

Meeting Minutes
Ottawa County Human Services Coordinating Council
June 27, 2007
9:30 a.m.
Ottawa County Fillmore Complex – Conference Room D

Attending: Andrea Mulder, OCHSCC Administrative Coordinator
Pat VerDuin, Family Court
Lisa Stefanovsky, Ottawa County Health Department
Bill Raymond, Community Action Agency/MI Works
Bud Ferguson, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
Loren Snippe, Department of Human Services (DHS)
Ron Frantz, County Prosecutor
Joel Dye, City of Holland
Ann Tabor, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
Janet DeYoung, Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area
Gail Ringelberg, North Ottawa County Council on Aging
Patrick Moran, Greater Ottawa County United Way

Absent: Michael VandenBerg, Good Samaritan Center; Steve Eckert, Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance; Bill Robb, MSU Extension Services

- I. Great Start Focus Group – report and dialog facilitated by Andrea
 - Great Start has compiled a report to the community of the data collected regarding the status of young children, ages 0-5, in our community. (Report distributed.)
 - In order to develop the *Great Start of Ottawa County Early Childhood Action Agenda*, the Great Start Collaborative in Ottawa County is holding several community focus groups and today’s meeting of the OCHSCC is the first focus group meeting. In addition, a Zommerang survey (web based survey) will be conducted throughout the community.
 - Questions asked of the focus group:
 - What are the agency and community service groups doing well regarding age 0-5 child development services and parent education?
 - What could “we” be doing better?
 - Please provide suggestions as to how we could do things better.
 - Comments, ideas and input were recorded by Lauri Smith from the OAISD and will be compiled to assist in the development of the *Great Start of Ottawa County Early Childhood Action Agenda*.
- II. United Way Community Assessment Update – Patrick Moran
 - Wiki (interactive blog) is in creation and a Steering Committee has been formed.
 - Seeking to identify issues that affect the whole person, i.e., the whole family, not just a “slice” of the picture.
- III. Holland/Zeeland Foundation Community Forum – Janet DeYoung
 - Janet distributed and reviewed the Executive Summary of the five key areas that were explored at the June 7 forum.

- The next step is “Creating a Comprehensive Plan” identifying the areas to focus on based on the summary.
- Once identified, the Holland/Zeeland Foundation will work with agencies to create a strategy, and look for ways to measure outcomes.
- On behalf of the Holland/Zeeland Foundation Janet thanked the collaborative for their co-sponsorship support.

IV. Business

- A. Financial Report: Bud Ferguson distributed and reviewed the financial report based on the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District fiscal year (July 1 – June 30), showing starting balance, revenues, expenditures and current balance.
- B. Workgroup Updates:
 - i. Access to Health Services update by Pat VerDuin.
 - It was recognized that two groups needed to come together to address this issue – business/economic group and health service providers.
 - At the NACo leadership conference attended by Pat, Lisa and Commissioner Joyce Kortman they found a great model being implemented in Muskegon County (MI). What does set us apart from some of the initiatives is that we are trying to include substance abuse and mental health issues in this taskforce.
 - The Robert Wood Johnson Grant opportunity is still be explored with assistance from the County Planning and Grants Director, Mark Knudsen.
 - The Community Mental Health Board of Directors President will be invited to the Access to Health Services work group.

V. Lakeshore Coordinating Council (LCC)
 Review and further discussion of the presentation made in May by the LCC Executive Director will take place in the future.

VI. Announcements
 The next meeting date: July 25, 2007, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Conference Room D, Fillmore Administrative Complex.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Gail VanVels, Administrative Secretary