



*County of Saginaw
Office of the Controller*

*Robért Report
July 2022*

Carl E. Ruth, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
County of Saginaw
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48602

RE: Robért Report—2022

Dear Chairman Ruth:

The Robért report is a summary of activities taking place in departments and or agencies that report directly or indirectly to the county Controller/CAO. Other departments also contribute information to this report, to assist in keeping the Board of Commissioners and County residents informed. The Robért Report can now be accessed through the county website at <https://www.saginawcounty.com/departments/controller-finance/>

Please use the site to share the Robert Report with residents and or other elected officials.

If you, or other Commissioners have questions regarding the subject matter presented, or ideas about future editions, please feel free to contact me at 989.790.5211.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Belleman
Controller/CAO

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10th Circuit Drug Treatment Court

Susan Smith, Coordinator - ssmith@saginawcounty.com

Something that continues to be challenging for our program is securing Residential Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment. Other than Tri Cap (which is considered a custody-based treatment facility) we have nothing locally for our participants who need inpatient care. We have been contacted by Bamboo Health with a new resource for locating treatment facilities. In conjunction with LARA & MDHSS, Bamboo has been working to create a comprehensive network of mental health and substance use disorder services across the state of Michigan. This tool would allow case managers of the court, public defenders, probation officers, etc., to identify available services in real time and send digital referrals to the identified providers.

In addition, we struggle to find adequate sober living housing, especially for our female participants. We are working with Midland, Bay and Isabella Counties in an attempt to explore possible multi county facilities that would meet that need. We have also started using new treatment facilities throughout the state. Most recently, we sent two females to “Our Hope” in Grand Rapids and one male to “KPEP” in Kalamazoo.

There were 2 new admissions to the program and 2 discharges (both successful) during the 2nd quarter of FY 2022. There were 11 open cases during this quarter. Of the 8 active participants open at the end of this quarter, 2 are in phase 1, 2 are in phase 2, 1 is in phase 3, 3 are in phase 4 and 1 is suspended. The average number of days in program for open cases this quarter is 472.1. Participants receive a broad range of supportive services from the Case Managers, Probation Agent, Recovery Coaches and Drug Court Monitor including transportation, connecting with community resources for education, medical and housing needs, and being available 24/7 by telephone for emergency needs. These team members engage and encourage participants which is critical to retention.

9-1-1

Chris Izworski, Director - cizworski@saginawcounty.com

Saginaw County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch serves as the vital link between the citizens and the public safety agencies in Saginaw County. Our mission is to serve all of Saginaw County's citizens and visitors by providing prompt, accurate and reliable access to the County's public safety agencies: thus, making Saginaw County a safer community in which to live, work and visit.



Text to 9-1-1 was recently implemented. This provides the ability to send a text message to reach 9-1-1 from your mobile phone or device. However, because voice calls to 9-1-1 provide more information to 9-1-1 call centers, you should call if you can, and text ONLY if you can't.

Following are some guidelines for when a text to 9-1-1 is appropriate:

- When you have an emergency that requires assistance from Police, Fire or EMS.
- If you have a speech or hearing impairment, you can send a text to 9-1-1 using a cell phone or other device. It is recommended that you inform 9-1-1 that you are speech or hearing impaired so that they can inform the responders.
- If speaking may cause you harm, such as a break-in or domestic violence situation. ***Remember to silence your phone so that the sound of 9-1-1 replying does not give you away.***

- Peer pressure. You are with a group and some of the members are doing something dangerous or illegal.
- If you cannot make a voice call with your cell phone because there is no service, you may be able to get data service to send a text message.

Saginaw County 9-1-1 utilizes a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system to prioritize and record incident calls, identify the status and location of responders in the field, and effectively dispatch first responders. In order to provide the most up-to-date tools, and to best serve the community, the CAD system is in the process of being upgraded.

Becoming a dispatcher is challenging but rewarding. Paid on the job training provides a unique opportunity for a fulfilling career, without the expense of a college degree. Saginaw County 9-1-1 offers competitive wages, and excellent benefits. There are currently five individuals in training, and we continue to actively seek candidates for placement in the program. If you, or someone you know, would like to explore this opportunity, please scan the QR Code, or visit our [website](#) to view the [job description](#) and complete an [application](#).



H.W. Browne Airport (Airport Committee)

Alan Kaufman, Airport Manager – 989-295-0675

Summer is here and the planes are flying after a long, cold winter! The airport received a grant under the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) for approximately \$30,000 earlier this year. The money is being used for building and taxiway repairs. See photo for damage:



Hangar occupancy is currently at 90 percent, fuel prices include 100LL at \$7.25 per gallon, full-service Jet fuel at \$7.50 per gallon and self-serve jet fuel at \$6.05 per gallon. Prices have risen significantly as oil prices have spiked worldwide over the past few months.

The used broom truck, the airport received from MBS airport last fall worked well over the winter, used mostly to clean snow from taxiways and runways when the snow was light.

The “I Support the 1%” Food Pantry has been busy supporting local veterans during these difficult times. Donations are accepted and appreciated by the non-profit, whose main pantry building is located at the airport.

Ground school training was offered at the airport for student pilots this spring. Approximately 20 students received the training over the past 6 months, bringing future pilots (and their planes) to the airport.



Business Jet visiting this spring



This is a US Marine Corp V-22 Osprey which visited our airport in June, 2022. The tilt-rotor mechanism for the aircraft is manufactured right here in Saginaw, Michigan



Mosquito Control planes taking on fuel and Bt larvicide

Building Authority

Robert V. Belleman, Building Authority Chairman – 989-790-5211

Animal Care & Control Resource Center Update:

Saginaw County Animal Care and Control Resource Center (SCACCRC) recently held a Beam Top Off ceremony which was attended by Building Authority Members, Animal Advisory Board Members, SCACCRC staff, Volunteers, and members of the community. Granger Construction is on track for completion in December 2022.



The Dow Event Center:

- The Parking Deck project is nearing completion with traffic coating and striping to be completed by the 3rd week in July.
- The Dow Event Center is also submitting proposals for multiple FY 2023 Capital Improvements, some of which include a new Point of Sale system, updates to the HVAC system, lighting replacement in the Red Room, and updates to the fire alarm system.

Commission on Aging (Human Services Committee)

Jessica Sargent, Director - jsargent@saginawcounty.com

ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC: Just over 500 in attendance for the return of the Annual Senior Picnic (including vendors and COA staff/volunteers). Thank you to the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Department for letting Commission on Aging utilize Haithco park for the event! We had a beautiful day!



PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP: New partnership with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (MPF) to offer support group meetings once per month to educate and provide guidance to those with Parkinson's and related disorders. *The support group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Eleanor Frank Multi-purpose center.*

SAGINAW VALLEY REHABILITATION CENTER (SVRC): SVRC Industries, prior to the pandemic, delivered meals on wheels routes for SCCOA from the Marie Davis Senior Center and the Eleanor Frank Senior Center. We are very excited to welcome them back starting in July. This is a wonderful partnership that includes a job coach and participants from SVRC deliver Meals on Wheels in their own vehicle and our agency provides mileage reimbursement the distance of the route.

SENIOR PROJECT FRESH COUPONS: Our organization is the recipient and responsible for distributing Senior Project Fresh Coupons to residents in Saginaw County. This year, we received 400 (\$25) coupon books through the State of Michigan. This program provides coupons to adults aged 60 and older to use like cash at registered farmers markets. This year eligible participants will receive \$25 worth of coupons to use on Michigan fruits and vegetables. Contact Augie at COA at 989-797-7568 to sign up. Appointments are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis until all coupons are distributed. Coupon distribution events are scheduled with **Michigan State University Extension** of Saginaw County offering nutrition education, fun recipe books, handouts, and more!

