

Oscoda County CHOICES Minutes

Meeting: CHOICES Date: January 8, 2018 Time: 4:00 PM Location: Mio DHHS Building

Leader: Jan Schleicher

Present: Alice Stone, Jan Schleicher, Katie Jacobs, Holly Campbell, Trish Otremba, Devin Spivey, Deb Nurse, Loretta Rice, Mischelle Warner, Nicole Wethington, Larry Wilson, Cheryl Melroy, Stephanie Riemer

Guests: None

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions	JS	The CHOICES meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM Larry Wilson, county commissioner, and Nicole Wethington, MSU –Educator were introduced.	
Minutes, December 11, 2017	JS	Motion made by Katie Jacobs and seconded by Deb Nurse to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017	Motion carried
DHD#2 Grant Update – MSU Food Access Survey Mini Grant	HC/DS	Devin included a copy of the survey questions with the documents that were sent out to committee members prior to the meeting, as well as instructions on how to complete the Human Subjects Training from MSU for people who will be helping to conduct the survey. The survey period will run from January through June 2018. Data will be compiled during July to September 2018 and results will then be available. Discussion followed on where and the goal of how many surveys at each site. The goal is to collect 400 surveys, with an over sampling of Seniors. See attached form for location, target sample size, and what CHOICES member will help facilitate the survey at each site. There is a \$5.00 incentive for Oscoda County citizens to take the survey. It was decided that \$5.00 Family Fare gift cards will be purchased and given to survey participants.	See attached survey sampling worksheet
Photo Voice Update	JS	Did not pursue \$1,000 Community Foundation Grant. Cheryl contacted Amy Knepp at the Library and she is interested in partnering with CHOICES to do the PhotoVoice project. It was decided to use the McLaren Grant for the PhotoVoice project. Jan asked about the budget. Cheryl and Amy have scheduled a meeting for next Tuesday and this can be a part of the conversation. The goal is to start the project in April and have the	

		final presentation to the community at Project Connect on June 20, 2018, from 3-6 pm. Discussed funding. No budget at this time.	
MSU Extension	DN/SR	Mischelle Warner, Deb Nurse, Lanita Olsen, and Holly Campbell met December 6. The county finalized the budget for 2018, so support for MSUe won't come from the county this year. (Lanita discussed a few other options that county may have and is checking into this). Mischelle has made contact with Lanita for follow up visit to discuss these funding options and waiting to hear back from her. Larry Wilson suggested forming a team and get on agenda to present to the county commissioners. MSU is willing to find a mutual agreed upon starting point, to find partnerships to discuss how do we get MSU back into the county and make it sustainable. Larry said that the county is currently spending money on youth programs and that there may be some opportunity there. There was concern that when MSU left the county they took everything with them, including things that were donated by the community. There is storage and some of those things may be in the storage unit, Mischelle will check into this.	Next steps get group together to come to a commissioners meeting. Larry will be county commissioner representing, Mischelle, Sandy Handrich, Merianne Teppan or Rich, Judge Root, CHOICES members: Deb, Holly, Stephanie. Cheryl is also willing to support. Mischelle could make case from administrative standpoint-what programming would be available, explore alternative partnerships. Partnership with the county is important. Larry will get dates. Mischelle will schedule meeting. Add Larry Wilson to the CHOICES memberships. Mischelle will follow-up with Larry to answer questions.
Project Connect	AS	Project Connect Planning committee met. Date is set for June 20, 2018 from 3-6 pm. CHOICES Partners will help with costs. Apply to Great Lakes Energy People Fund for April 2018 grant cycle. Funds will be available 6 weeks after grants are awarded in April. Will attach Project Connect notes to meeting minutes. No budget for event at this time. Walmart grant could be pursued. Suggested to have iPad for prize to draw people to event.	Will meet again in February at 3 pm. Strong message needs to be sent to the community that this event is for all residents just not economically disadvantaged. Alice will check OCATS hours of operation, so that some hours of event coincide with hours of OCATS operation
Together We Can Food Pantry	DN	Will report next month Want to get flyer updated for community distribution.	Cheryl will call Sharron Davis and Food Bank of Eastern MI rep Melissa Burns to try to get her to the CHOICES meeting.
Meet Up and Eat Up and Back Pack Program	HC/group	MSU has worked with Back Pack programs. Are there creative ways to get food to kids in need over the summer? Using Meals on Wheels drivers to distribute back packs came up as an idea.	Take Meet Up and Eat Up off the agenda, county would not be able to support the program.

			Keep summer food options for Kids on the agenda. Explore other options.
Obesity Initiative – List of Food Assistance in Oscoda County	CM/group	Group looked at draft. Group liked the layout of the Crawford County Brochure. See attached.	Add Fairview Mennonite Church under Food pantries. Move Strawberry Patch and His Love to a category called Emergency Food Assistance. Add Free and Reduced Price Lunch information. Add details under COA offerings. Ask Crawford County if we can use template to create brochure for Oscoda County.
Mental Health Block Grant	TO		Take Item off of agenda
List of Accomplishments	JS	Jan shared the presentation that Cheryl Melroy put together for the CHOICES spotlight presentation that was delivered to the Oscoda County HSCC on Monday November 27, 2017. Our accomplishments and next steps we outlined. See attached.	
How Multi-sector Partnerships Evolve	SR	The article: How Multi-sector partnerships evolve flyer was review and discussed by the group. CHOICES is heading toward the Middle Phase. The article described what health-focused partnerships look like, and how they develop over time and what it takes for them to work. No two partnerships look the same.	It was noted in the article that facing and discussing tough issues helped partnerships build momentum!
Adjourn	JS	Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.	
NEXT MEETING:	J. Schleicher	Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the Mio Department of Human Services Building	
Minutes submitted by:		Cheryl Melroy	