



HILLSDALE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK
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Joanne Sheldon, Chair
Pastor Julie Carey, Vice Chair

Minutes of Human Services Network Annual Meeting
October 20, 2009

Attending:

Kelly LoPresto – Hillsdale Co. Senior Services Ctr.
Jane Munson – Key Opportunities
Wendy Warring – Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Heather Albright – Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Laura Nye – DHS
Kellie Schiller – LifeWays
Robert Henthorne – Hillsdale Co. ISD
Dan Boyd – Juvenile Court
Dave Braxmaier – Sheriff Department
Sarah Hartzler – South Central MI Works!
Jill Rodenhauer – United Way
Roy Vargas – McCullough Vargas and Associates
Pastor Julie Carey – Ministerial Association
Brad Benzing – County Commission
Pam Benzing – guest
Sharon Roberts – ISD/Early On
David Wallin - Consumer
Amber Yoder – Hillsdale Co. Community Foundation
Sharon Turnbull – Dochas II Counseling
Renell Weathers – Rep. Schauer's office
Lesia Pikaart – MPRI
Shannan Clevenger – LifeWays
Renee Batt – Hillsdale Comm. Health Center
Georgia Mason – Domestic Harmony
Melissa Young – McCullough Vargas and Assoc.
Chris Clarke – Salvation Army
Mark Williams – MSU Extension
Brooke Rains – Child Care Network
Cindy Rowe – CAA

Lucy Booth – Hospice of Hillsdale County
Al Cousino – Hillsdale Housing Commission
Maxine Vanlerberg – CAA
Keila Kilgore – Art of Creative Dimension
Sharon Bisher – Hillsdale Co. Community Foundation
Ginny Wood-Bailey – Region 2 Area Agency on Aging
Gary McCullough – McCullough Vargas and Assoc.
Cindy Rowe – CAA
Joann Carothers – McCullough Vargas and Assoc.
Gail Seeley – Counselor
Jane Sanderson – Kinship Care
John Robertson – CHA
Jill Pavka – St. Peter's Free Health Clinic
Duke Anderson – Hillsdale Comm. Health Center
Sharon Turnbull – Do'chas II Counseling
George Yoder – CAA
Pam Smith – Child Care Network
Misti Warner – CAA
Linda Shigley – CAA
Laura VanWormer – CAA
Beth Potts – CAA
Becky Readie – CAA
Janda Burger – Senior Services Center
Matt Davis – Key Opportunities
Andy Welden – County Commissioner
Jack Mosley – Life Challenge
BethAnn Perkins – Health Consulting Strategies
Marian Weber – Health Consulting Strategies
Laurie Brandes - HSN

I. Welcome and Introductions

The HSN met at Perennial Park on October 20, 2009, for the HSN Annual Meeting. Breakfast, sponsored by Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, was served at 8:00am. Sarah Hartzler called the meeting to order at 8:20am. Welcome was extended, and introductions were made.

II. Election of Officers 2009-10

The slate of officers – Joanne Sheldon, Chair, and Pastor Julie Carey, Vice-Chair – had been presented at the September HSN meeting. Bob Henthorne moved, seconded by Roy Vargas, that the slate of officers for 2009-10 be approved. **The motion carried unanimously.**

III. HSN Budget 2009-10

Laurie Brandes explained the proposed budget for 2009-10, and mentioned that HSN has been chosen as one of the groups to be included in the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Community Match Day on November 13, 2009. All donations made to HSN on that day will be matched 1:1 by HCCF (total of \$100,000 cap).

IV. Legislative Update – Renell Weathers of Congressman Schauer's Office

Renell gave an update on the activity in Washington DC.

V. 2010 Census – It's In Your Hands – Dizzy Warren

Ms. Warren distributed materials on the 2010 Census and an overview of the process and the job opportunities available to Hillsdale County residents.

VI. Addressing the Health Care Needs for the Uninsured and Underinsured in Hillsdale County

The following people presented information:

- John Robertson of CHA presented demographics and health indicators data;
- Jill Pavka of St. Peter's Free Health Clinic presented data on the increase in caseload at the Clinic;
- Duke Anderson of Hillsdale Community Health Center presented data on experience of HCHC with bad debt and charity care;
- Maxine Vanlerberg of CAA presented information on economic health of Hillsdale County;
- BethAnn Perkins and Marian Weber of Health Consulting Strategies, Inc. presented information about Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and FQHC-look-alikes, and grant opportunities that might be available.

VII. Coordinator Comments – Laurie Brandes

- Planning for the 2nd Annual Project Connect will begin next month
- Membership in HSN is stable
- Strategic Plan will be revisited in 2010.

Thanks to:

- Terry Vear and Kelly LoPresto of the Senior Services Center for hosting the breakfast
- Heather Albright of the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition for their sponsorship of the Breakfast
- Presenters Dizzy Warren and Duke Anderson et.al.
- Sarah Hartzler of SCMW! for her service as chair of HSN

VIII. Agency Announcements

IX. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Brandes
HSN Coordinator