

# MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

September 1, 2010  
Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton

## Meeting (Retreat) 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; **John Van Nieuwenhuyzen**, EightCAP, Inc.; **John Kroneck**, Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention; **Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht**, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District; **Robert Ferrentino**, Montcalm Community College; **Kim Singh**, Mid-Michigan District Health Department; **Franz Mogdis**, Montcalm Alliance; **Dr. Dorothy Berg**, North Kent Guidance Services; **Laura Thompson**, Alpha Family Center; **Pastor Jerry Jones**, Faith Community Representative; **Kim Brown** (for Deborah Nykamp), Catholic Charities West Michigan; **Erin Roberts**, RAVE; **Janet Bloomfield**, Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium; **Deborah Terborg**, Goodwill Industries; **Denise Hubbard**, United Way of Montcalm County;

Members Absent: **Brenda Greenhoe**, Homeless Student Supports Project; **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; **Bill Barnwell**, Montcalm County Sheriff Office; **Andrea Krause**, Prosecuting Attorney; **Mo Beach**, Montcalm County Habitat for Humanity; **Bruce Williams**, ACE Home Health Care; **Judge David Hoort**, 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; **Alison Barberi**, Greenville Area Community Foundation; **Jodie Faber**, United Lifestyles; **Chris Hyzer**, County Administrator/ Controller;

Staff and Others Present: **Lisa Lund**, Staff

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

### WELCOME

Chairperson Bob Clingenpeel welcomed members to the retreat. Handouts included the agenda, MHSC survey results, MHSC Strategic Initiative 2009-2010 goals and 3-5 year goals, and staff evaluation feedback.

### Strategic Initiatives Activities

The groups provided updates to their 2009-2010 goals and drafted plans for 2010-2011. They submitted hardcopy reports to Lisa Lund.

A summary of their reports as well as their Chair and Vice Chair Selections and today's membership are on the following 2 pages. Please review and let Lisa Lund know if any corrections/revisions ASAP.

<b>Strategic Initiative</b>	<b>2009-2010 Progress</b>	<b>2010-2011 Plans</b>
<p><b>Basic Needs</b></p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u> Denise Hubbard</p> <p><u>Vice Chair:</u> Laura Thompson</p> <p><u>Other Members Present:</u> Linda Huyck Erin Roberts</p>	<p>211 had 145 records for two counties (Ionia and Montcalm.</p> <p>Basic Needs Summits (2) and Community Conversations took place.</p> <p>Formation of Resources Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 211 (projected to go live in April)</li> <li>• Food stability</li> <li>• Pilot Time Bank- volunteer exchange</li> <li>• Benefits Access (EightCAP uniform referral)</li> <li>• Explore clothing distribution/laundry service needs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Economic Development and Transportation</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Bob Brown</p> <p><u>Vice Chair:</u> Deb Terborg</p> <p><b>Other members:</b> John Johansen, Bob Clingenpeel, Janet Bloomfield</p>	<p><b>Economic Development</b> Working on securing funds for Alliance as well as countywide support.</p> <p><b>Transportation:</b></p> <p>The May millage election date is no longer valid (TBD). Actual date is now November, 2011.</p> <p>Public Transportation Authority was established, December, 2009.</p> <p>Greenville Council received answers at their October 6 Council meeting regarding the “16 questions” put to the MCTI. Still unresolved issues but working on.</p> <p>Application in MDOT System.</p> <p>Tracking on the other identified issues.</p>	<p><u>Economic Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to explore tourism co-op/ Convention and Visitors bureau initiative.</li> <li>• Continue countywide economic development plan</li> <li>• Continue revitalization of Montcalm Alliance</li> </ul> <p><u>Transportation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on decision (resolution) between Authority and Greenville City Council regarding operating together or separately and work out details</li> <li>• Track on the 5310 federal grant funds for purchases of capital/vehicles</li> <li>• Work on steps to a millage election of November, 2011</li> </ul>
<p><b>Education</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Bob Ferrentino</p> <p><u>Vice Chair:</u> Susan Sunden</p> <p><u>Other members present:</u> Dr. Scott Koenigs knecht John Van Nieuenhuyzen</p>	<p>Great Start funded through December 31, possibly through September, 2011. Parent Child Learning Group (Marty Combs Group) funded as last year</p> <p>Advocacy: Bob F. (MCC)- advocating moving \$208M from school wait to community colleges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurship training grant</li> <li>• Achieving the Dream (money relates to college access)</li> <li>• Keep on Learning Grant</li> <li>• Child Care Provider trainings</li> <li>• Early Head Start: Need more slots. Need \$ for bussing. New Early Head Start expansion grant provides home visitors with DHS for at risk families; 3 visits weekly (Huge implementation)</li> <li>• Charter school under challenge – Race to the Top- no Michigan \$\$\$. Looking at MEAP achievement levels.</li> <li>• Public schools evaluations/merit pay. Looking for guidance regarding student evaluation.</li> </ul>