Eligibility Requirements:

You must be 60 years or better (or 55 years or better if you are a member of a Michigan Federally recognized tribe or urban tribal group) and live in Saginaw County.

Income Requirements:

Single person: \$25,142 per year

Two person: \$33,874 per year

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for Medicare is October 15th through December 7th. SCCOA will be partnering with **Region VII Area Agency on Aging's Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)** to offer a series of Medicare introductory presentations to community residents in the months of August/September. Presentations will be featured in the August or September newsletter which is available at www.saginawcounty.com. Additionally, if you need one-on-one help with your Medicare Plan, Region VII Area Agency on Aging's MMAP program schedules individual appointments to offer this assistance. Region VII and SCCOA will be partnering and utilizing "local senior centers" as hubs to meet residents in Saginaw County. This will eliminate the burden on residents having to drive to Bay City for an appointment. Appointments book up fast, contact the MMAP program at 1-800-803-7174 for more information.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES: Our agency has a high need for meals on wheels volunteers that help deliver meals to senior citizens in Saginaw County. Volunteering for the program only takes 1-2 hours of your time (from 10AM-12PM) one-two days per week (*Monday through Thursday*). Mileage reimbursement is available to and from your home and for the length of the route. Paid driver positions are also available and average 6-10 hours/week**. If you are interested in learning more information about volunteering please contact Karen Luplow, Volunteer/Activity Coordinator, 989-797-7566. If you are interested in a paid position, contact Susan Caister at 989-797-6875.

WAIT LISTS:

1. [IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES](#): Services include light housekeeping, personal care, and respite care. This program is supported through the Region VII Area Agency on Aging (AAA) with limited funding available. Our agency contracts with authorized service providers approved by Region VII AAA. A wait list for services was established in January 2018.
 - a. Traditionally, the wait list is generated as a result of limited funding. Presently the wait list is a result of a shortage of in-home care workers to actually provide the service. This continues to be a problem across the State of Michigan.
 - b. Currently there are 102 clients on the wait list for services. Clients are prioritized by need for service, and priority scale score (which is determined through the assessment process). At this time, there is approximately *a one-year wait* for individuals on the wait list for Homemaking services.

Community Corrections/Jail Reimbursement (Courts & Public Safety Committee)

Mary McLaughlin, Community Corrections Manager – mmclaughlin@saginawcounty.com

Over the past two years, the Pretrial Supervision programs have been just one of the many public service areas pointedly impacted by COVID and its mitigation factors.

Our pretrial Praxis program is presently over 260% utilization, and our Day Reporting program is at 85% utilization. For this time of year, we should be at 75% utilization. I would like to point out that we are currently supervising 437 pretrial defendants on Day Reporting, GPS and Sober Link. I only have 3 staff members supervising those 437 pretrial defendants and an unpaid intern that started very recently to assist with clerical and pretrial tasks.

Below are the areas I'd like to highlight regarding Community Corrections data:

1. The Average Daily Population (ADP) of the Day Reporting/MOR pretrial supervision programs has increased significantly since 2019. Below are the average number of defendants under Pretrial Supervision by year:

• FY2019:	153
• FY2020:	163
• FY2021:	296
• FY2022:	381 (October 1 st to June 13 th)
2. The defendants overall Average Length of Stay (AvLOS) on the Day Reporting/MOR program has also increased since 2019. (However, if the client completed supervision successfully then add the number in parenthesis.)

• FY2019:	92 Days	(+16 Days)
• FY2020:	94 Days	(+18 Days)
• FY2021:	133 Days	(+17 Days)
• FY2022:	143 Days	(+14 Days)

The Community Corrections Advisory Board members have been meeting on a quarterly basis and recently approved the FY2023 Community Corrections grant for submission. Our next scheduled meeting is July 12th at 12 noon. We are hoping to receive MDOC-OCC grant funding and ARPA funds to continue our current operations. The Michigan Department of Corrections budget has not been finalized but we hope to hear good news about our grant award by August 2022.

Dow Event Center (County Services Committee) **Jon Block, General Manager - Jon@DowEventCenter.com**

The calendar year of 2022 has proven to be a busy one for our venues. Not only is the quantity of events increasing but the attendance at most of these events has been at very positive levels. Since April, we have been honored to host five Saginaw Spirit games and an exciting press conference announcing the drafting of Michael Misa. Michael is one of six players in the history of the OHL to be granted “exceptional player” status. This rare status is designated in situations where there is a young player who has demonstrated the physical attributes, mental maturity and exceptional skill level. This status allows an “exceptional” player to enter the league a year early and compete against older players. This player along with other exciting additions to the Saginaw Spirit Hockey Club is sure to bring a lot of attention to the Saginaw region for years to come.

In addition to the hockey season concluding, we have had the pleasure to host Celtic Woman, Baby Shark Live, Stomp, The Cinco De Mayo Festival, Korn, Greta Van Fleet, Toughest Monster Trucks, The Shrine Circus, Limp Bizkit, and numerous community banquets, dance recitals and events.

In April, we were excited to announce a new naming rights agreement with Jolt Credit Union for the Jolt Credit Union Event Park. We look forward to working with an excited and fully engaged Jolt Credit Union to advance the impact of the Event Park on our region.

Over the next few months, we will be announcing a significant number of shows for late summer and beyond. We have already announced shows such as Brent Eldredge, Who’s Bad, Disney on Ice, Ghost, Jersey Boys, 1964 The Tribute, Walker Hayes, and The Price Is Right Live – Stage Show with many more announcements to come.

Capital improvements around the facility are starting to wrap up. The parking ramp renovations/restoration is beginning to wrap up structural improvements that will allow us to reopen in July, but we are still completing the lighting, striping and elevator upgrades. This process should conclude sometime in the fall. Arena restroom renovations, facility roofing replacement, dasher board replacements, installation of the new ice slab, power upgrades and the replacement of the Arena rooftop units have all been completed. The ice plant replacement project continues to progress.

Our biggest challenge currently is part-time and full-time staffing shortages especially in the area of Food & Beverage. While we are still able to function appropriately, as we reach the months of September and October it will be vital to build up our staffing numbers in order to properly serve our guests.

Economic Development/Saginaw Future (County Services Committee)

JoAnn Crary, President - jcrary@saginawfuture.com

Saginaw Future submitted 11 projects in 2021 for [Site Selection Magazine's Top Metros Per Capita rankings](#) and the Saginaw MSA (County) ranked seventh for a community of its size and **up 20 spots** from 2020.

Metros with Population Less Than 200,000

2021 Rank	2020 Rank	Metro	State	Projects	Per Capita
1	1	Sioux Falls	IA-NE-SD	19	131
2	4	Lima	OH	11	107.8
3	6	Bowling Green	KY	16	88.5
4	T68	Muncie	IN	10	88.1
5	T68	Columbus	IN	5	59.2
6	43	Harrisonburg	VA	8	59
7	27	Saginaw	MI	11	57.9
8	19	Kankakee	IL	6	55.2
9		Grand Island	NE	4	53.1
10	T68	Elizabethtown-Fort Knox	KY	8	51.8

Site Selection's Conway Projects Database focuses on new corporate facility projects with significant impact, including company headquarters, manufacturing plants, R&D operations and logistics sites, among others. It does not track retail and government projects, or schools and hospitals. New facilities and expansions included in the analyses must meet at least one of three criteria: (a) involve a capital investment of at least US\$1 million, (b) create at least 20 new jobs or (c) add at least 20,000 sq. ft. (1,858 sq. m.) of new floor area.

