



## Healthy Pontiac, We Can!

### Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

#### Members Present:

Allen, Cicely	Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association (BMBFA)
Barksdale, Anita	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Burnett, Pat	FBR Michigan
Braddix, Lisa	Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC)
Crenshaw, Elizabeth	Molina Healthcare
Dennis, Megan	Oakland Mediation Center
Ellis, Brandon	Blue Cross Complete
Green, Kiddada	Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association (BMBFA)
Harris-Stubblefield, Storee	OCHD
Haas, Hannah	Oakland County Sheriff PAL
Hogan, Mary	Pontiac SUN Timebank
Hurse, Deidre	OU William Beaumont School of Medicine
James, Corey	Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC)
Janhevich, Jen	Blue Cross Complete
Lucarelli, Jennifer	Oakland University
McNair, Shannan	OUPI Early Childhood Group
Molnar, Thaddeus	Oakland County Sheriff PAL
Rickerson, Avonlea	Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association (BMBFA)
Rodges, Teresa	Oakland University
Root, Christina	Centro Multicultural La Familia
Williams, Jessica	OCHD
Wiltfang, Kristen	Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs
Wright, Madelyne	OLHSA

#### PARTNER UPDATES:

- **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Theta Lambda Omega | Lisa Braddix**
  - [Women's Wellness Meet-Up: Top 5 Health Conditions Affecting Black Women](#) on Saturday, May 1 at 10:00am
- **OLHSA | Madelyne Wright**
  - Next food distribution with Gleaners is May 20th, 9:30 – 10:30am on 196 Cesar E Chavez. Open to anyone in need of food, fresh produce, milk, meat. [Flyer linked here.](#)
  - Meet up & Eat up – now taking applications for sites, email Madelyne [madelynew@olhsa.org](mailto:madelynew@olhsa.org)
- **Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine | Deidre Hurse**
  - Currently working on evaluation project for substance use disorder treatment in foster care. If you are a foster parent, foster care worker, or a young person who has aged out of care and interested in sharing your experience accessing SUD services, please contact Deidre Hurse at [dhurse@oakland.edu](mailto:dhurse@oakland.edu).
- **Oakland County Sheriff PAL Program | Thaddeus Molnar**
  - Currently offering hybrid sports programming for the spring - to learn more visit [www.sheriffpal.com](http://www.sheriffpal.com)

- **Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association | Cicely Allen, Kiddada Green, Avonlea Rickerson**
  - Working with the OU Pontiac Initiative to bring a community-based doula training program to the city of Pontiac. More details to come.
- **Centro Multicultural La Familia | Christina Root**
  - CMLF's April Newsletter is linked [here](#).
- **Oakland Mediation Center | Megan Dennis**
  - Will be hosting a Community Mediator Training in July to gain skills in mediation. If you're interested, contact Megan at [mdennis@mediation-omc.org](mailto:mdennis@mediation-omc.org) or visit [www.meditation-omc.org](http://www.meditation-omc.org).
- **Oakland Community Health Network | Debbie Wisser**
  - [OCHN Acknowledges May is Mental Health Month](#)
  - OCHN is hosting a training, [Racism is a Public Health Crisis: April 29, 9-11am and May 25, 2-4pm](#). Register at [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).
- **OUPI Early Childhood Group | Shannan McNair**
  - Two videos from our Pontiac Resilience Project.
    - [Pontiac Strong Documentary](#)
    - [The Voices of our Community Champions](#) - captured stories of our community champions shared during their 9-hour ACEs and resilience Zoom training (Michigan ACE Initiative Community Champion training or MACC).
  - Currently selling #PontiacStrong shirts and bumper stickers. Online ordering form is [found here](#).
- **Blue Cross Complete | Jen Janhevich**
  - Always looking to sponsor/collaborate with folks. If you're interested please email Jen at [jjanhevich@mibluccrosscomplete.com](mailto:jjanhevich@mibluccrosscomplete.com)

**SPEED DATER:** Corey James, Prevention Program Manager | Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities

C. James shared with the coalition that the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (ACHC) has the following mission: Through substance abuse prevention, mental and physical wellness, and recovery support programs, the Alliance connects, strengthens, and mobilizes strategic partners to promote healthier communities. ACHC has 21 prevention coalitions throughout Oakland County, in addition to the support groups and free community trainings provided throughout the county. ACHC strives for collaboration, prevention, and results. C. James can be contacted at [cjames@achc.mi.gov](mailto:cjames@achc.mi.gov).

#### **PONTIAC COMMUNITY SURVEY DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Deidre Hurse shared preliminary data from the 2021 Pontiac Community Survey with the group. As of mid-April, groups and populations that were under-represented in survey responses included: families with children under 18 still in the home; males and non-binary gender identities; ages 18-30, and 65+; and Hispanic, Asian, and Native American populations. Discussion ensued on how to best capture the most representative sample of the community and how to reach under-represented population. Coalition members agreed to share with their contacts and encourage Pontiac residents to complete the survey. The survey is set to close on April 30, 2021.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATES:**

COVID-19 vaccines are available through registration on [www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com](http://www.oaklandcountyvaccine.com). **Oakland County COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) now has an online portal that is open to help eligible Oakland County renters.** If eligible, renters can also receive help with utilities and internet! Online portal can be found at <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov/>. More info on [www.oaklandhomeless.org/cera](http://www.oaklandhomeless.org/cera) or <https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-5555-533463--,00.html>.