executive Director Erin Roberts discussed the annual renewal of their contract with MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) for the Continuum of Care for providing homeless support and rapid rehousing including the domestic violence shelter. The document requests verification of review. Erin explained this document, its requirements, and the services provided in correlation.

On the motion of Jodie Faber, it was moved to support the Verification of Document Review for Continuum of Care as requested. This motion was seconded by Brenda Greenhoe and approved by the MHSC membership.

### **2011 MHSC Advocacy Plan**

Chair Johansen provided the MHSC Advocacy Plan for information and review.

### **Introduction of Amy Sell, Sr. VP of Talent Enhancement, Michigan Economic Development Corporation**

Amy Sell began her presentation by explaining the functions of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and initiatives for economic development throughout the State of Michigan. She discussed efforts to improve growth, attraction, retention, and entrepreneurship and explained programs in place to support these economic development initiatives. She responded to various questions including what are economic regions, what areas are considered to be regions, and how regions affect the attraction for businesses. She indicated follow up with Senator Emmons would occur regarding revolving loan programs, fund consolidation, and small business development centers. She offered her emailed address at [amy@michigan.org](mailto:amy@michigan.org)

## **ROUND TABLE REPORTS**

Chair Johansen extended acknowledgement and thanks to Representative Rick Outman and Senator Judy Emmons for their consideration and attendance today. Their time is very much appreciated by MHSC.

Chair Johansen asked for a committee of volunteers to consider some possibilities for a formal recognition to Lisa Lund for her 17 years of services to the MHSC. Kim Singh and Bob Brown volunteered.

John VanNieuwenhuyzen requested support for the Region 3 Voices for Action Network Poverty Reduction Education Initiative. Members of Region 3, which includes Montcalm County, have asked for input regarding priorities to spend a \$25,000 fund to be used in a multi-county region for poverty reduction efforts.

On the motion of John VanNieuwenhuyzen, MHSC will agree to be the communication liaison with Region 3 Voice for Action and will work with the region to the fullest extent of its ability on poverty reduction. This motion was seconded by Jodie Faber and approved by the MHSC members.

Jodie Faber announced Tina Freese–Decker has been named as the interim President of Spectrum Health.

Jodie Faber announced the approval of a grant and related funding for the Lakeview Adolescent Health Center which is slated to open on November 1.

United Way will host training for the kick-off campaign which will include strategies to improve fundraising. The training is Thursday, August 11, at 12:00 Noon at the M-Tech in Greenville.

Evi Petersen was introduced as the Assistant Director for Great Start. The Great Start collaborative board meets later today to discuss the replacement of the Executive Director.

The “Ride for RAVE” is September 24. More details at [www.rave.org](http://www.rave.org)

Representative Judy Emmons shared thanks for being invited to this meeting. She also talked about the 4H Fair and the completion of the new grounds. She sees great potential for the future of the 4H fair with their wonderful new facility. She will be “busting tables” on Saturday morning at the MCC Foundation pancake breakfast. In closing, she discussed the political redistricting of the State of Michigan and the new districts.

Representative Rick Outman also expressed his thanks for being invited to the MHSC meetings. He explained the new districts for the House of Representatives as well. In closing, he provided information about the proposed new international bridge between Windsor and Detroit.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is the annual retreat on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

*Minutes recorded by  
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