

Oscoda County CHOICES Minutes

Meeting: CHOICES Date: February 12, 2018 Time: 4:00 PM Location: Mio DHHS Building

Leader: Jan Schleicher

Present: Alice Stone, Jan Schleicher, Katie Jacobs, Devin Spivey, Mischelle Warner, Larry Wilson, Cheryl Melroy, Jim Magnutz, Melissa Burns

Absent: Stephanie Riemer, Holly Campbell, Deb Nurse, Loretta Rice, Trish Otremba,

Guests: None

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions/Announcements	JS	The CHOICES meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM Jan announced that the 2018 County Health Rankings will be released on March 14, 2018.	
Minutes, December 11, 2017	JS	Motion made by Alice Stone and seconded by Katie Jacobs to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018	Motion carried
DHD#2 Grant Update – MSU Food Access Survey Mini Grant	HC/DS	Devin shared that meeting with MSU Pilot facilitators has been cancelled twice. Meeting has been rescheduled to this coming Thursday February 15. Work was to have already began. No press releases, no tablets have been received, no final survey content, no surveys to parent teacher conferences this past week. Jan is to meet with church leaders once Devin has more details. Devein will update us after her meeting with MSU.	Devin is to meet with representatives from MSU on Thursday February 15, 2018. Survey still needs to be concluded by the end of June 2018.
Photo Voice Update	JS	Cheryl met with Amy Knepp. 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. Second meeting was scheduled but cancelled. Amy suggested changing wording to what makes it easy/difficult to live in Oscoda County. Discussion with CHOICES members, it was agreed to keep question what makes it easy/difficult to be healthy in Oscoda County.	Cheryl will reach back out to Amy Knepp. Keep goal of April Start.
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	Will meet again in March at 3 pm. Once again strong message needs to be sent to the community that this event is for all residents of all ages

		<p>event at this time. Cheryl check on cost to have stickers for change in date for signs, \$6.00/ side. Alice is going to have forms for agencies and services to register for the event at the March 26 HSCC meeting and have back by beginning of April. Fairview schools does not have enough tables. Vendors will be asked to bring own table or we can get tables from the Grayling Hospital or the Oscoda County Community Center. Alice discuss event set up with group. National guard will be contacted for equipment and presentations. Michelle gave information about the Iosco Family Fun Fair which is sponsored by Rotary and MSUe. They have a great turn out of an estimated 700 people.</p>	<p>and not just not economically disadvantaged. Alice will check OCATS hours of operation, so that some hours of event coincide with hours of OCATS operation. Get people needing a ride to the event early so that they can also be taken back home. Devon will make passports. Newspaper story – end of May or first part of June to Generate interest. Cheryl is in charge of advertising. MSUe will have food sampling. Food truck will be there per Melissa Burns. Get flyers to Fairview Foods, Family Fare and Luzerne Express the week before the event on Wed-Thurs-Fri. Use grant from Great Lakes People Fund to get laundry detergent. Ask CMH if we can Telehealth demonstration at the event.</p>
MSU Extension	DN/SR	<p>Mischelle Warner met with both superintendents and they are both on board. Transportation may be a problem. Before MSUe left they offered the county a reset of costs. Beginning funding who cover a ½ time coordinator who would be responsible for recruiting club volunteers. Again, there was concern that when MSU left the county they took everything with them, including things (saddles, bridles, and blankets) that were donated by the community. It was Mischelle’s understanding that they were gifted for county. There is storage and some of those things may be in the storage unit, Mischelle will check into this and look for whatever is missing. Jan will call Sandy and get list of things that may be missing, or have Sandy contact Mischelle.</p>	<p>Larry will take MSUe topic to Commissioners work session tomorrow Feb 13.</p> <p>Mischelle is on Board of Commissioners meeting agenda on Feb 27th. Asked for CHOICES Support at 10 am meeting at Annex Building.</p>

<p>Together We Can Food Pantry and Back Pack Program</p>	<p>JS/Melissa Burns</p>	<p>FBEM was getting complaints that Together we Can was turning people away. There was a sign up list and if people weren't signed up earlier in the year they were not able to get food, as that was the way it always had been done.</p> <p>Melissa and supervisor from FBEM met with Rachel Keelor and Sharron Davis and reviewed the Food Bank rules that if people come needing food, they must try to be served, as this is emergency food service. The card system has been done away with, no longer can they only have regular clients, and it must be opened to everyone. The only question they can ask is: Do you need food today? There are no income limitations. There is a USDA client sign in sheet. They can limit the area/neighborhood they serve, i.e. residents of Oscoda County. They can look at photo ID for proof of residency. They will now get trucks on Thursday morning and distribute food Thursday afternoon. With mobile pantries, no food can be held back, it all must be distributed on the same day as they don't have proper facilities to store food safely. They are concerned about funding, Melissa encouraged them to get creative and partner with others in the community.</p> <p>Jan offered that St. Bart's Episcopal church would like to sponsor a pantry that would be open weekly. There is a pastor's meeting this Thursday to discuss. Is there an opportunity for this group to get together with the Together We Can Group to offer a more stable and more frequent place for emergency food distribution in the Oscoda County community?</p> <p>Melissa also shared information about the backpack program. The backpacks come in multiples of 24. 24, 48, 72 etc.</p> <p>The cost is \$100/year/ child. And the program runs through the school year. Every 2 weeks a truck would come and drop off food for 2 weekends, one back pack per child. Would need coordinator for the backpack program. Kathleen Peyton is head of Back Pack Program at FBEM.</p> <p>Schools are also starting pantries so kids are not hungry.</p>	<p>Cheryl will get Jan contact that is organizing churches in Roscommon County for stable food distribution in Roscommon county.</p> <p>Cheryl to get number of kids on free and reduced price lunches, broken down into 2 groups from each school. It is estimated that >70% of kids in Oscoda County qualify for free or reduced price lunches.</p> <p>Cheryl will scan and share the backpack program materials that Melissa shared with the group.</p>
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Obesity Initiative – List of Food Assistance in Oscoda County	CM/group	Group looked at draft using Crawford County layout, edits accepted.	Cheryl to make edits. Next list of where to distribute.
Obesity Initiative – Munson Healthcare	CM	Cheryl shared information about Choose (to be) Well Media Campaign, and outlined that initiative has Community, Employee and Medical Provider components	
Adjourn	JS	Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.	
NEXT MEETING:	J. Schleicher	Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 PM at the Mio Department of Human Services Building	
Minutes submitted by:		Cheryl Melroy	