



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

Minutes of Human Services Network
June 16, 2009

Attending:

Terry Vear – Hillsdale Co. Senior Services Ctr.
Matt Davis – Key Opportunities
Wendy Warring – Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Heather Albright – Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
Laura Nye – DHS
Michael Derby – Legal Services of S. Central MI
Dave Wallin – Consumer/Veteran
Kellie Schiller – LifeWays
Sarah Hill – American Red Cross
Vanessa Doellman – CAPA
Georgia Mason – Domestic Harmony
Robert Henthorne – Hillsdale Co. ISD
Ginny Wood-Bailey – Region II Area Agency on Aging
Dan Boyd – Juvenile Court
Dave Braxmaier – Sheriff Department
Emily Lambright – SODON
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
Roy Vargas – McCullough Vargas and Associates
Gary McCullough – McCullough Vargas and Associates
Steve Todd – Community Health Agency
Pastor Julie Carey – Ministerial Association
Sharon Bisher – Hillsdale Co. Community Foundation
Renee Batt – Hillsdale Community Health Center
Sharon Turnbull – Dochas II Counseling
Nancy Jenkins – Sen. Brown's office
Renell Weathers – Rep. Schauer's office
Sandy Tropp – Highfields
Lesia Pikaart – MPRI
Deb Williams – Veteran's Affairs
Laurie Brandes – HSN

I. Welcome and Introductions

The HSN met at the Hillsdale Co. ISD on June 16, 2009. Sarah Hartzler called the meeting to order at 8:35am. Welcome was extended, and introductions were made.

II. Approve Agenda

One addition was made to the agenda by Laurie Brandes – consideration of the Early On grant. A motion was made by Terry Vear, seconded by Julie Carey, to accept the agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Approve Minutes of the May 19, 2009, Meeting

A motion was made by Terry Vear, seconded by Julie Carey, to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2009, meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agency Spotlight – McCullough Vargas and Associates – Roy Vargas and Gary McCullough

Roy Vargas and Gary McCullough gave an overview of the services provided by McCullough Vargas and Associates. MVA is in their 3rd year as a LifeWays provider, serving clients with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health issues. They provide a First-Time Offenders Program for teens and their parents, an AA group for women, and are in the process of renovating Hope House, a living residence for men with alcohol or drug-related problems.

V. American Red Cross in Hillsdale County – Sarah Hill

Sarah Hill of ARC presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining ARC's work in Jackson and Hillsdale Counties.

VI. Early On – Contract Endorsement – Sharon Roberts

Sharon Roberts of Early On requested the HSN's endorsement of their contract which will bring additional stimulus funds to Early On in Hillsdale County. A motion was made by Karen Lewthwaite, seconded by Kellie Schiller, to endorse this contract. **The motion carried unanimously** (Sharon Roberts abstained).

VII. Economic Status of Hillsdale County Human Service Providers

The following agencies/organizations reported on the effects of the Governor's Executive Order and the ARRA funds on their ability to serve Hillsdale County residents:

- Sarah Hartzler – South Central MI Works!
- Kellie Schiller – LifeWays
- Emily Lambright – SODON
- Deb Williams – Veterans Affairs
- Terry Vear – Senior Center
- Georgia Mason – Domestic Harmony
- Laura Nye – DHS

VIII. Legislative Update

Nancy Jenkins of Sen. Brown's office gave a brief update on the work being done on the 2009-10 state budget. Renell Weathers of U.S. Representative Mark Schauer's office also gave a brief update on a Health Care Legislative Forum at Branch Co. Health Center on June 28 at 2:00pm.

IX. Agency Announcements

Due to time constraints, there were no Agency Announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

The next meeting of the HSN will be **August 18, 2009**, at the ISD, 310 W. Bacon Street, at 8:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Brandes, HSN Coordinator