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2009

Annual Report to the Community



*“Ensuring a System of Support
for Members of Our
Community”*

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From the Chair:

On behalf of members of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB), I present the 2009 Annual Report to the Community. The report summarizes the extensive accomplishments made by our committed Livingston County community and HSCB membership that serve on our many workgroups. I encourage you to review the annual report that covers a range of topics from the fulfillment of basic needs to the prevention of substance abuse. The report includes material concerning every age group, addressing everything from early childhood development to plans to support adults who are aging in our community. I continue to marvel at the success of our collaborative and the dedicated membership that works with our many community partners seeking the very best for our residents.

We ask those individuals committed to the improvement of health and human services to become an active part of our workgroups. I know that you will value the experience as we will value your expertise and commitment. Please contact our Community Planner, Lindsay Beaudry by phone, (517) 546-4126, via email at: lbeaudry@cmhliv.org, or any of our members for additional information.

-Ted Westmeier

HSCB Mission

Ensuring a system of support for members of our community

HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

What is the Purpose of the Human Services Collaborative Body?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and nonprofit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact Lindsay Beaudry at 517-546-4126 or lbeaudry@cmhliv.org.

Groups of the HSCB & Affiliated Collaboratives	Role within the Community
Community Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee	Assess health and human service needs in Livingston County & assists in the evaluation of collaborative projects
Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)	Works to increase the number of local foster homes & provides supports for foster parents & children
Funding Partners	Monitoring collaborative projects in Livingston County
Youth in Transition (YIT)	Developing and coordinating youth in transition
Substance Abuse - Treatment	Provides educational training opportunities on substance abuse information about substance use trends in Livingston County
Substance Abuse - Prevention (LCCA)	Focuses on substance abuse prevention in the county
Transportation Coalition	Collaborates to monitor and address transportation concerns in Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care	Advocating and supporting homelessness prevention in Livingston County
Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB)	Community recognized collaborative body
Suicide Prevention	Developed a suicide prevention plan for Livingston County
Leadership Council on Aging- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing the Livingston Aging Assessment recommendations
Great Start Livingston- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing Livingston Great Start Plan

Highlights of 2009



Supporting Families with Young Children

Healthy Families Program

This program, supported in part by Strong Families/Safe Children dollars, continues to support local families.

- Served 26 high risk families with home visiting and parent support.
- 100% of the families that participated in the program felt that their parenting skills had improved.
- Over 95% of program participants met their developmental milestones (as measured by Ages and Stages).
- 100% of the families became affiliated with a primary care provider and all women who were pregnant or who became pregnant received recommended prenatal care.

Great Start Collaborative (GSC)

Formerly a workgroup of the HSCB, the Livingston County Great Start Collaborative has become an independent allied collaborative charged with the improvement of services for children age zero to five. Great Start coordinates with HSCB workgroups and has been implementing, supporting, & further developing their plan to help Livingston County:

- Sustain an effective, inclusive and collaborative governance structure for the Great Start Collaborative.
- Conduct local early childhood system assessment and planning.
- Increase Great Start Collaborative engagement with leaders, including parents of young children, who are from diverse communities. Diversity is broadly defined and includes: geographic, socio-economic, racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity.
- Develop and utilize an infrastructure supportive of data collection and the integration of information systems.
- The GSC will provide members and staff with the information, resources and training needed to function effectively in their respective roles for this initiative.
- Assure the meaningful engagement of parents of children under 12 in leadership roles at all levels of the local Great Start system.
- Build and give voice to a public that is informed about early childhood issues and the importance of increased investment.
- Provide education to local policy makers regarding how they can help to assure that all children enter kindergarten healthy, safe and eager to succeed.
- Establish and sustain the infrastructure needed to support the local Great Start system.
- Develop a strategic approach to financing the local Great Start system.

Community Needs Assessment

As the official evaluation/research workgroup of the HSCB, the Community Needs Assessment (CNS) workgroup partners with each HSCB group to help ensure they are operating the most effective programs, interventions and are using the best assessment tools available. This year the CNS has:

- Drafted language and questions for the 2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Survey that collects data specific to Livingston.
- Developed 2 fact sheets: Parenting for Prevention & a Zero to Five sheet to highlight our local Great Start Collaborative.
- Identified reliable data sources for grant writing and planning purposes that have been posted on the HSCB website.
- Surveyed HSCB work groups to identify their data needs.
- Assisted in the development of other surveys administered by other committees and affiliated organizations.
- Developed a variety of geographic information systems maps specific to children 0 to 5 (to be available on the website in 2010).