[Lean & Green Michigan](#) recently recognized JoAnn Crary as one of three Michigan public officials with the 2021 "Most Valuable PACEsetter" award, in honor of their work to help businesses in their communities' access capital to finance energy and water efficiency projects. Founded in 2012, Lean & Green Michigan is a public-private partnership that helps local units of government administer Property Assessed Clean Energy, or PACE, financing. Since its inception, Lean & Green Michigan has closed a total of 53 deals throughout the state, and helped Michigan businesses access over \$134 million in private capital.

The Great Lakes Tech Park is a featured pad-ready site for the county, Great Lakes Bay Region and the [Michigan Economic Development Corporation](#). An updated aerial video is being produced to reflect the addition of Saginaw Control and Engineering and the available parcels. The edited video is expected to be completed later this year and will be a key component of future marketing efforts.

Saginaw County and its Regional partners have developed industry sell sheets for business attraction efforts. The documents feature target market information for advanced manufacturing, agribusiness and medical.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the industry sell sheets.

Saginaw Future has updated and released its [Saginaw County Manufacturers Directory](#) that features hundreds of businesses in Saginaw County. The information provided includes NAICs business codes, company representatives, location and contact information, historical facts and more.

Saginaw Future and its Regional partners are hosting two site selectors in the fall to tour featured sites/buildings, businesses and interesting locations throughout Saginaw and the region. The goal is to familiarize and educate the site selectors on the benefits of locating a business here for future business attraction opportunities.

[Ascension St. Mary's Hospital](#) in Downtown Saginaw recently cut the ribbon on a new multi-million emergency and trauma center. The expansion includes a more than 12,000 sq. ft. building added to the front of the hospital.

Saginaw Valley State University leaders, public officials also cut the ribbon on [SVSU's Riverfront Saginaw Center](#) site marking the culmination of years of university planning to expand community outreach. The building at 200 S. Washington Avenue in Downtown Saginaw was renovated and now houses office space, a classroom and two breakout rooms. Both projects received Saginaw Future Economic Excellence Awards in 2021 and were the events were marketed and celebrated by SFI in 2022.

Ed Rehmann & Sons, a Chesaning family-owned clothing store founded in 1919, has been recognized as one of the 2022 recipients for the Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Award, presented by [Michigan Celebrates Small Business](#). Rehmann & Sons was also a 2021 Economic Excellence Award winner and assisted by SFI in 2021. The Saginaw Future Procurement Technical Assistance Center 2021 Government Contractor of the Year award winner, SPACE Inc., was also one of the 2022 Michigan 50 Companies to Watch.

In case you missed the Saginaw Future Spring Newsletter, go to <https://conta.cc/3wGevQ7>. Go to <https://www.saginawfuture.com/about-us/contact-us> to sign up for our newsletter.

Emergency Management (Courts and Public Safety Committee)

Lt. Mark Przybylski, Emergency Manager - mprzybylski@saginawcounty.com

Information Sharing

- Attend local, state, and federal meetings covering various topics from public safety, current situation updates, funding, and new Emergency Management requirements.

Planning and Resource Management

- Conduct the initial meeting with local jurisdictions and community stakeholders and begin updating the Saginaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Conduct site security assessments for various education and government facilities in Saginaw County.
- Review and assist with updating multiple Saginaw County schools Emergency Operations Plans.

Disaster Response

- Monitor Avian Flu and Monkey Pox outbreaks through participation in State and Federal information sharing.

Training and Exercise

- Continue preparation for and conduct a full-scale exercise at the MBS Airport involving multiple public safety and healthcare entities in Saginaw and Bay Counties.
- Organize updated NWS Weatherspotter training for Saginaw County 1st Responders and the public.
- Teach the Stop the Bleed program to Merrill and St. Charles Schools teachers and staff.
- Participate in countywide Response to Acts of Violence training with law enforcement from agencies throughout the county.



Equalization (County Services Committee)

Denise Babbitt, Director – dbabbitt@saginawcounty.com

The 2022 summer township and village tax bills and rolls have been processed and sent out to the appropriate units of government. All taxpayers will receive a summer tax bill except the Department of Natural Resources. The county operating millage, 4.8558 mills, will be levied in the summer along with the 6 mills State Education Tax.

The State of Michigan Personal Property Summary Report has been completed. For this year the report is a calculation of the difference between the 2013 commercial and industrial personal property taxable values and the 2022 values. The 2022 report also includes the Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property exemptions. This report is requested to be sent to the State by June 22nd. This report is calculated for every taxing jurisdiction in Saginaw County, 77 in all. The report will be used to determine how much reimbursement the State will be required to give to schools and other jurisdictions for loss of taxes to pay for bonded debt.

The report will also be used for determining the amount of reimbursement all the municipalities will receive for revenue loss from the personal property exemptions.

The department is proceeding with the equalization studies in the various classes of property in Saginaw County. The State Tax Commission is mandating two-year sales studies in the residential and commercial class. The STC has also approved the years for the two-year studies. For the 2022 studies this will be April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022. The department will be conducting at least 85 appraisal studies this year that will include approximately 975 parcels in the Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial classes.

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! (County Services Committee)

Christopher Rishko, Director - 989-754-1144

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! has received two grants that support apprenticeship expansion across their 5-county service region: Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties.

The focus of these grants is two-fold: to expand existing USDOL registered apprenticeship programs and to increase the industries sponsoring USDOL registered apprenticeships. USDOL apprenticeships require training standards that support training and wage progression as the apprentice advances through the training program. The training program includes classroom instruction combined with on-the-job training under the supervision of a mentor who possesses the apprenticeship certification for that occupation.

The length of apprenticeship programs can vary, and credentialing can be based on competency or time spent in an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships can be achieved in less than a year in some occupations where others may take up to six years. Most apprenticeships take 2-4 years to complete.

GLBMW staff will work with employers across 5 counties to increase employer sponsored apprenticeship programs over the next 12 months under these apprenticeship grants.

Maintenance (County Services)

Tony DePelsMaeker, Director - adepelsmaeker@saginawcounty.com

Summer is a great time and an obvious mood changer for everyone. Maintenance has its focus for 2022 on a few improvements and upgrades. Below is a list of these items we are preparing to take on or being completed.

Courthouse

Landscape Improvements – Design a new landscape look and once awarded, implement some needed upgrades to the courthouse outside grounds areas.

Parking lots – Resurfacing and new line striping for weather protection and parking convenience.

County Office Building

Friend of the Court (FOC) – Design and upgrades to the 2nd floor women's restroom to meet ADA compliance.

Commission on Aging

HVAC – New furnaces and central air conditioning replacements installed for a more efficient and comfortable environment.

Defenders Office's – 803 Court Street

Office spaces – The added office spaces that have been worked on throughout the past several months are being completed in July and then ready for occupancy.

Juvenile/Family Court

South parking lot – Bids have been received for this upkeep and currently scheduled for mid-July to take place.

Rooftop replacements – This improvement has been awarded but is not currently scheduled due to equipment availabilities.

Medical Examiner

Dr. Russell Bush MD, MPH, Chief Medical Examiner - rbush@saginawcounty.com

The medical examiner's office is contracted with 6 Medical Examiner's and Investigators with a combined 42 years of experience.

