



## **MPC Full Membership Meeting Minutes**

March 14, 2023, 10 am-11:40 am

**Montcalm Area Intermediate School**

**621 New Street, Stanton, MI 48888**

**Or Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86434070933>

Attendees: Amy O'Brien, Jodie Faber, John Kroneck, Tara Allen, Roger Coles, Sherrie Donnelly, Naomi Holloway, Jason Dillingham, Jan Wheelock, John Johansen, Cari O'Connor

- **Introductions – J Kroneck**
- **Welcome New and Returning members** – A big welcome to new members Jason Dillingham and Jan Wheelock and Sherry Donnelly!
- **Consent Agenda** – motion to approve by John Johansen, Roger Coles support, all approved.
  - **Approval of Agenda**
  - **Approval of 1.17.23 Minutes**
  - **Budgets – DFC, PN, MPC** – motion to approve by Cari O'Connor, John Johansen support, all approved.

- **Public Comment** - none

- **Presentation – Compassion Cures Community Conversation overview and next steps – Jodie Faber**

Jodie reported that there were 62 total participants including three GHS students and panelists. There were 11 no shows but six new day-of registrations. Overall excellent evaluations. Our next step is to create a new community event that will build on the excitement and information from Compassion Cures. Call to Action topics identified were: Blast social media with success stories, universal access for parents of young children (solid foundation), barriers of qualifications, community awareness (churches, clubs, go to the people, bring right people to table), building connections, youth group mentorships (liability barrier?), communication and awareness of services, make known financial resources, local school assemblies with local stories, young age high risk services, awareness of services, changing dialogue around SUD campaign, Educate youth (i.e. DARE, middle school and elementary level), education around brain chemistry, creating content for social media, get decision makers at the table, education on where to get information, and local stories. We had six people sign up to be MPC volunteers, along with new volunteers for Trauma Champions and RISC. Event evaluations indicated:

We're looking for volunteers for sub-committee for next community event. Jason Dillingham said he would be interested. John Johansen suggested that we invite the Compassion Cures panelists to get involved in new event planning.

- **Work Team Updates**

- a) **Prescription Drug and Medication Disposal Team – Jodie Faber**

- last meeting was in January. T. Goerge confirmed that the drop boxes can accept liquid meds. Liquids must be in a sealed, plastic bag. He will check with GDPS to make sure they are correctly informed.

- Scheduled take-back days include 4/22/23 event with ACE Home Healthcare in Howard City from 10 am – 1 pm; 6/24/23 at Sheridan Hospital from 10 am – 1 pm.; 8/9/23 with Corewell Health at Kelsey Hospital from 3 pm – 6 pm; and one additional take-back sometime in August.
- We have \$18,000 SOR (State Opioid Response) funding that comes from MHSN to MMDHD. MPC serves as the advisory committee for this funding. These funds can be used to purchase and distribute various items/supplies to promote overdose education (opioid and/or stimulant use disorders) and harm reduction. Part of that funding approx. \$2,000 total will be used for first aid kits that include Narcan from MCN. Cari C. just received an updated list of licensed childcare providers. Cari volunteered to distribute the first aid kits to all 56 of them. Jan Wheelock added that things like assembling these first aid kits is something The Gathering Place would like to help with.

**b) Cannabis Team – John Kroneck**

- John said the MMDHD has grant money to do education for county cannabis retailers (warning signs for pregnant women, etc.). In the future, they will also be looking to implement vendor compliance checks for the cannabis establishments.

**c) Communications Team – Amy O’Brien**

- MPC signed a new contract with Inspiration Studio Design to extend current social media campaigns from March 2023 thru September 2023.
- The 2022 Community Report was distributed in the Compassion Cures informational folder. Approximately 100 copies remain and will be distributed at upcoming Symposiums, health, and community events. After report was printed, it was noticed that the logo was missing from the cover page. Mindy Train suggested that we have stickers printed with the MPC logo to place on the cover page. Mindy ordered 500 stickers for use on the Community Reports and other future uses/needs. Cari O. would like 30 of the reports to give to the MCGSC board. AO will get to her.
- The CT will help where it’s needed for April 15 RISC Symposium and MPC will host an informational table at the event.

**d) Youth Prevention Clubs – Amy O’Brien**

- MPC will be able to continue to pay youth club advisors because of an extension to the Prevention Network Capacity Building grant. Clubs are utilizing supplies funding for various initiative within their schools. Greenville will again have a Safe Prom (need new name) that the Greenville Youth Prevention Club will help to support.
- Roger Coles questioned whether the Safe Prom initiative is something that will be duplicated in the other prevention clubs. Amy O. said that the Tri County and Lakeview clubs are interested in this but plan on doing it next school year when they’ve had more time to build capacity, plan and fundraise.

