

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Ottawa County Human Services Coordinating Council**  
**May 24, 2006**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Attending: Andrea Mulder, OCHSCC Administrative Coordinator  
Pat VerDuin, Family Court  
Lisa Stefanovsky, Ottawa County Health Department  
Janet DeYoung, Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area  
Ann Tabor, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation  
Bud Ferguson, OAISD  
Loren Snippe, FIA  
Bruce Bos, City of Holland  
Steve Eckert, Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance  
Joan Mack, Greater Holland United Way & VC  
Erin Kauth, MI Works! & Community Action Agency  
Michael VandenBerg, Good Samaritan Center  
Mary Westrate, JCI

Absent: Gerry Cyranowski, Community Mental Health; Gail Ringelberg, North Ottawa County Council on Aging, Erika Rosebrook Dibble, Assistant County Administrator; Ron Frantz, County Prosecutor

Guests: Greg Northrup, West Michigan Strategic Alliance; Sue Boes, Ottawa County 2-1-1; Susan Howell, Muskegon County CALL 2-1-1.

- I. West Michigan Strategic Alliance (WMSA), *Greg Northrup*
  - Vision: To make West Michigan the best place to live, learn, work and play [paraphrased].
  - Formed in 2000 by a group of concerned citizens to address on a regional level the balance of economic prosperity, environmental integrity and social justice based on research and performance measurements in the triplex region of Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Holland.
  - Ten essential activities and associated key factors that will be critical to the long-term health of the region as identified by West Michigan business, non-profit and government leaders may be found in their WMSA publication: “The Common Framework” and may be downloaded from their website [www.wm-alliance.org](http://www.wm-alliance.org).
  - Is partnering with the West Michigan portal of WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development), “...a new initiative that focuses on the role of talent development in driving regional economic competitiveness, increased job growth and new opportunities for American workers.” (US Dept. of Labor)
  
- II. 2-1-1 of Ottawa County, *Sue Boes and Susan Howell*
  - Overview of the proposed merger between 2-1-1 of Ottawa County and Call 2-1-1 of Muskegon County which is a proactive proposal to address the likely upcoming State mandate to develop seven regional 2-1-1 call centers [only] in Michigan.
  - The Board of Directors from Call 2-1-1 of Muskegon County is seeking commitment of the intent to uphold current funding contracts and support future funding from current 2-1-1 of Ottawa County funding sources.

- III. Strong Families Safe Children (*budget discussion led by Loren Snippe*)
- Current 2006 Strong Families/Safe Children allocation was distributed.
  - A brief review of how the monies were/are allocated (Federal/State/County) and have historically been dispersed and the role of the (former) Multi Purpose Collaborative Body Executive Team in the decision making and reporting process.
  - After County agencies/contractors have received funding allocations there have historically been some uncommitted funds. The Executive Committee has historically made the decision where to allocate those uncommitted funds. In light of the reorganized Collaborative Council, it was determined that a motion to approve continuation practice of this would be prudent.

**Motion by Bruce Bos: For a continuation of funding to the current contractors by the Ottawa County Human Services Coordinating Council and support for the Ottawa County Human Services Coordinating Executive Committee to make discretionary decisions about the remaining uncommitted funds. Support by Lisa Stefanovsky. Unanimous approval by yea vote.**

- IV. Business
- A. Endorsement Policy: A draft of the evaluation and endorsement procedure was distributed. Council members are requested to send their feedback and remarks to Andrea via email. This matter will be discussed further at future meetings.
  - B. County Resolution: A meeting will be held with the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel to determine if a resolution to name the OCHSCC as the first group to hear/evaluate agency requests is applicable. Lisa will report back on this matter.
  - C. 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness: a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding that was endorsed by the OCHSCC at their March meeting was distributed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail VanVels, Administrative Secretary

