

Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council



KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Kent County Admin Office – **Room 311**
300 Monroe Ave NW

Members/Alternates

Present:

Dynetta Clark (for Sharon Loughridge),
Judge Patricia Gardner, Kathy Freberg, Kirsten Gietzen, Sandra
Ghosten-Jones, Scott Gilman, Jack Greenfield, Lynn Heemstra,
Ron Caniff, Ron Koehler, Gary Lemke, Adam London, Jacob
Maas, Nancy Marshall, George Meek, Maureen Noe, Julie
Ridenour, Diana Sieger, Patti Warmington, Michael Zoerhoff.

Members Absent:

Candace Cowling, Lynne Ferrell, William Forsyth,
Cynthia Gladyness, Teresa Neal, Savator Selden-Johnson.

Guests:

Wayman Britt, Heather Boswell, Veneese Chandler, Tracie
Coffman, Maureen Kirkwood, Rich Liberatore, Pam Parriott,
Chuck Rose, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Donna Tefft, Matthew
VanZetten, Betty Zylstra.

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Judge Gardner called the meeting to order and introductions were done. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

After a review of the June minutes, a motion to accept them was provided by Gary Lemke, second by Diana Sieger – vote was UNANIMOUS.

2. Public Comment

There was none.

3. KCFCCC Update to the Board of Commissioners

Judge Gardner introduced this presentation saying it was given to the Board of Commissioners in June as the KCFCCC's annual update. The commissioners provided many positive comments after the presentation. Judge Gardner thought the Council

would appreciate the update.

Matthew began with a short video relating to communication and collaboration.

After the video, Matthew began the presentation that he recently gave to the Board. He said there have been long-term efforts to keep the Board of Commissioners up-to-date on the efforts taking place between the KCFCCC and other community partners. He said we are moving from a reactive model to a proactive model. New funding opportunities are being sought through the private sector by way of a model called Pay for Success or Social Impact Bonds. More about these efforts will be coming as things develop.

4. **Network180 Funding Status**

In his update, Scott Gilman said significant progress has been made, along with some significant developments.

There has been some conflict among the partners at the Board level, along with a lot of dysfunction in the administration of the region. Since last meeting, the CEO and CIO have resigned, which provided the opportunity to develop some new processes. The initial data that was used to disburse funding to the CMH's was flawed. This is being corrected. The database system has been rebuilt and solid data is now used. Current budget projections show spending should be within the internal service fund range. The State will be doing a managed care review of the region to Confirm they will be in compliance with their contract. This is an opportunity to get some recommendations in how the region needs to move forward.

The State announced it will be moving toward morbidity for funding as opposed to historical. Although the impact of this move is unknown, it moves the PIHP region up in the ranking for funding.

Although network180 has lost staff due to budget cuts, Scott said it has pulled their organization together. They are working on restoring the money lost.

5. **Pay for Success/Social Impact Bonds Convening**

Julie Ridenour and Matthew VanZetten convened those who are working on social impact bonds to form a learning community around the subject. There were a variety of organizations represented. The group plans to meet every other month and bring in some experts to help them learn about the process and move the efforts forward.

Matthew said the next steps will be to obtain financial and data resources. One such resource is Joe Ryan from the University of Michigan who has been working on the behind-the-scenes data work in Cuyahoga County and the city of Chicago on some opportunities using data work. He is creating a child and youth data lab at the University of Michigan. Matthew is hoping to have him attend the next PFS meeting to talk about the process that he has been using with the other communities to look at opportunities to see where there could be some synergies.

One thing learned, according to Julie Ridenour, is that the alignment of these PFS efforts is critical and difficult. Bringing in a resource who has worked with data in other places will be helpful. Matthew added they followed up with Professor Ryan and he is open to the concept.

Gary Lemke asked for an explanation of how these bonds work and how they are funded. Matthew explained they are not really bonds at all but a performance-based contract where private investors provide funding to expand a program. A third-party administrator ensures fidelity to the model of the investment and that the investors will be paid back in some form. It is crucial to figure out where there is a reduction in public sector spending to pay back the investor.

In Chicago, they are no longer looking at payback, but instead using a valuation system where they are looking at Kindergarten success measures. The City of Chicago is guaranteeing a payment to the investors if a targeted number of children are ready for Kindergarten. They feel their costs in future years will be less for Chicago Public Schools.

Matthew said there are a lot of intricacies involved in this program, so these conversations are learning opportunities.

6. Updates

- a. **Welcome Home Baby Transition** – Matthew VanZetten began the update by explaining how this program came to be, the goal of which is to be certain all first-time births and births under the age of 25 had a hospital visit and then a 1st time home visit.

With all of the changes in the Affordable Care Act and other Federal changes, the model needs to be tweaked. First Steps is going through an organizational change as well so they are trying to assess a good home for the new model of the Welcome Home Baby process and also how it should be set up.

