



Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

In-Person Meeting

MSU College of Human Medicine

200 E 1st St. Flint, MI, 48502

MINUTES

Community Advisory Board Members Attending: 13/23 (56%)

Board of Directors

John Cherry – Chair
Michigan State Senator

Jim Ananich – President & CEO
Greater Flint Health Coalition

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Thomas Svitkovich, Ed.D. – Vice Chair
At-Large Director

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United Way of Genesee County

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McLaren Flint

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

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At-Large Director

Beverly Walker-Griffea, Ph.D.
Mott Community College

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Molina Healthcare

Lottie Ferguson
At-Large Director

Chris Flores
At-Large Director

Donna Fry, Ph.D.
University of Michigan-Flint

Melany Gavulic
Hurley Medical Center

Patricia Graham
Meridian

Scott Henry
UAW Region 1-D

David Hoff
Genesee County Medical Society

Kristina Johnston
Flint & Genesee Group

Kevelin Jones
Flint Community Schools

Terry Katzur
ELGA Credit Union

Julie Lepzinski
Ascension Genesys Hospital

Jasper Martus
Michigan State Representative

Sandi Mose
Department of Health and Human Services

Sam Muma
AFL-CIO

Cynthia Neeley
Michigan State Representative

Clarence Pierce
Hamilton Community Health Network

Brenda Rogers-Grays, D.O.
Genesee County Medical Society

Danis Russell
Genesee Health System

Steven Shapiro, D.O.
Genesee County Osteopathic Society

Aron Sousa, M.D.
Michigan State University

Shelly Sparks-Green
City of Flint

Steven Tunnickliff, Ph.D.
Genesee Intermediate School District

Rafael Turner
Consumers Energy

Charles Winfrey
Genesee County Board of Commissioners

Todd Wiseley
Mott Children's Health Center

Emeritus Directors
Deborah Cherry

Tim Sneller

Vacancy
Genesee County Health Department

Tia Coles

Hurley Medical Center

Shardae Davis

G.C.C.A.R.D

Kenyetta Dotson

Michigan State University

Shareka Howard

Greater Holy Temple

Ladel Lewis

Flint City Council

Jose Lopez

Latin Technology Hub

Julie Lopez

Crime Stoppers

Tauzzari Robinson

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint

Shelly Sparks-Green

City of Flint

Angela Stamps

Berston Bicycle Club

Angela Tyler

Genesee Health Systems

Verona Terry

Flint and Genesee Job Corps Center

Albert Ujkaj

Hamilton Community Health Network

Community Advisory Board Members Not Attending: 10/23 (44%)

Jim Ananich

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Lauren Holaly-Zembo

Crim Fitness Foundation

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Monica Holmes

YMCA of Greater Flint

Sandra Jones

Greater Holy Temple

Jamie Lee-Venable

United Way of Genesee County

Kimberly Leverette

Flint and Genesee Group

Keiona Murphy

Flint Center for Educational Excellence

Sondra Taylor

Flint Police

James Yake

Genesee Intermediate School District

Guest: (2)

Latrese Brown

City of Flint

Dick Sadler

Michigan State University

Staff: (4)

Alexis Love

Robert Reid

Kristin Stevenson

Amarachi Wachuku

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Kristin Stevenson, Greater Flint Health Coalition, called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 20, 2023

Ms. Sparks-Green requested a motion approving the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting as distributed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board CAB meeting as distributed.

New Business

City Wide Backpack Series

Latrese Brown, City of Flint, shared with the CAB the plan for a citywide backpack distribution is on hold due to insufficient funds. A discussion ensued amongst the CAB about finding additional funding for the event.

City Wide Back-to-School-Rally

Ms. Brown informed the CAB that an end of summer Back to School Rally. During the Rally, backpacks and school supplies will be available to community members. There will be an event in each quadrant within the city. An invitation to community organizations to attend in order to provide additional resources. The event will also serve as a mental health check-in. There will be a planning committee and if any CAB members have interest in participating, they can contact Ms. Brown or Ms. Stevenson.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Self Preservation check-in

CAB members discussed the various measures that they have been taking for self-care.

Presentation: BIPOC Mental Health Subcommittee

Amarachi Wachuku, Greater Flint Health Coalition, shared the initiatives the coalition has been taking to ensure Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) have representation and access to mental health resources. The Coalition has held two events "Black Nights Brown Hope" as well as "Stories of Survivors" that have focused on these goals. The coalition continues to expand this effort with a special focus on men, mothers (pregnant and postpartum), and seniors. Those interested in helping to plan these events can reach out to Ms. Stevenson.

Mini Grant Program Updates

Ms. Stevenson shared that the Request for Proposals (RFP) will open online at end of this

month. The RFP will be available online, and applicants will have three weeks to submit their responses. The Power Initiative will support the review and scoring of the applications in order to streamline the process. CAB members have the option to be involved with the selection process. There is also potential to establish a cohort for the applicants who did not receive the mini grant to receive mentorship to strengthen their applications.

Alexis Love, Greater Flint Health Coalition, informed the CAB that a virtual introduction has been scheduled take place between the grantees. In addition, Ms. Love, shared grantees will have an opportunity to be involved in planning the end of year celebration if they are interested.

STRONG Summit Planning

Ms. Stevenson discussed highlights from the 2023 STRONG Summit. The STRONG Summit will take place in May for the current year. Planning for the Summit will be begin in February and CAB members were encouraged to be involved. As in the previous year, ReCAST program partners will receive an invitation to collaborate. Ms. Stevenson also stated that fundraising is necessary to pay for items the grant does not allow. The CAB will continue to receive updates on the planning process.

Roundtable: Partner Successes

Julie Lopez, Crime Stoppers, informed the CAB on Saturday May 11, 2024 a Genesee County Safety Fair is taking place. The fair is open for anyone to attend. Ms. Lopez also stated that they are still in need of sponsors.

Shardae Davis, G.C.C.A.R.D, shared with the CAB a walk for warmth is taking place on February 24, 2024 to bring awareness to heat related emergencies. More details are to come.

Verona Terry, Flint Job Corps, informed the CAB there was a food give away over the holiday and they were able to help over 1000 families. There will be another food giveaway closer to Easter, but the date has yet to be determined.

Ms. Terry also reminded the CAB of the Community Relations meeting that will take place on March 14, 2023 at the McLaren Hospitality House.

Jose Lopez, Latinx Technology & Community Center, informed the CAB English as a Second Language (ESL) and Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) classes will begin on January 29, 2024.

Mr. Lopez also reminded the CAB of the citywide Medicaid renewal event January 24 2024. The CAB will receive a flyer with more information by email.

Kenyetta Dotson, Michigan State University, shared that Rx Kids has officially launched

and 400 moms are enrolled in the program. Ms. Dotson encouraged the CAB to share information about the program to any pregnant mother or one who has given birth in 2024. Mothers will receive \$1500 after reaching 22 weeks of pregnancy, and \$500 a month after the child is born until their first birthday. A launch celebration is taking place on February 14, 2023 at the Children's Museum from 10am-4pm. An adult's only reception will follow at the Capitol Theatre starting at 7pm. Registration for the event is now open.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with no further business at 11:04 am

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