Year	Total Cases	Number Autopsies	Number Released	% Autopsied	Rec'd Autopsy 25%-35%
2018	547	80	467	16.6	181
2019	953	233	720	24.4	314
2020	1067	70	997	6.5	352
2021	1198	245	953	20.5	395
2022*	673	60	613	8.9	222

Autopsies vs. Funeral Home Releases

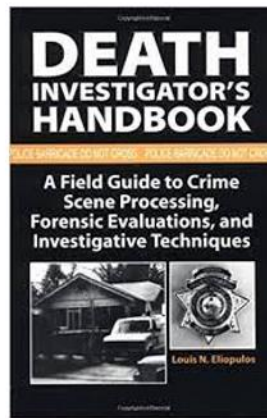
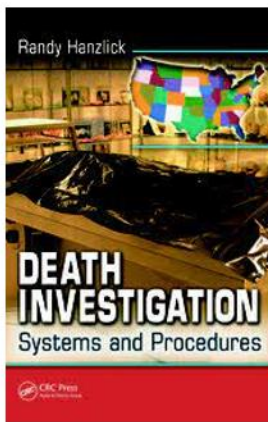
- Total Cases Investigated
- Number of autopsies performed
- Number of cases released to funeral home directly
- Percent of total having autopsies (Generally, 25-35% of total)

* We do not order enough autopsies

CASE INVESTIGATIONS

- Russell Bush 240
MD, MPH
- Corrine Andrus 8
- Bethany Burns 73
- Kenneth Temple 12
- Edward Tucker 43
- Briann Summersett . 155
LPN, D-ABMDI
- Mike Underwood 110
- **TOTAL** **641**
- MIFSM..... 40

*As of 6/30/2022



Accomplishments

- Function since MIFSM is satisfactory
- Services offered adequate for most families' needs
- Funeral Homes appear satisfied with turnaround times (DC/CPs)
- Have great office space at SCHD
- Gift of Life Referrals continue
- Have interacted w/187+ funeral homes in 2022

Mental Health Authority (Human Services Committee)

Sandra M. Lindsey, CEO – 989-797-3400

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA) Relaxing of COVID Safety Measures

SCCMHA has made masking optional for staff and building visitors at 6 of our 8 locations. In addition, group spaces like waiting rooms, staff lunchrooms, conference rooms and training spaces have expanded capacity to 80% of pre-pandemic levels.

The exception will be the need to wear a mask if a consumer asks staff members to do so during both office and home visits.

SCCMHA Received Full Certification as a Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in the MDHHS SAMHSA Demonstration as an Expansion State

SCCMHA has received full certification as a CCBHC site by MDHHS. Therefore, SCCMHA will be able to continue to draw down prospective payment for billable CCBHC service codes.

Though pleased with our full certification status, there is still much work to do to both expand services and to refine workflows for CCBHC standards and practice.

Summer Respite Camp Resumes after 2 Years of COVID Closure

SCCMHA is very pleased to report that we have organized the following summer respite camp opportunities this season and enrollment is well underway. Camp is a covered service in the Medicaid Specialty Benefit and provides not only an important break for parents and care givers but is also a great consumer experience.

SCCMHA 2022 Sponsored Camps (settings unique to SCCMHA consumers) Include:

- Hartley Outdoor Education Center – Overnight respite camp (One Session- two overnight days)
- SCCMHA / Game Changer / YMCA Saginaw – Day Respite
- Camps (2 session weeks / 4 days per session)

- Kingdom Life Ministries – offering 30 respite camp days throughout summer
- Center of Attraction- offering 25 respite camp days throughout summer

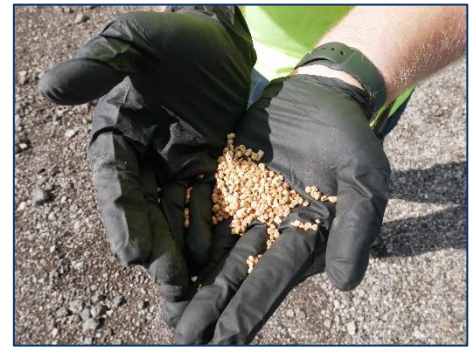
Additional integrated camp sponsorship (Child / Adult / IDD / SED) throughout the State like Camp Fish Tales, Mystic Lake, Spring Hill, Indian Trails, Fowler Center, Camp Timbers, are also setup and welcomed camp options. SCCMHA can authorize registration and payment, but these camps are not classified SCCMHA sponsored camps as we do not have exclusive access to such programs/facilities.

Each respite camper can choose both an overnight and day camp experience if families wish with camp goals and objectives written into IPOS, and additional camp opportunities with clinical IPOS supporting documentation can be further supported and authorized for specialty camp experiences.

Mosquito Abatement (Human Services Committee)

William Stanuszek – Director - stanuszek@scmac.org

Mosquito Control is actively engaged in the mosquito season, with July representing the half-way point. This season is off to another unique start, with the spring being wetter than last year and temperatures wavering from colder to warmer than normal. Rainfall amounts are the main driver of biting adult mosquito nuisance. To date we have received average rainfall for the period of April 1st through mid-June, resulting in small, localized nuisance populations. We are performing preemptive larval control operations in anticipation larger mosquito nuisance resulting from summer storms and larger rainfall amounts.



Larval product, Bti, a bacteria that kills only mosquito and midge larvae

Our abatement operations have been in full swing as we work to treat a variety of larval habitat (standing water) to limit biting and disease-carrying mosquito populations. Operations started with a very successful Spring Aerial Treatment Program, transitioning to targeting floodwater in and around homes as well as treating hundreds of miles of roadside ditches and thousands of stormwater catch basins. We are using longer lasting larval control products to extend control in habitats that routinely produce mosquitoes like roadside ditches and catch basins.

Our mosquito-disease monitoring program has not noted any disease to date. The aforementioned larval control limits potential disease carrying mosquitoes, lowering the public health threats to residents. We will continue to monitor mosquito and bird populations for disease throughout the season and respond to any threats.

The following events and services further summarize the mosquito season and our operations:

April

- Spring Aerial Treatment Program took place April 22– 28 resulting in 52,080 acres of woodland habitat treatment.
- Held our first virtual training for seasonal employees on April 29. Topics covered were County policies, COVID-19 protocols, mosquito biology, and control operations.

May

- Seasonal staff started in May, beginning seasonal control operations.
- Larval control efforts targeted nuisance producing habitats such as woodlots and ditches.
- Household scrap tire collection began May 2nd; to date we have collected approximately 1,500 tires. Collection will continue through August.

- Started community adult treatment, targeting areas with biting mosquito populations.

June

- Began treatment of stormwater catch basins, which represent thousands of mosquito breeding habitats located along our many streets, parking lots, and yards.
- Adult treatment expanded to address cattail mosquitoes (nuisance) and *Culex* mosquitoes (WNV concern).

MSU Extension (Human Services Committee) **Mark Rankin, District Coordinator – rankinm1@msu.edu**

Extension Agriculture & Agribusiness

Corey Clark, Extension Educator

The MSU Extension Farm Business Management team provides services and programming on many farm business issues. Our signature Farm Benchmarking Program provides in-person financial analysis consultations in Saginaw County, in which two farms participated this year.

In 2022, we also conducted educational webinars attended by Saginaw County residents, including the popular Ag Ideas to Grow With series and the Beginning Farmer series. These webinars provided access to the latest information on critical topics, such as enhancing profitability, understanding taxes, and utilizing business management tools. Fifteen Saginaw County farmers attended these programs. We also conducted multiple in-person presentations with Saginaw County attendees, including a recordkeeping best practices seminar and another on succession planning.

In addition, we continue to offer a wealth of resources to Saginaw County farmers, including educational consultations on succession planning, farm stress, and financial management, as well as articles and bulletins on essential topics for beginning farmers. For more information, please contact Corey Clark at clarkcr@msu.edu.