Providing for Basic Needs

The Basic Needs Workgroup has developed over the last few years out of the Homeless Continuum of Care. This group is charged with developing programs, activities, and supports that will assist Livingston County residents in getting their "basic needs" met by::

- Addressing Hunger Issues: Providing supporting funds to pilot a Summer Lunch Program for kids; eliminated the waiting list for homebound senior weekend meals; and organized the Livingston County Hunger Council, which will continue the work to end hunger in Livingston County.
- Providing Transportation Support: Providing car repairs, gas cards, LETS tokens and start-up insurance costs to develop a local car donation program – helping people get to work and medical treatments.
- Providing free Financial Stability Events, including professional foreclosure counseling.
- Creating a Resource Guide to help people who never needed help before quickly connect to community services (for copies please contact 517-552-7140).
- Expanded marketing efforts and staffing to help more eligible residents claim their earned income tax credits (EITC) – federal and state dollars reimbursed directly to local taxpayers, and eventually spent in the county to raise the local economy.

Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

Previously known as the Senior Needs Assessment Project of the HSCB, the Leadership Council on Aging began its work in 2009, after being formally recognized by the Livingston County Commissioners in 2008. The council is charged with developing action plans in response to the Senior Needs Assessment released in May 2008. This affiliate collaborative coordinates with the HSCB's Basic Needs Workgroup, the Transportation Coalition, the Homeless Continuum of Care and other HSCB workgroups to address the concerns of aging adults in Livingston County.

- Compiled recommendations into final report and presentation which was shared with the community.
- Formed workgroups around Active Aging, Aging in Place and Community Supports and Infrastructures for seniors in Livingston County.
- Developed strategic action plans that address various domains identified in the Senior Needs Assessment.

Essential Services in Livingston

Time and time again, the lack of transportation and affordable housing are identified as issues in Livingston County. Several workgroups have taken action to help build local capacity for these essential services.

Homeless Continuum of Care

- Collaboratively drafted, and were awarded, multiple grant opportunities (equaling more than \$200,000) dedicated to increasing the number of local affordable housing options.
- Hosted *Community Connect*, a local event to promote homeless awareness and provide resources to the community at large.

Transportation Coalition

- Worked with community partners to collaboratively draft a grant application (that was fully funded) to expand public transportation opportunities for low-income job seekers and workers in Livingston.
- Promoted local awareness during national Transportation Week involving local businesses, media and other collaborators.

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Preventing & Treating Substance Abuse

To prevent and treat substance abuse in Livingston County, the HSCB workgroups tirelessly strive to assess the system of substance abuse services in Livingston County & develop recommendations to address gap & need areas.

- The Livingston Community Prevention Project kicked-off their Opiate Awareness campaign. Media activities include print, website, billboards, posters and medical note pads.
- 114 alcohol compliance checks were conducted in partnership with the Brighton State Police Post, with 17 citations being issued. This is a 33% improvement from the prior year and the lowest sales rate through this project in 5 years.
- The Treatment Committee provided 2 seminars, each with approximately 75 attendees, and both offering credentialing credits to attendees.
- Since the Livingston Treatment Subcommittee began providing local seminars three years ago, the number of certified substance abuse professionals has doubled among HSCB affiliated organizations.
- The 7th Annual Run Drugs Out Of Town Run was held on September 12, 2009 and had 204 participants.
- The HSCB prevention subcommittee, the Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA), awarded over \$3,000 in mini-grants from the money raised from the run. The mini-grants were awarded to local youth-oriented groups and organizations.

Supporting High Risk Families

Family Partner Program

This program, supported in part by Strong Families/Safe Children dollars, produced another year of exceptional outcomes.

- 90 families were served by this prevention program that reduces future involvement of families with Child Protective Services and stabilizes them within their homes.
- 80% of families who completed the Family Partner program were able to report an increase in safety and improved family wellbeing.
- 90% of families in the program increased the number of formal and informal resources and supports.

Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)

The FAKS workgroup provides a network of resources to facilitate family education, family support, recruitment and retention for foster, adoptive and kinship families.

- Thanks to the hard work of the FAKS workgroup, as of September 2009 the number of licensed foster homes in Livingston County reached thirty-six.
- More than half of the foster families in Livingston County are willing to provide a home for children with challenging behaviors.
- The FAKS workgroup hosted an annual recognition dinner, a holiday party, seven parent support groups and provided many mentoring & respite supports for foster parents.

Wraparound Process

As one of the longest running collaboratives in Livingston County, the Wraparound collaborative process continues to impress at the local, as well as at a national level.

- Livingston County agencies that participate in the Wraparound blended funding process pooled their resources to serve approximately 56 high risk families within the Wraparound model – avoiding costly, out-of-home placements.
- While enrolled in the program, over 75% of participants were moved to a less restrictive setting or were able to be maintained in their community placement.

