

Kent County
Family & Children's
Coordinating Council



KCFCCC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 6, 2022 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Room 311, County Administration Building
300 Monroe NW – Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Council Members/Alternates

Present: Chris Becker, Candace Cowling, Lynne Ferrell, Tracey Fountain, Kristen Gietzen, Madelyn Hall, Maureen Kirkwood, Ron Koehler, Adam London, Juan Rosario, Judge McNabb, Jackie O'Connor, Kendrick Heinlein, Diana Sieger, Scott Smith, Bill Ward

Council Members Absent: Misti DeVries, Jacob Maas, Eileen McNeil, George Meek, Mary Muliatt, Shaunte Paul Oliver, Leadraine Roby, Savator Selden-Johnson, Michelle VanDyke

Council Partners/Guests: Karen Lezan, Sonia Noorman, Wende Randall, Heather Boswell, Courtney Myers-Keaton

Kent County Staff: Brian Hartl, Jenny James, Sandra Ghoston-Jones, Christopher Eakin, Katie VanHevel

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Adam London called the meeting to order at 12:04pm.

2. Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2022

Ron Koehler made a motion to accept the April 12 meeting minutes, support provided by Lynne Ferrell – Vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment

There was none.

4. Strategic Planning Update & Kent County Staffing Update

Copies of the strategic planning session results were distributed to the Council. Adam London summarized the results. The three broad categories identified during the strategic planning session are governance, communication, and data. The highest ranked objectives identified are to develop a governance strategy, develop a communication plan and complete both an internal and external systems map. Brian Hartl will be leading the process to draft a plan on how to execute the listed objectives with the Council.

The facilitation of KCFCCC will transition from the Administrator's Office to the Health Department as part of Al Vanderberg's reorganization plan. Brian Hartl and Christopher Eakin will be the Kent County staff contacts.

5. **ARPA Community Engagement Update**

Jenny James and Sandra Ghoston-Jones shared the update. The community was given the opportunity to prioritize five ARPA bucket categories, share ideas for ARPA funding and submit formal ARPA proposals. KentCountyARPA.com has a dashboard with all submitted ideas and prioritizing of the funding categories.

The consultant, GuideHouse, reviewed the proposals for eligibility and sustainability in addition to a second review completed by an internal team. Over 300 proposals, including county department proposals, were received and compiled into a flipbook. The flipbook will be shared with the public next week. The decision-making process is still to be determined and the board ARPA work sessions are not yet scheduled.

Community forums were held as well as 33 meetings with disparately impacted populations in the community. Transparency has been a key component to the ARPA process.

6. **Behavioral Health Crisis Care Update**

Bill Ward provided the update. \$5 million has been secured in construction and start up costs for the Secured Crisis Stabilization Unit at St. Mary's. The Crisis Stabilization Unit will be the front door for all behavioral health services. The Peer Respite house will open in October and be operated by Hope Network. The Mobile Crisis response is being enhanced for both the Sheriff Department and now with the Grand Rapids Police Department. Fast-tracking for inpatient is in progress as an incentive-based contract to keep individuals in Kent County.

7. **Health Equity Collaboration**

Brian Hartl presented on the Kent County Health Equity Council. The need for collaboration around health equity was emphasized with lessons learned during COVID, the connection to CHNA/CHIP, and with root causes of health inequities being identified as systemic problems that require systemic solutions.

The Health Equity Council is a funded pilot for 1 year starting October 1st with goals of the grant including improving trust, bringing systems together and listening to the communities to understand priorities as well as reach proposed solutions. Funding will go through May of 2023. The Council is structured around the community voice, action teams, health care partners, and community stakeholders in addition to convening support and cross cutting workgroups. A focus will be on opportunities to improve social determinants of health.

8. **Miscellaneous-**

- **Scott Smith:** Scott thanked the group of their support and efforts regarding the 120,000 students Cedar Springs Public Schools serves.
- **Maureen Kirkwood:** Healthnet is moving next to Arbor Circle (1515 Leonard St NE) as of October 3rd. The office is downsizing with the use of hybrid work.
- **Jackie O'Connor:** Jackie thanked the Kent County community for passing the Senior Millage for the fourth time. It passed in each precinct. Jackie also thanked the Council for the work they do in the county.

- **Kendrick Heinlein:** Kendrick thanked Jackie for her time served and looks forwarding to serving in his new position at AAAWM.
- **Tracey Fountain:** MDHHS Kent County will be using Client Connect. It will be live as of September 12th and will be rolled out statewide in the future.
- **Diana Sieger:** The Grand Rapids Community Foundation recently celebrated their centennial with 100 years of service and impact.
- **Adam London:** Adam returned the thanks to Scott and the superintendents in Kent County for their work these past few years. As a reminder, COVID booster and flu shots are available.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm. Next meeting is November 1, 2022 at 12:00pm.