• **Community Collaborative Upcoming activities/Initiatives**

- a) Joining MPC & RISC** – There was discussion about RISC joining MPC. Jodie F. had concerns about the association with RISC and it hurting MPC’s image and relationships in the community. Further discussion centered on partnering with RISC rather than joining the two groups. John K. was also concerned about each group losing its identity and jeopardizing perception and ownership of the

volunteers of each group. Jan W. added that organizations like The Gathering Place like to pick & choose which projects and organizations they take part in, and remain independent so that they can work on things that are important to their members. Cari O. mentioned that many people are confused about the difference between prevention, recovery, and medical addiction treatment, and that combining might muddy the separation between these organizations.

**b) RISC Symposium** – There was discussion about MPC collaborating with RISC for the symposium and possibly supporting its efforts.

**c) Safe Prom**

**d) Other** – Roger C. wants to make sure we take advantage of the new volunteers after the community conversation and to make sure we include them in emails/communications about upcoming events including the RISC flyer when ready.

- John J. noted his concern that many of the organizations have duplicated services and that many of the volunteers are involved with multiple groups and initiatives. This is part of the reason organizations like MPC grow and lose members.
- Jan W. noted that the term “Compassion” was the reason she and many other people were drawn to the Compassion Cures event. She believes we need to reinforce the theme of caring and compassion from this event to future MPC events. The Gathering Place was created by individuals that wanted to share compassion, goodness and caring with people in our county.
- Cari O. suggested that we ask participants of the RISC Symposium to share their stories with MPC. She wondered as Jan W. did if we could incorporate the theme of Compassion into the RISC Symposium.

- **Executive Board**

**a) DFC & Prevention Network Grant Updates** – Reported that the DFC annual performance and continuation reports were submitted to continue grant funding into 2024. Prevention Network has awarded MPC a continuation of its Capacity Building grant for another \$50,000 to begin again March 15 and go to March 2024. There was also \$14,481 carry over funding from the initial grant that will be added to the \$50,000 continuation grant.

**b) Collaborative Involvement Agreement – UPDATED LINK:**

<https://www.montcalmprevention.org/forms/view.php?id=21932>

**c) In-Kind form – please fill one out for every participation in MPC activities.**

**UPDATED LINK:**

<https://www.montcalmprevention.org/forms/view.php?id=21529>

- **Round Table**

**a) How can you help? What do you need from us?**

- Jason Dillingham is excited to join MPC as the faith community representative.
- Naomi H. asked about Cannabis retailer compliance checks and her concern about minors hanging around these establishments. John K. mentioned that there is a state coalition, MYCAEA, which is looking to create a uniform survey tool for surveying retailers on what rules they are following or not.
- John J. asked if anyone from MPC has been coming or plans to come to county commissioner meetings. He felt it was important that our concerns were conveyed to this group on a regular basis. He encouraged MPC to get on their agendas. John K. noted that before Covid, SUDAC reported to the

commissioners 2x/yr. He suggested that group could do it again and would follow up with them.

- Cari O. told the group about the Community Baby Shower sponsored by Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The shower is for new and expecting parents. Each participant will receive a gift bag with information. She suggested that MPC provide informational flyer for these bags.
- Tara A. contributed that MCN (Montcalm Care Network) is forming a Trauma Informed Parenting Group. Referrals have started and will begin mid-April. MCN now offers Medical Assisted Treatment for the population they serve. Corewell Health's Kate Behrenwald will speak in April at their Public Safety Meeting. MCN is having its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Run & Wellness Walk to End the Stigma on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. It takes place at the Heartland Trail south of Maddie's Park in Stanton. Because it takes place on Cinco de Mayo, they will have refreshments and chips and salsa after the event. The event will benefit their mental health foundation. Tara A. was concerned that the Laundromat near the MAC (Montcalm Alano Club) had been sold and the new owner was asking the Greenville Planning Commission to extend the cannabis Zone, putting it next to a vulnerable population.
- Sherrie Donnelly of MSHN (Mid State Health Network) told the group that they had sent an RFP to providers for outpatient and Medical Assistance Treatment and that Samaritas was awarded the contract.

- **Adjournment**

Next Collaborative Meeting: **May, 9, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am MAISD and Zoom**