SNAP Outreach for Veterans

Kai Gritter, Program Coordinator/Extension Educator

HNI Health: Socio-Emotional Learning/ Pain Management/ Mental Health Programs and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach for Veterans

- **FACILITATED HEALTH PROGRAMS**
 - MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
 - Involved in six 8-hour online courses **to 110 participants**
 - On 2/24; 3/01; 3/24; 5/26; 6/16; 6/23
 - RELAX: Alternatives to Anger (4-week 1.5-hour sessions)
 - Saginaw County COA kinship group (1/6-2/3) **to 9 community members**
 - Flint Odyssey Village (4/15-5/6) to community members **to 27 residents**
 - First Ward Community Center (6/22-7/13) **to 8 community members**
 - Saginaw Odyssey House (6/20-6/23) **to 22 community members**
 - SLEEP – Sleep Education for Everyone (6-week 30-minute sessions)
 - Bayside Lodge Clubhouse with Sean Knurek (3/2-4/6) **to 16 community members**
 - STRESS LESS WITH MINDFULNESS (60-minute sessions)
 - Five-part series with Victorious Believers Ministries Life groups (1/14-2/11) **to 8 community members**
 - One-time-presentation with Jerome Elementary Parent group (4/13) **to 16 community members**

- One-time-presentation with Center of Hope open house (5/20) **to 9 community members**
- Five-part series with Balanced Pilates Wellness, Midland (6/14-7/12) **to 12 members**
- WELLNESS INITIATIVE FOR SENIOR EDUCATION
 - Victorious Believers Ministries Life group attendees (2/18-3/25) **to 8 community members**
 - Westchester E senior apartment complex (4/7-5/12) **to 13 residents/community members**
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
 - Presented or shared MSU EXTENSION HEALTH BROCHURES/RESOURCES at:
 - **Kiwanis Club of Saginaw (3/17)**
 - **Saginaw HSC Board meeting (5/2)**
 - **Jerome Parent Club fair (5/18)**
 - **Senior Power Day, Crossroads, Flint (5/25)**
 - **Food Access Coalition of Saginaw County (FACTS) (7 individuals)**
- **VETERAN OUTREACH**
 - SNAP OUTREACH FOR VETERANS
 - Presented to the National Guard's Soldier and Family Readiness group (1/25)
 - Attended **veteran benefits fairs** in East Tawas
- **ARTICLES**
 - Authored two articles in recognition of May being Mental Health Awareness Month:
 - [Recovery from a mental health challenge is possible: Treatment](#)
 - [Recovery from a mental health challenge is possible: Self-care](#)
- **UPCOMING SESSIONS**
 - Virtual Mental Health First Aid (Register for Summer offerings at <https://bit.ly/MHFAatMSUE2>)
 - Virtual Chronic Pain PATH series from 7/12-8/23

For more information, please contact Kai N. Gritter at grittern@msu.edu.

Health and Nutrition SNAP-Ed Program

Maggie Dougherty, Community Program Instructor – SNAP-Ed

April- Classes were delivered at:

- Arthur Eddy Academy for seven classrooms, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade.
- Arthur Hill High School, and Chesaning High School special needs classroom - Teen Cuisine
- Saginaw Public Library – Cooking Matters for Adults
- Saginaw Public Library – Teen Cuisine
- Attended Community Action Coalition meeting
- Continued PSE with Center of Hope

May – Classes were delivered at:

- Saginaw High School-Teen Cuisine
- Classes at Saginaw Public Library continued
- Midland Baby Shower
- Center of Hope Re-Opening
- Friends of Recovery – Eat Healthy Be Active
- Saginaw Rescue Mission – Eat Healthy Be Active
- Kappa Men's Health Fair – Dow Event Center

- Continued PSE with Center of Hope

June – Classes are being delivered at 7 Senior Sites in Partnership with the Commission on Aging to provide nutrition education and information about the farmer's market; specifically, how to spend Senior Project Fresh coupons. Commission on aging does the distribution. Continued partnership with Center of Hope – Shelf talkers are being added to the shelves to help clients learn more about the MyPlate plate meal plan and choices, in addition to a MyPlate poster. For more information, please contact Maggie Dougherty at dough109@msu.edu.

Health and Nutrition EFNEP Program

Sheila Salo, Community Program Instructor - EFNEP

The end of May, Sheila Salo finished 11 Show Me Nutrition series with Martin Atkins students. The students grade ranged from 3rd to 5th grades. The students enjoyed a varied of activities including tasting new foods, building their own 5 food group sandwich, and learning more on how to get some physical activity in their day. For more information, please contact Sheila Salo at salo@msu.edu.

Sugarbeet Advancement Update

Daniel Bublitz, Sugarbeet Extension Specialist

Spring is always an exciting time for the Sugarbeet Advancement (SBA) team, and this year was no exception. During this season, the focus of the SBA team shifts from our educational programming to our research. The research SBA conducts is unique and valued by sugarbeet farmers because it is all done as large plot trials in growers' fields.

This year, March and April were colder and wetter than normal, which delayed planting for SBA and many sugarbeet farmers. In spite of the delay, in most cases the crop went in in good condition and has been growing well ever since. So far, the SBA team has set up a total of 31 trials. These include 10 variety trials, which are used to compare different varieties of sugarbeets for yield, disease tolerance, and a number of other traits. The remaining 21 trials are agronomy trials, which we use to investigate various other topics that are important for sugarbeet production. Among these topics are disease management practices, fertilizer products and additives, planter technology, and the impact of cover crops. The SBA team has already begun collecting data from these plots, with both early and final stand counts being completed. We are eager to see how these trials progress throughout the summer and will continue to collect data from them. Later this year, these results will be analyzed and reported to the growers at our winter meetings.

While educational programming has not been the primary focus of the SBA team the last few months, it is always on our minds. We are currently preparing a presentation for the MSU Extension virtual breakfast seminar on Thursday, July 14. During this presentation, we will be discussing the impact of sugarbeet cyst nematode on beet yields, as well as different strategies for managing this pest. We are also organizing the Bean and Beet Diagnostic Day, which will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at the Saginaw Valley Research Extension Center near Frankenmuth. This event is different from traditional field days in that it will be a hands-on, interactive event designed to teach growers how to diagnose and manage a number of biotic and abiotic factors that can have a negative impact on their crops.

The SBA team is thankful to have the capacity to offer both virtual and in person events to our growers, and we hope to have good attendance at both events. For more information, please contact Daniel Bublitz at bublitzd@msu.edu.

Parks and Recreation (See attachment p. 21-22) (County Services Committee)

Brian Keenan-Lechel, Director - blechel@saginawcounty.com

Saginaw County Parks is off and running with our summer season. A full seasonal staff team is in the parks and ready to greet patrons, providing a safe, clean, and fun parks system for all to enjoy. The splashpad and playground additions at Haithco Recreation Area have been extremely popular, driving usage to numbers to all-time highs. For reference, our previous busiest day at Haithco was Father's Day 2019, when 550 vehicles (1,925 patrons) entered the park. We surpassed that number on Wednesday June 13th, when 585 vehicles (2,047 patrons) visited Haithco. On a Wednesday! MLive was actually on site that day and took some great photos on the splashpad. [Here's a link to that story.](#) Memorial Day saw nearly 800 vehicles (2,730 patrons), our new busiest day on record.

In 2015, our last season charging gate fees at Haithco and Imerman, we counted 7500 vehicles (26,250 patrons) between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We surpassed that number on Father's Day this summer, 3 weeks into our 16-week season.

Beyond busy, active parks, our programs are also in full swing. Our annual Catch Me If You Can youth fishing festival saw 225 youth participants, with a 24" catfish the largest fish caught – a great day thanks to many vendors and volunteers. Our summer playdates kicked off the last week of June, see the attached flyer for additional dates and locations. Our partnership with Hoyt Park youth baseball has grown the league to 254 players, who will take the field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between July 5th and August 4th down at Hoyt Park.

Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area was [back in the news](#) after the MDNR formally announced an ARPA allocation of \$867,000 to the project. This will extend the construction period into the fall, meaning a more formal grand opening will likely not be planned until spring/summer 2023, though we do hope to have some type of soft opening yet this year. I am also working with the MDNR on an "America the Beautiful" Challenge Grant for the project, an exciting federal opportunity which seems tailor made for the project. The application deadline is July 21st, so still some time before we'll know if it is successful.

