



## FAMILY SUPPORT & WELLNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

12-17-18

Present: Wanda Zenk (PSIC), Kassidy Whitnauer (The Right Door), Sally Kapteyn (ICGSC), Jessica Murphy (ICGSC), Heidi Wenzel (Dial-a-Ride)

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. FSWC Business

a. Trauma update –

i. *Ionia County Trauma Groups, 2 meetings in,*

1. *will be putting together a short presentation to make to different smaller groups within the community, churches, fraternal orgs, childcare centers etc.*
2. *Possibly bringing back Dr. Grant in the summer to reach more school staff. Next meeting is in January.*
3. *Working on a web presence and resource list.*

b. Diaper Drive

- i. *Planning on working with churches, Wanda offered to meet with the Pastor*
- ii. *Give them the whole month of February to gather.*
- iii. *Will distribute to RAVE, PSIC, The Right Door, Baby Pantries.*
- iv. *Jessica will put update the flyer, and send out.*

c. Transportation Barrier Plan –

- i. *Want to work to set up some sort of program to help families go to doctor appointments, agency appointments, etc. (See attached assessment for more info.)*
- ii. *Heidi Wenzel - Dial-a-Ride serves Ionia City, parts of Easton, Berlin, and Orange Townships, 2 times a day to Muir and Belding. ([Dial-A-Ride Website](#))*

1. *Lots of trips to Sparrow, MCDC, Freedom Acres, dialysis, The Right Door.*
2. *10 ride punch cards and tokens for pre-purchase*
  - a. *Preference is to have the payment when they board.*
  - b. *2 and under travel for free*
  - c. *Reservations can be scheduled months in advance and you can have a reoccurring schedule.*
    - i. *They suggest to schedule your ride when you make your appointment.*
    - ii. *Have providers help or remind them to make their reservations when they make their appointments.*
3. *The GSC can purchase tokens to distribute to agencies.*
4. *Best solution for outlying areas would probably be volunteer drivers.*
  - a. *Heidi offered help to give info about liability and background checks.*
  - b. *Can do trainings at different meetings.*

### III. Round Table

- a. *Sally – Has booster seats to distribute. Partnering with RAVE to do an adopt a room program to update the house.*
- b. *Wanda – Giving Tree going right now at Ionia Lock & Key through the first of the year. Hoping to expand next year.*
- c. *Jessica – Holiday Bash August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Armory, 6-7:30 PM.*
- d. *Kassidy – Trauma informed Caregiver group starting in January*
- e. *Heidi – Send fliers for events*

### IV. Calendar – Add training and events to GSC website calendar

### V. Wrap up – Next Steps, Timelines, Individual Responsibilities

- a. *Purchase tokens and Gas cards to distribute to agencies*
- b. *find volunteers for DHHS drivers*
- c. *Wanda will get with Sally and Pastors after the Holidays for the Diaper Drive*

**Next Meeting: Next meeting February 18, 2019**

## 2018 Family Support & Wellness Transportation Assessment

### Summary of Resources:

Dial-a-Ride

Agency Providers and Volunteers transporting families to appointments

### Summary of Needs:

Countywide access to affordable/reliable transportation

Funding for mileage reimbursement and Dial-a-Ride tokens.

Volunteers

### Assessment Results:

<b>MDHHS</b>	MDHHS provides and helps coordinate volunteer transportation for Medicaid clients.	Across both Ionia and Montcalm Counties our clients need access to affordable/reliable transportation especially from the rural portions of the counties to be able to get to needed services.
<b>EightCAP, Inc. 0-5 Head Start</b>	Busing to and from our Head Start centers, last resort transportation for families to medical/dental appts.	Transportation to and from our preschool sites is a must! Some families need rides to and from medical/dental appt or to connect with our basic resources.
<b>Ionia County Health Department</b>	We encourage clients to use assistance through Dial-a-Ride, DHHS, or their Medicaid health plan.	Transportation to and from medical, WIC, or therapy appts. Mileage reimbursement if they are using their own vehicle or receiving rides from friends or family.
<b>Ionia-Montcalm Dept. of Health and Human Services</b>	Volunteers who drive clients to medical appts. (mileage paid through Medicaid) and volunteers who drive clients involved with Children's Services (CPS or FC)	County wide transportation that will service a variety of clients. A collaboration between multiple agencies could help fund this. Low cost transportation such as tokens or daily/weekly passes to be able to purchase. Pick up from home rather than bus route would be preferable as Ionia/Montcalm is rural. Medical appts for our elderly population is a need along with families to get to work and/or appts.
<b>Sparrow Ionia Hospital</b>	Dial a Ride and ambulances	Dial a Ride and ambulances
<b>Rave</b>	Dial a Ride	Gas Cards, Tokens, Volunteers to transport people
<b>The Right Door</b>	Dial-a-Ride, providers transport clients on a case by case basis, home based services	Families can't get to groups – and then they aren't referred by providers Families outside of Ionia have a hard time getting to services