A task force is looking at this issue. The KCFCCC is involved due to the Prevention Initiative.

Rich Liberatore added he appreciated Matthew's input into this process and mentioned some of the other parties involved in the task force.

- b. **Child Welfare Community Based Care Convening** – To begin this update, Matthew VanZetten said a lot of our private agencies are at Catholic Charities meeting with consultants with the State of Michigan walking through the transformation effort. Recently, a group went to Tampa, Florida to look at a model which stresses community-based care and communication with the community. Both the agencies and the community need to be involved in understanding what is happening, so the private agencies and the State of Michigan DHHS agree that the Coordinating Council will be the convener of the

institutions and put together some of the non-profits, public systems and church providers with a lot at stake. The private agencies are working to convening grassroots people and figuring out a strategy to make meaningful conversation.

Several community groups are being engaged that include a lot of hot spots of need. There has been a lot of work done on this effort this summer.

Judge Gardner commented that this process is slow, one of the most critical pieces has been in separating the funding component from DHHS to the private agencies. It hasn't happened yet. Although this will be an investment by Kent County to make this work, it will ultimately save money in the West Michigan region and others as they roll it out.

- c) **Children's Millage** – The Chair of the County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Dan Koorndyk just assigned a Millage Review committee to start meeting in October, looking at opportunities for County-wide millages. There has been talk about a Children's Millage for some time now. In 2016 there will be an opportunity to place it on the ballot without the County having to question due to the Presidential election. Matthew also pointed out that there may not be a children's millage proposal at all. It's dependent on what the County Board decides, and there are other community groups seeking millage questions.

7. **Miscellaneous.**

- a) **Lynn Heemstra** mentioned the ELO Network has recently determined that students attending afterschool programs are more likely to attend school. She asked to have the ELO Network added to an upcoming meeting agenda to do a presentation.
- b) **George Meek** mentioned Bob Homan's wife recently passed away.
- c) **Maureen Noe** shared their United Way kickoff on September 11 and their Day of Caring.
- d) **Diana Sieger** said the Michigan Health Endowment has set aside \$8 million statewide to be funneled through Community Foundations. The Grand Rapids Community Foundation is currently working on the application. The Endowment is particularly interested in collaboration and looking at children's and senior citizen's issues. This is a competitive grant with a re-granting mechanism. The funding amount is based on 125% of the area population. The largest grant can be \$2.5 million. Our community is not large enough for that amount of grant. Diana will provide further updates as they become available.
- e) **Jacob Maas** –ACSET receives community action program dollars for Kent County, in addition to Michigan Works programs in Kent, Allegan and Barry counties. Effective October 1st, they received approval from the governor's office to be Michigan Works programs for Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. This is a culmination of two years of

conversations in which Matthew VanZetten and Wayman Britt have been a part of to be sure this would be a fair model in regards to governance. This has provided an equal balance of representation on the board. The Governor's office is pushing hard on regionalization. This is a merger of the organizations and key leadership. There have been significant cuts in funding and these efforts will provide about \$1 million in cost savings per year. No service centers in Kent County will be closed and staff will not be laid off.

- f) **Sandra Ghosten-Jones** – The Area Agency on Aging West Michigan (AAAWM) is gearing up for the Kent County Millage Review Committee meetings to disperse the \$9.6 million that will be available for 2016. Agencies are furiously working on continuation of funding requests.
- g) **Adam London** – The Community Health Advisory Committee (CHAC) received reports from the four community workers who are working on the four priority areas identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment. Adam said he is impressed with the number of community partners working on the issues of obesity, mental health, violence and substance abuse. A written report of the progress and the objectives attached to them was provided to the Health Department. Adam will share it with the full group via email. He asked the group to provide input if their organization would fit as well.
- h) **Scott Gilman** – Scott warned the group if they were an organization that deals with substance abuse users, there has been an unprecedented spike in Heroin overdose deaths in the last two weeks. The medical director is looking to determine if there might be a bad batch of heroin in Kent County.
- i) **Judge Gardner** – She announced that a new judge was welcomed to the bench. He is Judge TJ Ackert. A formal swearing in ceremony will take place in the next couple of weeks and members of this committee will be invited.

Additionally, Judge Gardner added her voice to the warning about the spike in heroin deaths and other issues related to its use. Also there has been an increase in human trafficking of teen girls. Currently there are 20 girls in detention now that are the result of some component of human trafficking – an unprecedented number.

Judge Gardner also mentioned her recent suggestion to the Executive Committee of the KCFCCC that the Kent County Legislators attend a meeting to view a modified presentation recently delivered to the County Commission telling them what we are currently working on and to ask them for three things. Judge Gardner suggested network180 funding, privatization of child welfare and another. With the agreement of the council, Judge Gardner said we would be putting it together for November.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at the Kent County Administration Building, Room 311.