Speaking of grants, the County also submitted two MNRTF Grants and await our initial scoring later this summer, we are also preparing to submit for some Michigan "Spark" Grants, State of Michigan ARPA allocations for local park projects.

Personnel/Labor Relations (Labor Relations Committee)

Jennifer Broadfoot – Personnel Director - jbroadfoot@saginawcounty.com

The County has completed negotiations with 14 of the County's 16 unions. Negotiations will begin this summer with the two groups whose contracts expire on September 30, 2022, Sheriff's Department Deputies and Sergeants.

Saginaw County has partnered with HealthSource Saginaw to establish an Employee Assistance Program for County Employees. County employees have access to an initial screening appointment and up to five treatment visits for themselves and dependent family members. The staff at HealthSource will work with employees on issues such as addiction and recovery, mental wellness, anxiety, depression and trauma. Employees can contact HealthSource's Outpatient Program and they will be matched with a professional counselor either in person, by phone or through telemedicine. The counselor will work with employees on providing support, developing a

plan of action and will also provide helpful resources. Employees may call HealthSource at (989) 790-7742 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm for services. Please feel free to contact Personnel with any questions. The County has continued its membership in the American Society of Employers (ASE). ASE offers its members a number of training opportunities at discounted rates. General courses of study are for Supervisors, Administrative Assistants and Customer Service. Many Human Resource classes are also offered. A course catalog can be found on ASE's website, www.aseonline.org. If you are interested in attending any of the workshops, please contact personnel to ensure you receive the discounted rate.

Purchasing/Risk Management (County Services Committee)

Kelly Suppes – Purchase/Risk Manager - ksuppes@saginawcounty.com

(SURPLUS SALES) Items sold for months of Oct2021-June2022

(26) Panasonic OEM DVD Multi Drive for CF-31	\$1,024.76	SCCJCC
2007 Dodge Ram3500 Truck	\$15,000.00	Mosquito
2010 Chevrolet Impala LS Sedan, Vin #11866	\$6,700.00	Motor Pool
2018 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor, Vin #17485	\$9,600.00	Sheriff
2018 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor, Vin #25558	\$8,750.00	Sheriff
2018 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor, Vin #09886	\$8,750.00	Sheriff
2019 GMC Sierra Crew Cab SLE P/U, Vin #41225	\$40,000.00	Public Works
2019 GMC Sierra Crew Cab SLE P/U, Vin #01573	\$40,000.00	Public Works
2019 GMC Sierra Crew Cab SLE P/U, Vin #95303	\$40,500.00	Public Works
2007 Land Pride Brush Hog	\$1,250.00	Public Works
2010 Ford Taurus, Vin #40450 (Body Damage)	\$2,000.00	Motor Pool
2003 Road Boss Gooseneck 25' Tandem Axle Trailer	\$4,500.00	Public Works
2007 Ford E350XL Transport Van, Vin #25460	\$5,000.00	Motor Pool
2006 Sur-Trac Utility Trailer 6x12	\$675.00	Public Works
Lot of (4) Non Running Honda Ruckus Mopeds	\$1,850.00	Mosquito
LECO ULV Fogger w/ Blower	\$900.00	Mosquito
Airport Wind Sock	\$350.00	HW Browne Airport
Misc (Phones, Tablets, etc)	\$3,182.96	Various
Total Surplus Sales	\$190,082.71	

P-Card Transactions

Oct 2021	\$91,953.35	Feb2022	\$75,720.26
Nov2021	\$89,985.80	Mar2022	\$132,657.58
Dec2021	\$89,848.97	Apr2022	\$73,572.39
Jan2022	\$104,962.72	May2022	\$108,321.44

Liability Claims/Defense Costs

During the months of Oct 2021-May 2022 the following was expended in Defense Costs for liability claims.

Oct 2021	\$6,587.00	Feb2022	\$24,970.37
Nov2021	\$ 297.00	Mar2022	\$26,963.00
Dec 2021	\$6,178.83	Apr2022	\$31,318.00
Jan2022	\$41,396.79	May2022	\$17,063.00

Retirement & Benefits (Labor Relations Committee)

Patricia Johnson, Retirement Administrator - pjohnson@saginawcounty.com

Benefits continue to be a key tool in attracting and retaining quality employees, and Saginaw County continues to seek ways to offer quality products while keeping costs reasonable for both employer and employee. On June 15th members of the Benefits and Personnel teams along with Mr. Belleman, County Controller, and representatives from MyMember Insurance and ASR Health met with members of the Union Management Committee to review medical claims costs for the first calendar quarter of 2022. Our claims are below what was anticipated, however, since the County has moved to a high deductible health plan for all employees taking County coverage, this could trend upwards as employees meet their deductibles. ASR is rolling out **ASR Healthcare Choices**, a transparency tool which can help employees make more informed choices about where they receive care, which can result in lower costs all around.

We are pleased to report that our Delta Dental and VSP vision rates have been “locked in” for an additional two-year period and we will not have an increase in premiums.

Saginaw County Convention and Visitor's Bureau

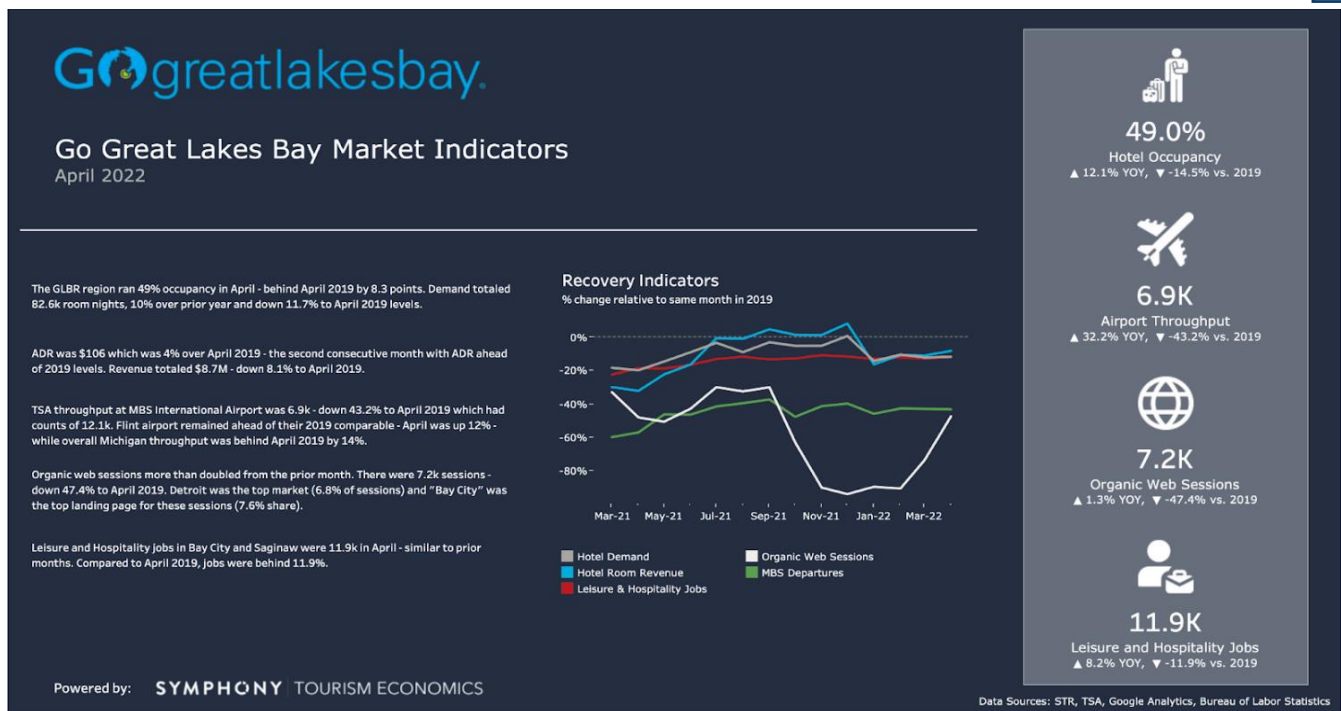
Annette Rummel – CEO, Travel Trailblazer – 989-245-1223

