# Steering Council Minutes

**Key Information**

Name Meeting: MPC Steering Council

Date: 11.12.26

Start Time: 5:00 PM End Time: 6:15 PM

Meeting Location: MAISD (621 N New St., Stanton, MI 48888), Michigan Room

Mission: **Our mission is to reduce youth substance use throughout Montcalm County in a comprehensive and long-term manner.**

Members: Christa Merritt, Mid-Michigan District Health Dept; John Johansen, Veteran's Affairs; Cari O'Connor, MAISD; Tara Allen, Montcalm Care Network, Jodie Faber, Volunteer; ~~Cody Staup, Lakeview Community Schools (absent)~~

**Key Roles**

Christa Merritt Chair

Minute Taker: Samantha Williams, Asst. Coordinator

Staff: Hannah Krull, Coordinator

Guests: Fred Hill, Joe Hekkema, Toni Mikula, Jody Snyder, Stephanie Jones, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Chapin, Brittani Halladay

| Agenda Item | Process Owner | Desired Outcomes |
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| **Welcome/Introductions** | CM | Christa Merrit, MMDHD, Tara Allen – Outreach Services manage, John Johansen- Veteran's Affairs, Jody Snyder- MPHI, Stephanie Jones- Randy's house recovery coach, Lori Johnson- EightCap, Sam & , JMichell Chapin, 2 from Samaritan way, cari- MAISD, Toni Mikuela UW, Brittany Holiday- MARA, |
| **Consent Agenda Approval**<br>• **Approve Agenda & 10.22.26 Minutes** | CM | CO motion to accept agenda, JJ support, motion carried. Agenda passed. CO made a motion to accept minutes with change from "Agenda" to "Minutes" JJ seconded. Motion carried. |
| **Public Comment** | CM | None. |
| **Coordinator Report**<br>• **Presentation** | HK/SW | |
| **Membership Report** | ALL | Discussion regarding potential opportunities in Montcalm County. LJ mentioned reaching out to MCC dual enrollment students for YPC club. It was also mentioned to have assemblies with real testimonies and police department. JJ thank you to fiduciaries |
| **Nominations/Elections** | JJ | JJ moved that we adopt the steering council recommendation for the presented slate of officers. JJ made a motion, MC supported JJ recommendation. CM will stay as past chair. CO amended motion to accept the slate with the addition of MMDHD rep identified as past chair and fiscal agent representative from EightCap. JJ supported amendment. Motion passed. Amended motion passed. |
| **Next Meeting** | CM | Coordinators will send a survey for top three choices for December date with virtual option. December 10 meeting, virtual only at 10 AM. Coordinators will send out calendar invite. CM made a motion to adjourn, LJ seconded. Motion passed. |