

HSCB Focus

HSCB is the state-designated community collaborative for Macomb County.

Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure

UPDATES

- Walk-in case management services are available from Easter Seals on Mondays - Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., at their office located at: 6800 E. 10 Mile Rd. Center Line, MI 48015
- Judson Center, located at 12220 13 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48088 opened an onsite integrated family health clinic on February 1, 2019. The center provides both primary and behavioral health care.
- The Lake House in St. Clair Shores merged with Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Both provide services to families facing cancer. Their new name will be Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, Lake House location.

The Financial Empowerment Services Subcommittee (FESS) continues its work on the development of a collaborative plan to promote financial empowerment services throughout Macomb County. Toward that end, presentations from agencies offering financial services are scheduled at their monthly meetings.

In addition, several FESS member agencies attended the Macomb County Treasurer's "Show Cause" hearings on January 8, 2019 to set up a resource table and offer financial empowerment and other support services. "Show Cause" hearings are scheduled for Macomb homeowners who are delinquent in their property taxes and are about to be in foreclosure unless a payment plan is worked out.

While the homeowners waited for their appointment at the Treasurer's Office, select member agencies of the HSCB Financial Empowerment Services Subcommittee (*Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Macomb County Veteran Services, Macomb Community Action and Lakeshore Legal Aid*) were available to discuss financial empowerment classes and other needed resources. These resource tables will be available at all future "Show Cause" hearings held annually in January.

For more information about the Financial Empowerment Services Subcommittee, contact Rob Weber (MSUE), (586) 469-5180, Weberro2@msu.edu or Mary Frontiero (Macomb Community Action), (586) 469-5912, mary.frontiero@macombgov.org



(Left to right) Rob Weber and Renee Kment, (MSUE), Kate Halloran and Kristin Vanpraet (Lakeshore Legal Aid). MSUE staff assisted Macomb homeowners with information on financial education classes and Lakeshore Legal Aid with legal issues.



County Treasurer Lawrence Rocca strengthens the "Keep Macomb Your Home" program each year in order to reduce the number of tax foreclosures. Here homeowners wait for their appointments.



Ted Ghanam from the County Treasurer's office, assists a Macomb homeowner with a payment plan.

Safe and Together Partnering with Agencies

The Safe and Together™ model is an internationally recognized suite of tools and interventions designed to help human service professionals become domestic violence-informed. The model provides a framework for partnering with domestic violence survivors and intervening with domestic violence perpetrators in order to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children.

The child-centered Safe and Together™ model derives its name from the concept that children are best served when we can work toward keeping them safe and together with the non-offending parent (the adult domestic violence survivor)

Since its first meeting in August 2016, the Safe and Together Committee has been working to bring Safe and Together key principles to HSCB member agencies.

Systems rarely have an accurate picture of the relationship of domestic violence to other key initiatives such as differential response or trauma.

Many agencies have not systematically reviewed their policy and protocols from a domestic violence-informed perspective.

Collaboration across systems is one of the key features that help adult and child survivors.

After a series of training on domestic violence, the Committee has now moved to partnering with agencies who have expressed a readiness to implement Safe and Together principles in policy and services.

For more information about Safe and Together, contact the Co-Chairs:

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MATRIX Data Being Tracked

The MATRIX electronic referral system has been active since July 2018 and statistics are being collected. These statistics include, at a minimum, the total number of requests, the needed services, and the requester's zip code.



Data from participating HSCB member agencies indicated that, to date:

- A total of 483 surveys have been completed.
- The top three zip codes were from 48035 (Clinton Township), 48066 (Roseville), 48043 (Mt. Clemens)
- The top three needs were: food, housing/shelter, employment.

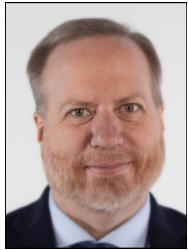
When the user has a need not included in the MATRIX survey, there is the opportunity for the user to indicate that need. Examples of the types of services in this category include such things as stress management, hearing aids, a ramp for a handicapped individual, home care, foreclosure help, a vehicle, burial benefits etc. Then an individualized email of referral resources is sent to help with that specific problem.