Strategic Initiative	2009-2010 Progress	2010-2011 Plans
<p><b>Health Care and Substance Abuse</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Dr. Dorothy Berg</p> <p><u>Vice-Chair:</u> Jerry Jones</p> <p><u>Other members present:</u> John Kroneck Kim Singh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ??</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To help support the mandatory health assessment by partnering with health care agencies and four hospitals (incl. Cherry St.)</li> <li>• Support Montcalm County Health Improvement Network Initiatives</li> <li>• Interface with substance abuse programs/<i>initiatives</i> to expand awareness and participation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strong Families and Safe Children</b></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Kim Brown</p> <p><u>Vice Chair:</u> Lisa Lund</p> <p><u>Other members present:</u> Michelle Seigo Kristi Romashko</p>	<p>Foster care issues were not directly addressed by the committee but issue was tracked on by members</p> <p>211 is being addressed through System of Care</p> <p>Interagency training opportunities promoted through System of Care Workgroup, e.g., parent management training and System of Care Conference. Military/veteran event being planned for November.</p> <p>Have invited Arbor Circle to October System of Care meeting to be a part of discussion about lack of adolescent services; will address.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively support System of Care Workgroup efforts (including work on: adoption of shared values, 211 database items, interagency training opportunities, gaps in adolescent services, truancy/educational neglect, tracking on funding opportunities such as Strong Families/Safe Children and Children's Mental Health Block Grant Dollars, and foster-care/children related issues)</li> <li>• Address military/veterans issues</li> </ul>

**Other Discussion Items**

- Contact Danielle Arndt about Census report update
- Internship/Americorps opportunities
- **Membership:** Keeping in touch with those who do not attend. Checking in with members who miss 3 or more meetings. Perhaps put on agenda quarterly to review.
- **Change of Committee Structure/MHSC Meetings:** Agreement to put strategic initiatives on monthly MHSC agenda to promote reporting, updates, issues, opportunities etc... by involving all members of the group. Committees will meet as needed and at least twice a year (retreat and half way through year). Idea is to get more engagement from the full group and utilize time more effectively. Chair is the point person and will call meetings as needed. Strategic initiative goals on one-pager for each meeting. How can MHSC as a whole work together to impact our areas?
- **October 6 MHSC Meeting with Candidates Preparation:** As of today 3 of the 6 candidates invited have confirmed and 1 said it is contingent on if legislature is in session. Another candidate will be appointed tonight. The group agreed to have two planning options depending on additional responses for the races. Favorable to have state and federal candidates together. Lisa Lund will send out questions the committees have developed so far and committees should finalize their questions and

submit them to Lisa Lund by no later than Noon on September 29. Executive Committee will finalize format, etc... e.g., Q &A, dialogue, share information with them, etc...

## **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.*

- [Denise Hubbard](#) shared information on two upcoming United Way events; both on our website.
- [Kim Singh](#) shared information on a new prescription card program. Contact Kim for additional cards, card holders, and posters.

**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6 from 9:00am- 11:00 a.m. at the Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room. We will be dedicating this time to talking with candidates who can attend.**

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Lund