Challenges:

- Staff was reduced due to COVID-19. Full replacement of staff has yet to occur. We are having challenges finding qualified talent.
- Rising gas prices have negatively impacted those people wishing to take long-haul travel. In addition, consumer confidence in the US economy is trending lower, and cost-of-living expenses and inflation rates are on the rise. This is resulting in more reserved spending on leisure travel. Due to our advantageous geographic proximity to US and Ontario, Canada's major population bases, consumers' desire to travel, and their ability to reach our destination as a “one-tank” trip, I anticipate that we will continue to experience leisure tourism to recover.
- Some Saginaw County-based hotels have not submitted room tax payments. The Treasurer's Office continues its work to address this issue and take action to correct this situation. In addition, efforts to ensure Air B&B and VRBOs, etc. pay the required taxes for overnight stays are in process.

Successes through June of 2022:

The launch of the Symphony Platform allows me to provide the Executive Summary of KPIs improving the transparency of the organization and industry. The CVB uses this platform to look at identified key metrics and analyze our programs to make better-informed decisions.



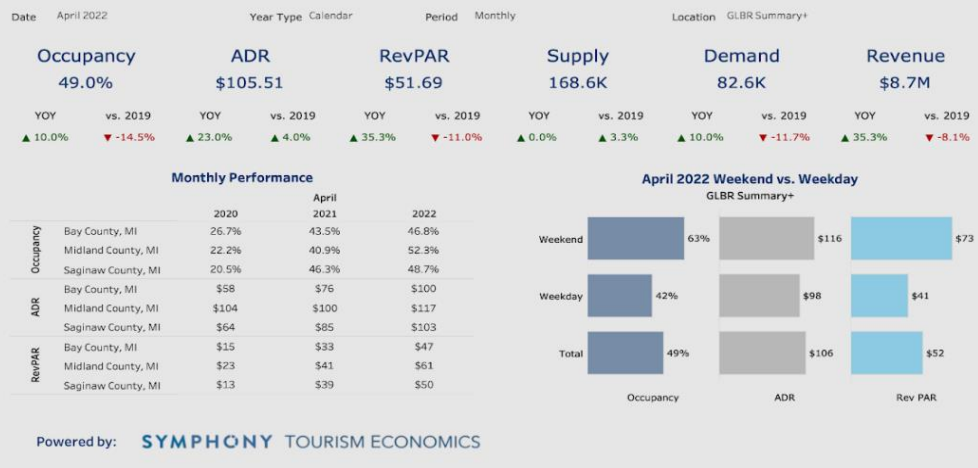
SCCVB KPI Annette Rummel asked the Board of Directors to identify the KPIs that are of highest priority to be reported to them. She will compile this information and ensure that the information is duly reported. To help guide them in their decision-making Annette Rummel provided them with what is currently being leveraged by CVBs and what was identified by these organization's as the ideal KPIs to monitor.

Current & Ideal Organization KPIs

Key Performance Indicator	Current	Ideal
Economic impact of tourism	1	1
Room-nights generated	2	2
Visitor satisfaction	9	3 ↑
Number of visitors/delegates	4	4
Resident sentiment	12	5 ↑
Marketing ROI	6	6
Hotel performance metrics	3	7
Social and environmental impacts	15	8 ↑
Overnight visitation	5	9
Leads/referrals to business	7	10
Social media metrics	8	11
Member satisfaction	10	12
Earned media	11	13
Conversion metrics	14	14
Venue operating profits	13	15



Lodging Performance April 2022



Data Source: STR

Opportunities

- Marketed to attract travelers in general tourism, sporting events, and motorcoach. Continued to sell to meeting planners with successes in booking their future gatherings. The Saginaw County CVB, along with the other County CVB organizations, are aggressively investing in outdoor advertising. As of today, I continue to believe this will be our rebound year.

Saginaw County Health Department (Human Services Committee)
Christina Harington, Director - charrington@saginawcounty.com

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Free kids lunches/snacks provided by YMCA Mission Nutrition

Date:	Program:	Time:	Location:	AM Lunch PM Snack
Tues. June 28	Music on the Move	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. June 30	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Tues. July 5	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Wed. July 6	Puppet Show	10 - 11:30 AM	Imerman Memorial Park	No lunch
Thurs. July 7	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Tues. July 12	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. July 12	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Wed. July 13	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Thurs. July 14	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 14	Nature Explorers	2 - 3:30 PM	Price Nature Center	No lunch
Tues. July 19	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. July 19	Art in the Park	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Wed. July 20	Water Wars Extended time	12 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Thurs. July 21	Music on the Move	10 - 11:30 AM	Deindorfer Woods	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 21	Nothing But Net	2 - 3:30 PM	Vets McKinney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. July 26	Water Wars Extended time	12 - 3:30 PM	Otto Roeser Park	No lunch
Wed. July 27	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Wed. July 27	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. July 28	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Bliss Park	11:30 AM
Thurs. July 28	Nothing But Net	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 2	Build It	10 - 11:30 AM	Otto Roeser Park	11:30 AM
Tues. Aug 2	Supersize Fun	2 - 3:30 PM	Fordney Park	3:30 PM
Wed. Aug 3	Water Wars Extended time	12 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Thurs. Aug 4	Nothing But Net	2 - 3:30 AM	Vets McKinney Park	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 9	Art in the Park	10 - 11:30 AM	Deindorfer Woods	11:30 AM
Tues. Aug 9	Gaga Ball/Archery	2 - 3:30 PM	Otto Roeser Park	No Lunch
Wed. Aug 10	Supersize Fun	10 - 11:30 AM	Showboat Park	No lunch
Wed. Aug 10	Music on the Move	2 - 3:30 PM	Imerman Memorial Park	3:30 PM
Thurs. Aug 11	Pond Life	2 - 3:30 PM	Haithco Rec. Area	3:30 PM
Tues. Aug 16	Nature Explorers	2 - 3:30 PM	Ringwood Forest	No lunch

Visit www.saginawcounty.com/parks for a full list of programs offered by Saginaw County Parks & Recreation Commission.

There is no cost to participate in our Playdate programs.

Out of county residents will encounter a \$2 per car gate fee at Imerman and \$5 per car gate fee at Haithco.



www.saginawcounty.com/parks
989-790-5280

LOCATIONS

County Parks

Imerman Memorial Park- 3495 Midland Rd
Haithco Rec Area- 2121 Schust Rd
Price Nature Ctr - 6685 Sheridan Rd.
Ringwood Forest - 13710 Ring Rd St. Charles

Other Parks in Saginaw County

Showboat Park - 805 S. Front St. Chesaning

City Parks

Bliss Park-1441 N. Michigan
Deindorfer Woods-1798 Weiss
Otto Roeser Park-1100 Van Buren
Vets McKinney- Holland and 20th
Fordney Park - 1118-1300 Chestnut

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These nature based Playdate offerings take place in our beautiful rustic county parks! This program will include around a mile hike on the wooded trails, educational components and a nature based activity. Please wear hiking or tennis shoes & lots of BUG SPRAY. Meet at the pavilion.



This playdate theme gives children the opportunity to create with several different types of materials such as wood, foam, cardboard, oversized blocks and many other exciting options. Let your imagination be the limit at this hands on event!



