



AGENDA

Wednesday, February 1, 2012
 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Montcalm Area ISD, Michigan Room, 621 New St., Stanton 48888

Our Vision: Montcalm County will have strengthened individual, family and community cohesiveness, higher positive expectations and enhanced economic well-being through inclusive, collaborative county-wide planning & service delivery.

Our Mission: It is the mission of the Montcalm Human Services Coalition (MHSC) to plan, promote, and coordinate activities that result in an accessible, effective, and comprehensive community service system.

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00	Welcome and Call to Order
	Public Comment
	Approval of January 4, 2012 meeting minutes
9:05 – 9:25	Committee Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Needs – Mo Beach, Chair – Attachment A 2. Economic and Workforce Development – Bob Clingenpeel, Chair 3. Education – John Van., Chair – Attachment B 4. Health Care – Dr. Dorothy Berg, Chair
9:25 – 9:40	Bob Ferrentino, M-Tech Expansion Update
9:40-10:45	<u>Business Items</u> <p>Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transportation Update 2. Law Enforcement Millage Update 3. 211 Update <p>New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.
10:45 – 10:55	"Does Anyone Have Anything To Share?"
10:55	Next meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Montcalm Area ISD, 621 New St., Stanton. Committee Meetings will be held at 10:30 a.m. after the regular meeting
11:00	Adjournment

MONTCALM HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

MAISD Office in Stanton

MINUTES

Members Present

Bob Brown, John Kroneck, John Kearney, Erin Roberts, John Johansen, Bob Clingenpeel, Bob Ferrentino, Kristi Romashko, Dr. Dorothy Berg, Mark Bellinger, Mo Beach, Jerry Jones, Laura Thompson, Penny Dora, Michelle Seigo, Judge Suzanne Kreeger, Janet Bloomfield, Chris Hyzer, John Van., Deborah Terborg, Brenda Greenhoe

Staff Present

Jeni Williams

Others Present

Jerry Williams,

Welcome and Call to Order occurred at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson Bob Ferrentino.

Public Comment

Public Comment was offered, none were given.

Motion made by John Johansen, seconded by Chris Hyzer, to accept the minutes from December 7, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Jerry Williams from Michigan Works was in attendance to provide information about Foster Youth Services. Mr. Williams explained the program and its funding; their primary focus is to provide independent living skills to the program participants. He is trying to gain more participants from Montcalm County to bring the program to Greenville, currently it's located outside of Montcalm County. The youngest children that they interact with is 16; they typically work with 17 – 21 years old.

Dr. Berg informed Mr. Williams of the services that are offered through North Kent Guidance Services.

In closing, Mr. Williams wanted to get the word out about the services that he offers and to get the information to those individuals who deal directly with foster children.

Mark Bellinger, Undersheriff, was in attendance to discuss the police protection millage that is being placed on the February 28th ballot. The millage that is being asked for is for 1 mill for a period of 5 years, 2012 – 2016. The millage will be used for road patrol exclusively, to ensure that the Sheriff's Office will be able to continue to provide coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week, 365 days a year. The money will go towards wages and benefits for law enforcement personnel, patrol cars, law enforcement equipment, supplies and training for Sheriff's Department; this includes hiring four additional deputies. The Sheriff realizes that times are tough and doesn't want to ask for money but this is absolutely a necessity. Mr. Bellinger also discussed what would happen if the millage is defeated.

Kristi Romashko and Judge Kreeger also stressed the need for passage of the millage; it's not just for protection but it's for social issues dealing with youths, mentally ill individuals etc.

Chris Hyzer states that four deputies is an increase in force by almost 25%; currently there are only 13 deputies assigned to the road.

Others in the group expressed their support of the millage and the need for extra deputies on the road and how this issue affects their organizations as well.

Business Items:

Old Business

211 Update

Erin Roberts reports that they have not have an advisory council meeting since the last MHSC meeting; the MHSC call issue is on the agenda to discuss at the meeting scheduled for next week. Through discussion some organizations have noticed an increase in referrals because of 211. It is urged to call to find out what information is being provided for your own services. It is also encouraged that you inform others about what 211 is.

MHSC Website

Jeni was able to get the group some info on the usage of the MHSC website. The group needs to make a decision on what to do with the website. Discussion took place on what could be done and the understanding that the website may be only updated once a month. The group decided to keep the website for another year and that Jeni will update the website as she is available.

Transportation Authority

Bob Clingenpeel shared that Franz did present to the Board of Commissioners to extend the sunset of the MTA to 12/31/12 and the board did not approve the request. It is understood that there is a need for those that don't have transportation but there are other things that can be done to achieve this rather than going for a millage. Bob Clingenpeel has set up a meeting with several business leaders in the Carson City area to see if they can get something started in an area that passed the millage.

Healthy Montcalm

Nothing new to report, the advisory committee is scheduled to meet on January 20th.

Operating Guidelines

The revised Operating Guidelines were presented and discussed.

Motion by Chris Hyzer, supported by Judge Kreeger to adopt the Operating Guidelines as amended. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the 2012 MHSC meeting schedule. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month and the collaborative will not meet in July.