In addition, users may also request the link to the Right Connection. During the month of March 2019, the link to the Right Connection online services directory was requested by seventy three (73) MATRIX users. Of these, twenty one (21) requested thirteen (13) additional services.

If your agency would like to add a link to MATRIX on your computers, or for more information about MATRIX, contact Laura Rios, Portal of Service Chair, (586) 469-6507.

From the Lead Agency Chair

David Pankotai
HSCB Lead Agency Chair



I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Macomb County Community Mental Health and Chair of the Macomb County Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB).

Since I began my new job at CMH in January, I have learned of the many accomplishments of the Macomb HSCB and I have great respect for the effort required to coordinate so many successful HSCB projects. For example, the Information Exchange and Traveling Tours are quite impressive in their capacity to

introduce service providers to the range of services available to Macomb individuals and families.

Also noteworthy is the work of the Inter-Agency Initiatives Steering Committee (ISC) which develops new HSCB projects; and the work of its three subcommittees: Portal of Service, Safe and Together Implementation Committee, and Financial Empowerment Services Subcommittee.

The dedication of staff from HSCB member agencies and other community groups who work diligently to plan and evaluate these programs is noteworthy.

The Macomb HSCB has a long history of successful collaboration and as the new HSCB Chair, I am honored to be associated with this legacy of success and be part of its continuing commitment to excellence.

HSCB Releases its 2019 Annual Working Agenda

At the first meeting of the HSCB Executive Council in a new year, the HSCB Annual Working Agenda is presented for approval.

The Annual Working Agenda is drafted after researching state priorities to ascertain if local collaborative goals need to be written in support of these state goals; current HSCB goals are reviewed by the CMH Prevention Coordinator and HSCB Consultant to determine if any of these goals need to be brought forward into the next year's plan or will be dropped. Also, HSCB Work Group Chairs are contacted to

provide suggested other goals. The Agenda is then drafted and divided into three categories:

- 1) Executive Council Initiatives,
- 2) State/Federal Initiatives, and
- 3) Local Initiatives.

Under each of these above three categories, the goals are further divided into *New Goals* and *Continuation Goals*.

HSCB Executive Council Directors may add goals to the Working Agenda at the meeting in which the Agenda is expected to be approved or

any time during the year when a collaborative need is identified.

For a copy of the 2019 HSCB Annual Working Agenda, go to:

[2019 HSCB Annual Working Agenda](#)

2019 Traveling Tours

The 2019 HSCB Traveling Tours will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and 23, 2019 at various locations around Macomb County. The theme for this year's Traveling Tours is "On the Road Again." Tour sites include:

- Anton Art Center
- CARE of SE Michigan
- CARE Peer Recovery Coaches
- Clinton Township Police Department
- COMTEC - Communications and Technology Center
- Crawl, Walk, Jump, Run - Physical Therapy Clinic
- Crossroads Clubhouse for persons with a mental illness
- Disability Network of Oakland and Macomb
- Family Youth Interventions Shelter and FYI Transitional Living Program
- Gianna House - Pregnancy and Parenting Residence
- Juvenile Justice Center
- Macomb County Family Resource Center
- Macomb County Health Department
- Macomb Vet Center
- Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility
- Michigan Works!
- MyCare Health Center
- PACE Southeast Michigan
- PlayPlace Autism and Special Needs Center
- Rising Stars Academy for students ages 18-26 with special needs
- SHAR House Drug Addiction Treatment Center
- Traffic Safety Association
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 154

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Go to: www.misd.net
2. Click on the "Course Offerings" tab on the top menu.
3. Click on "Complete list of Courses/Events".
4. Click on "View by Month" and change the month to "May."
5. Scroll down to the "Information Exchange", click on it, then click "Go."
6. Select one session in one or more of the four tracks (A, B, C, D).
7. For the "District" field, enter your Agency Name (e.g. "Department of Health and Human Services").
8. For the "School" field, enter your Agency Division (e.g. "Protective Services").
9. In the "Position" field, enter your job title (e.g. "PS Worker").
10. Click on "Submit Registration."

Once registered online, we are unable to change or cancel your tour selection(s).

QUESTIONS?

For more information about Traveling Tours, contact one of the Co-Chairs:

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