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- * **The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health** - Robert Brown
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Services Coalition**

"Working Together, We Do More"

Strategic Initiatives

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From the Chairperson...



The Montcalm Human Service Coalition has always risen to the challenge in times of need. By working collaboratively across agency lines and company boundaries, the MHSC functions as a valuable community resource, putting people's needs first. In today's climate of budget cuts and diminished services, the people we serve count on us more than ever to help them meet their own personal challenges. The MHSC membership serves the community with a passion for making things better for all of us. With your help we will continue to provide the vision and leadership necessary to move Montcalm County forward. I invite you to get involved with one or more of our partnering members because it is only in working together that we will make our community the best it can be for all of our citizens.

John Johansen,
2010-2011 MHSC Chairperson

Mission Statement

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.

Accomplishments & Activities

The following activities had either MHSC staff involvement or MHSC involvement/support.

Bringing In Resources

- ASIST Suicide Prevention Training Mini-Grant
- Families and Communities Together (FACT) Research Grant
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Funding
- Montcalm Great Start Grant
- Safe Schools Grant

Expanding Available Services

- 211 (coming 2011)
- Drug Court
- Strong Families/Safe Children family preservation and support

Promoting Learning and Leadership

- Accessible on-line information
- Leadership Montcalm Health and Human Services Session
- Presenting...Montcalm County!
- Basic Needs Summits and Community Conversations

Building Partnerships

- MHSC growth from 6 to 35 members
- Ionia Montcalm Military Supports Committee
- Annual pastor appreciation lunch
- System of Care Workgroup
- Landlords Lunch and Learn

Advocating for Our Community

- Montcalm County Public Transportation Authority establishment
- Census 2010 participation promotion
- Community legislative candidate forums
- Voter registration training

Strategic Initiatives

Basic Needs

To coordinate a collaborative response to fundamental human needs of clothing, food, and housing in Montcalm County.

Current Activities:

- 211
- Food stability
- Pilot time bank- volunteer exchange
- Benefits access
- Explore clothing distribution/laundry service needs

Economic Development and Transportation

To promote economic development in Montcalm County, and to establish a countywide public transportation system by 2012.

Current Activities:

- Revitalize the Montcalm Alliance
- Explore the development of a tourism co-op and visitor's bureau
- Continue work on an Economic Development Plan for Montcalm County
- Coordinate efforts with the Greenville Transit System
- Educate the community about the transit system
- Pass the transit millage election in November 2011

Education

To serve as a sounding board and support system for initiatives aimed at increasing educational achievement for all Montcalm County citizens.

Current Activities:

- Establish partnerships that will result in positive educational outcomes
- Continue to support community based efforts aimed at increasing the number of citizens with higher education credentials
- Maintain the commitment to parents and young children for programming aimed at early education development resulting in students who start school better prepared to learn
- Partner with appropriate organizations to promote the notion of lifelong learning as a requirement in today's global marketplace

- Support the development of a new entrepreneurship network aimed at increasing the number of successful small businesses in Montcalm County

Health Care and Substance Abuse

To promote the improvement of health and well-being in Montcalm County through support of community coalition initiatives, coordination of resources, and leadership activities.

Current Activities:

- To help support a community health needs assessment by actively participating in the assessment process, serving as community advocates and working to implement identified priorities
- Support community coalitions with a focus on Health Improvement Initiatives
- Interface with substance abuse initiatives to expand awareness and participation

Strong Families and Safe Children

To mobilize resources that positively impact Montcalm County children and families.

Current Activities:

- Actively support System of Care Workgroup efforts
- Address military/veterans issues

"I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. My fathers planted for me before I arrived, so I plant for those who come after me." — Talmud