Motion by John Johansen, supported by Erin Roberts to move forward with the 2012 MHSC schedule as discussed. Motion carried.

Round Table Reports

John Van, would like to remind everyone that the Barren Dash is scheduled for the last Saturday of the month. The event will be held at MCC and is scheduled to kick off at noon. The Barren Dash raises funds for low income families to use for energy purposes. Check out EightCAP's website for a listing of all of the events.

Jerry Jones reports that Work Camp 2012 is coming to Greenville in July. 411 youth from all over the nation have signed up to participate in this project. As of now, 56 individuals have applied for repairs and he hopes that number will increase. Mr. Jones reports that they need to raise \$19,000 to bring this program here and they received a \$10,000 grant from the Greenville Community Foundation.

Bob Clingenpeel has contacted Weight Watchers and they have 17 people signed up to start a Weight Watchers group in Stanton. The weigh-in and meetings will be held at the Commission on Aging, if you are interested, please call COA at 989-831-7476.

Mo Beach reports that Habitat continues to work on their critical home repairs for Veterans. This project runs through May and Mo hopes that the project will be offered again beginning in July.

Bob Ferrentino reports that MCC has been established as a veteran friendly community.

Bob Clingenpeel reminds the collaborative that tax time is upon us and that the Commission on Aging will be doing taxes at their building again. DHS, United Way, Eight Cap will all be preparing taxes for individuals in need.

Drug Free Montcalm has begun creating a one page electronic newsletter. Jeni will distribute the newsletter to MHSC members.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The committees are scheduled to meet after today's general MHSC meeting.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Minutes Recorded By
Jeni Williams

Basic Needs Committee Meeting minutes
January 4, 2012

Those in attendance: Erin Roberts, Michelle Sago, Mo Beach, Laura Thompson & Brenda Greenhoe

The group continued discussion on progress made on identifying the availability of low cost laundry facilities in the county. We also discussed having a “detergent making” day in February or March.

Erin will share the laundry detergent recipe. We will make and package it for distribution to area food pantries.

- Erin will send out an email asking coalition members to donate empty containers and the ingredients and to bring them to the February meeting. Items can also be dropped off at the Alpha Center and the Habitat for Humanity offices in Greenville.

We discussed some of the shortcomings of the 211 service – not getting directed to the right agency etc. Erin will take these concerns back to the 211 coordinators.

Mo Beach
Chairman

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Youth Education Programs

Montcalm Co-op Nursery

Little People Land (MAISD)

Head Start

High School Education Programs

Montcalm Academy High School

We have 20 students in our alternative program. The students must go through an interview process, to make sure that education is number one priority. Our schedule is from:

**Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Friday Six days during the school year**

Next year we will be moving our times up a half hour, so that students can take advantage of Career Center.

Adult Education Programs

We offer three different programs during the day and night for adults to work around their schedule.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Work on improving basic Reading, Math and Language skills

**Monday and Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 5 pm to 9 pm**

GED Preparation

Gain skills needed to pass the GED test

**Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 1 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 5 pm to 9 pm**

Testing is available at MCC or Alma

High School Diploma

Pick up where you left off in high school and earn Central Montcalm Diploma

**Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 1 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 5 pm to 9 pm**

Jail Education Program

Work with inmates to gain skills needed to pass the GED test

***This could be our last year, because of the cost for an officer on duty for classes.**

**Monday 9 am – 12 pm
Wednesday 12 pm – 4 pm**

Levels of Performance for 2010-2011:

Performance Measures		USDOEState	CM
ABE Beginning		37%	36.93% 50%
ABE Low Intermediate	39%	36.68%	67%
ABE High Intermediate		30%	30.38% 53.85%
ASE Low		31%	29.46% 66.67%

Community Enrichment Classes

Programs already offered this year

CM Basketball Skill – 5th and 6th grade girls October 1 – October 31
 CM Basketball Skill – 5th and 6th grade boys October 26 – November 29
 Winter Travel League 5th – 8th grade boys and girls
 CM Basketball Skill/Games – 3rd and 4th grade
 Sanchin Ryu Karate (children) – Thursday 6-7 pm at CMUE
 (adults) – Thursday 7-8 pm at CMUE
 Wiggle and Giggles (children age 2-4) – Friday 10:30 – 11 am
 Childhood sing along
 Step Aerobics – Monday and Wednesday 6-7 pm at Sheridan Elementary
 Tae Kwon Do – Thursday 6:30 – 8 pm at Community Education Building

New programs for 2012

WINTER WALKING – Central Montcalm Community Education Building is open for walkers. We are open for walking from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, Monday through Thursday and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday only, starting January 9. Program will continue until March 29. Please sign in at the Community Education Office. Enter through door #5.

EUCHRE LEAUGE – Central Montcalm Community Education will sponsor euchre day every Thursday, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, starting January 19. There is no cost to participate; players do not need a partner to participate. Just come out and have a good time. Any question please call (989) 831-2401. Enter through door #5.