



HILLSDALE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK
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Sarah Hartzler, Chair
Joanne Sheldon, Vice Chair

Minutes of Human Services Network
May 19, 2009

Attending:

Terry Vear – Hillsdale Co. Senior Services Ctr.
Jane Munson – Key Opportunities
Wendy Warring – Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Laura Nye – DHS
John Robertson – Community Health Agency
Michael Derby – Legal Services of S. Central MI
Dave Wallin – Consumer/Veteran
Kelly Schiller – LifeWays
Lora Ward – Hospice of Hillsdale County
Laurie Benzing – United Way
Sarah Hill – American Red Cross
Vanessa Doellman – CAPA
Cindy Rowe – CAA
Julia Denig – Domestic Harmony
Robert Henthorne – Hillsdale Co. ISD
Ginny Wood-Bailey – Region II Area Agency on Aging
Amber Yoder – Hillsdale County Community Foundation

Keila Kilgore – Art of Creative Dimension
Dan Boyd – Juvenile Court
Dave Braxmaier – Sheriff Department
Emily Lambright – SODON
Larry Lloyd – American Red Cross
Jennie Pollak – 2-1-1
Brooke Rains – Child Care Network
Sarah Hartzler – South Central MI Works!
Jill Rodenhauser – 2-1-1/United Way
Ginelle Skinner – Great Start Collaborative
Renee Batt – Hillsdale Community Health Center
Karen Lewthwaite – Legal Services of So. Central MI
Sharon Roberts – ISD Early On
Gloria Vear – Alpha Omega Women's Care Center
Bud Vear – Hillsdale Community Theatre
Gracia Karmes - CAA
Laurie Brandes - HSN

I. Welcome and Introductions

The HSN met at the Hillsdale Co. ISD on May 19, 2009. Sarah Hartzler called the meeting to order at 8:35am. Welcome was extended, and introductions were made.

II. Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Terry Vear, seconded by Bob Henthorne, to accept the agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Approve Minutes of the April 21, 2009, Meeting

A motion was made by Terry Vear, seconded by Jane Munson, to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2009, meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Appoint Vice-Chair – Joanne Sheldon

Tim Kelly, the Vice-Chair of the HSN, has been promoted to Director of DHS in Lenawee County. The Executive Committee recommended Joanne Sheldon, CEO of LifeWays, to fill this vacancy. A motion was made by Jane Munson, seconded by Terry Vear, to appoint Joanne Sheldon as the Vice-Chair of the HSN. **The motion carried unanimously** (Kellie Schiller of LifeWays abstained).

V. 2-1-1: How to Access Agency Information and Update Yours – Jennie Pollak, 2-1-1, and Jill Rodenhauser, 2-1-1/United Way of Hillsdale County

Jennie Pollak presented information on the 2-1-1 website www.centralmichigan2-1-1.org and gave an overview of how to access information available. Jill Rodenhauser explained her role as 2-1-1 Coordinator of Hillsdale County. She will be sending a reminder email to agencies each Monday, requesting that they update their 2-1-1 information. She will compile these updates and forward them to the Call Center. John Robertson pointed out potential issues with identifying dental clinics through 2-1-1; Jennie will follow up. Monthly reports of county-specific call volumes and types of calls are available on the website.

VI. Agency Spotlight – Legal Services of South Central Michigan – Karen Lewthwaite and Mike Derby

Karen Lewthwaite gave an overview of the services offered by Legal Services. Their focus is on low-income individuals with housing, disability and public benefit issues, and on the senior population. They assist these two groups with civil legal problems.

VII. HSN Budget 2008-09 – Amend

Laurie Brandes, at the request of the Executive Committee, presented for consideration an amended HSN budget for the current year 2008-09. Revenue has increased slightly, and expenditures have decreased slightly, but there still is a deficit of \$1,098.52. A motion was made by Bob Henthorne that breakfast for the monthly meetings be provided by the agency responsible for that month's Agency Spotlight. **The motion passed unanimously.** Agencies were encouraged to consider a special assessment to help eliminate the remaining deficit.

VIII. Agency Roundtable

- **Laurie Brandes** announced that Big Brothers Big Sisters is seeking volunteers for the Lunch Buddy program in Hillsdale. Volunteers meet weekly at a school for 45 minutes. Please contact Laurie for additional information.
- **Laurie Brandes** announced for Julie Carey that Kings Kupboard will be taking orders for personal care items. Orders will be taken monthly, filled by Key Opportunities employees, and distributed through Kings Kupboard.
- **Laurie Benzing of United Way** announced that Hillsdale County received an additional \$25,000 through FEMA (stimulus), with a focus of helping the newly unemployed. Salvation Army received \$10,000 for housing assistance, and the rest was distributed to various agencies to help with utilities, emergency shelter, and food.
- **Brooke Rains of Child Care Network** announced that CCN is able to assist parents with reporting child care hours (new requirement by the State of MI). Contact Brooke at (517)264-5306 or the Ann Arbor office at (800)777-2861.
- **Terry Vear of Senior Services Center** announced that an ice cream social will be held on Thursday, May 21st from 3-6 p.m. at the Center to Celebrate Older Americans Month. National Fitness Day is May 27, and the Center has many activities planned. On June 15, there will be an Elder Abuse Workshop from 10-2 at the Center, with the focus on those who come in contact with the older population (utility workers, USPS workers, etc.) to help them recognize and report abuse. Free lunch will be provided from 11:30am – 1:00pm.
- **Gloria Vear of Alpha-Omega Women's Care Center** announced that AO held their Walk for Life last weekend. They are raising funds to purchase an ultrasound machine. They have a grant for \$25,000 if they can raise a local match of \$12,500.
- **Lora Ward of Hospice of Hillsdale County** announced that Camp Courage, a grief camp for children 6-14, will be held on June 27 and 28 at Kimball YMCA Camp. The last day to register is June 12.
- **Ginelle Skinner of the Great Start Collaborative** announced that their new website www.greatstarhillsdale.org is up and running, complete with a community calendar and a volunteer link.
- **Wendy Warring of the Hillsdale County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition** announced that SAPC will be holding SPF/SIG training on June 11, with discussion about priorities and goals.
- **Ginny Wood-Bailey of Region II Area Agency on Aging** announced that there is funding available for senior (over 55, low income) employment opportunities. It would be for 20 hours of work per week.
- **Gracia Karmes of Community Action Agency** announced that there are stimulus funds available for weatherization (for renters and owners). Contact CAA at 437-3346.
- **Keila Kilgore of Art of Creative Dimensions (and Hillsdale County Counselor's Association)** announced that twenty (20) local counselors received intensive training at CTAC (Child Trauma Assessment Center) in Kalamazoo.
- **Dave Wallin of Post 53 American Legion** announced that tickets are available for a Tigers game at Comerica Park. There is a possibility of a grant through DAV for funds for a van to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., but there would be a matching funds requirement.
- **Sarah Hartzler of South Central MI Works!** announced that there is stimulus funds available for Youth Summer Job Connect – see the www.scmw.org for more details, or contact Barb Dennis at 437-3381.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

The next meeting of the HSN will be **June 16, 2009**, at the ISD, 310 W. Bacon Street, at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Brandes, HSN Coordinator