



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Jay Cutler, *MCHD*; Ashley Mascagni, *MCHD*; Haley Kehus, *MCHD*; Erika Lojko, *MCHD*; Whitney Litzner, *MCHD*; Maria Swiatkowski, *MCHD*; Lillian Schreiber, *MCHD*; Kaitlin Wojciak, *MSU Extension*; Shannon Mallory, *MCA – Macomb Food Program*; Ambrosia Jackson, *MCCMH*; Joyce Moultrie, *Macomb County Veterans Services*; Madeline Habib, *MCCMH & HSCB*; Lily Doher, *United Way for Southeastern Michigan*; Amanda Woods, *Oakland County Health Division*; Sandra Cobb, *AARDA*; Karen Wood, *MyCare Health Center*; Carolyn Thomas, *MISD*; Asraa Alhawli, *ACCESS* (remote)

2. Review July Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes were approved from the July 2019 meeting. No changes were made.

3. Partner Presentations

We had three presentations during the meeting. Each presenter spoke about the services or programs that their organizations offered as well as any services related to Health Insurance Open Enrollment and/or Healthy Michigan work requirement changes. (For reference, Open Enrollment runs from November 1 to December 15, 2019.) A brief summary of each presentation and respective contact information are below:

Asraa Alhawli, ACCESS

Asraa went over the variety of programs offered by the ACCESS Community Health and Research Center in Dearborn. The programs that are specifically offered at the Sterling Heights location include:

- Navigator Program – mtariq@accesscommunity.org; rabouarabi@accesscommunity.org; aalhawli@accesscommunity.org
- Infectious Disease Program (IDP) – dponsart@accesscommunity.org
- Health Advocacy Program (HAP) – aalhawli@accesscommunity.org
- Substance Abuse and Tobacco Prevention Program (ASAP) – mhijazi@accesscommunity.org; cbeckwith@accesscommunity.org
- Victims of Crime Program (VOCA) – semaashlebah@accesscommunity.org; ndabaja@accesscommunity.org

The emails listed are the main contacts for each of the associated programs, and a full list of programs will be sent out to the workgroup via email.

You can reach Asraa at aalhawli@accesscommunity.org.

To contact the ACCESS office in Sterling Heights, call (586) 722-6036.



Shannon Mallory, Macomb Food Program

Shannon provided an overview of the Macomb Food Program, including a background of the organization, its impact in serving food in Macomb County, their Fresh to You mobile food van, and various fundraising initiatives that benefit MFP. The full presentation will be sent out to the workgroup via email.

In response to questions, Shannon noted that MFP is always in need of volunteers, and those in need of volunteer hours—particularly as it relates to work requirement changes to Healthy Michigan coverage—can gain these hours at MFP.

You can reach Shannon at shannon.mallory@macombgov.org.

Karen Wood, MyCare Health Center

Karen presented on the variety of services that MyCare provides at each of its locations. Some of these services include primary and family care, medication assisted treatment, behavioral health, and dental care. The full presentation will be sent out to the workgroup via email.

In response to questions, Karen noted that there are no geographical restrictions for MyCare's sliding fee scale and that MyCare services individuals who are undocumented.

You can reach Karen at kwood@mycarehealthcenter.org.

4. Community Health Assessment 2020

Jay announced that the Macomb County Health Department is in the planning stages for their next Community Health Assessment (CHA). MCHD will be reaching out to partner organizations in its workgroups to assist in planning and executing the assessment (e.g., focus groups, community outreach, data collection). In the coming months, more information will be disseminated regarding the assessment. For CHA-related questions, you can contact Jay at jacob.cutler@macombgov.org.

5. Partner Updates

- Erika updated the group about the status of the Farm to School Directory, informing the group that Erika, Jay, and Kaitlin plan to conduct additional farm outreach into 2020 and evaluate the directory with food service staff and farmers in the spring. The evaluation for the directory will likely be on the agenda for future workgroup meetings. The current Farm to School Directory can be found online at <https://cha.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/cha/pdfs/Farm-to-School-Directory.pdf>.
- Carolyn added that the USDA's farm to school grant application is currently open for public school districts. Additionally, the School Nutrition Association of Michigan conference this weekend will include farmer representation who will be speaking about



their experiences with farm to school programs. Lastly, Carolyn reported that the Summer Food Service Program in the county operated at 35% more sites this year. For more information about school nutrition or the farm to school grant process, Carolyn can be reached at cthomas@misd.net.

- Sandra introduced herself and the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA), headquartered in Eastpointe, for those who were unfamiliar. She provided the group with educational materials (regarding the background of autoimmune diseases and getting a proper diagnosis) and AARDA's *InFocus* quarterly newsletter. AARDA also recently received a grant to translate some of their materials into Spanish. If anyone is interested in these materials, you can reach Sandra at scobb@aarda.org.
- Madeline highlighted the Human Services Coordinating Body's Information Exchange event that occurred on Thursday, October 24th.
- Lillian discussed the Baby Resource Network of Macomb, which she facilitates, and their goals to reduce infant mortality in Macomb County. They are specifically working on increasing patient knowledge of the services provided in the county, and collaborating with providers to send out a compiled guide of maternal/infant health resources. For digital resources and further information, head to <https://health.macombgov.org/Health-BabyResourceNetwork>. If you or someone from your organization is interested in joining the coalition, email babyresourcenetwork@macombgov.org.
- Amanda announced that Oakland County Health Division is also in the process of starting their CHA, and for organizations not already involved that are interested to contact her at woods@oakgov.com. Further, she provided some legislative updates. First, Governor Whitmer and MDHHS director Robert Gordon announced [increased asset limits](#) for state assistance programs. Second, the USDA [reported](#) that changes to federal Broad Based Categorical Eligibility could impact close to 1 million children with regards to school meal participation, and [the commenting window has reopened](#). Comments are accepted until November 1st.
- Kaitlin announced that, for the first year, MSU Extension led the Apple Crunch Day efforts in Michigan, and have reported that over 300,000 people participated. Additionally, she oversees MSU Extension's School Garden Mini-Grant programs (which are open to K-12 schools as well as early childhood centers and special education post-secondary programs). These grant opportunities are now open, and interested parties can go to the MSU Extension website for further information. To reach Kaitlin directly for questions, you can contact her at kaitwoj@msu.edu.
- Karen announced that MyCare Health Center is working with the Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse to make MyCare an opioid health home. She also touched on MyCare's program for reentering citizens, which is losing its funding for FY2020.
- In response to previous questions if there was a way to connect individuals at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage due to work requirements with volunteer opportunities in the county, Lily commented that the United Way has a volunteer portal that can be



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shared with organizations who are interested. Kristen Cibulskis, the manager of the portal, is happy to do an overview or training for any individuals or organizations interested in using the portal. For those interested, her email is kristen.cibulskis@liveunitedsem.org.

6. Next Meeting – End of January 2019

If your organization would like to host the next workgroup meeting, or another meeting in the future, contact Jay at jacob.cutler@macombgov.org.