Join SCPRC and Saginaw County 4-H for a fast paced, high energy Playdate geared toward slightly older kids. We will have our inflatable octagonal Gaga ball pit out for competitive play as well as inflatable ARCHERY! Four air streams keep target balls floating for endless hours of target shooting fun for all skill levels. Other games & activities will be offered for the younger crowd.



Who doesn't love to create fun? Come out and let your imagination go wild with create-and-take art projects. There may even be some games or shaving cream fun involved for those who aren't afraid to get their hands messy.



Music on the Move participants will have the opportunity to play different rhythm instruments, keep a steady beat with drums & tambourines, shake maracas, strum a guitar, find their voice and dance with the music! Music on the Move will be presented by Music for Munchkins, Creator/Vocalist Michele Spitz.



Join Miss Beth and Miss Michelle from Butman-Fish Library for a hilarious under-the-sea puppet show that will engage the whole family! Once the show is over, there will be craft activity for your child to enjoy. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and be ready to be entertained.



Slip and slide into Summer with some wet and wild fun. Bring a towel, wear your swimsuit & come prepared to get wet. Expect laughter & excitement while participating in water relays and playing on a 20ft inflatable water slide. *Note-potential risk for latex allergies.



Nothing But Net is designed to teach/enhance basic basketball skills & have FUN doing it! There will be drills to improve dribbling, shooting, passing, ball-handling and more. Some games will be incorporated to make the learning even more FUN! Basketballs will be provided. Bring an attitude to learn. All ages welcome.



Join the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement and Saginaw County Parks in exploring the edges of Haithco Lake and small ponds to discover frogs, toads, dragonflies and more! What to bring? Weather-appropriate clothing, water, your smile and a camera.



Everything is larger than life during Supersize Fun. Come out and play with oversized balls, games and blocks. The fun and excitement will put a supersized smile on event participants faces!

We are teaming up with the YMCA Mission Nutrition to offer awesome programs and free lunches/snack to school aged children this summer! Free lunch is served immediately following most morning events and snacks after most afternoon events at a majority of our Playdates. Check out the schedule for the days lunch/snack will be served (lunches are first come first served while supplies last).



Visit www.facebook.com/SaginawCountyParks for program information and weather related cancellations





BWELL Saginaw

A New Direction for Living With and Beyond COVID-19

Saginaw County faces serious public health challenges, ranking among the least healthy counties in Michigan even though we have:

- Two world-class health systems here
- A university medical school presence
- A multitude of dedicated and highly trained healthcare providers
- Deeply committed physical and mental health/substance use agencies
- Engaged philanthropic organizations
- A regional Thrive initiative

If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that overall health plays a major role in how diseases impact a community. To prevent, mitigate and prepare for any future events, the Saginaw County Health Department is spearheading the **BWell, Saginaw Partner Coalition** to build a healthier Saginaw...one that is more resilient so that, if or when we experience the next wave or disease, we experience less severe illness, lower hospitalization, and fewer deaths.

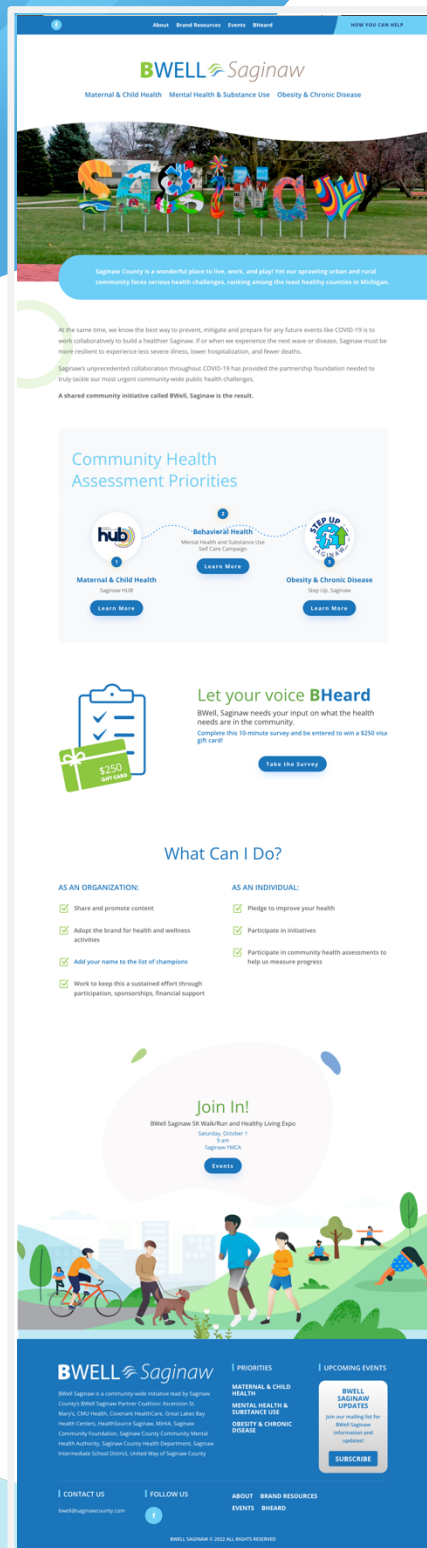
BWell, Saginaw capitalizes on the partnerships formed during the county's COVID-19 response and shines a new spotlight on three significant health issues facing the people who live, learn, and work in Saginaw County:

- **Maternal/child health** – Saginaw ranks #1 for infant mortality in the state
- **Mental health and substance use** – Saginaw residents suffer higher than average rates of anxiety, depression, suicide, excessive drinking, drug use, and has the 9th highest prevalence of HIV in the state
- **Obesity and chronic disease** – More than 75% of Saginaw residents identify themselves as being either overweight or obese

BWELL, SAGINAW

Community Health Assessment Priorities

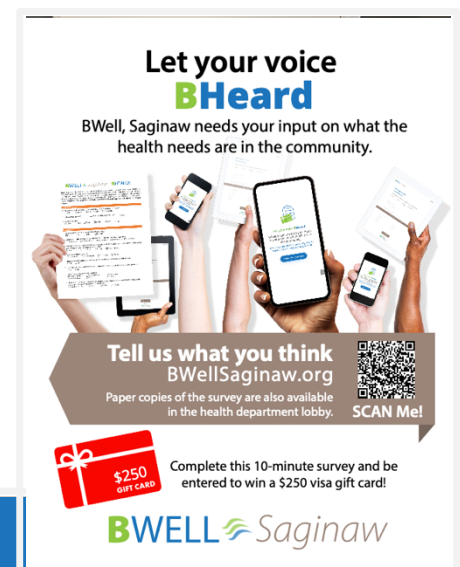


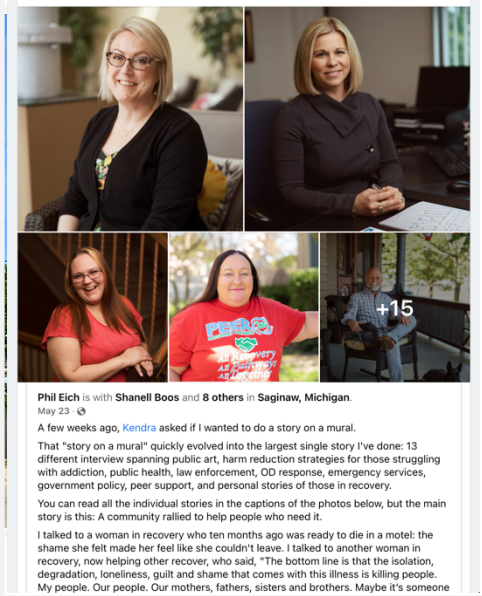


There is so much excellent work being done on these priorities...but, until now, our community has lacked a unified approach to tackling these problems. The health department is working closely with coalition partners and in Q2 2022:

- Set a goal of becoming one of Michigan's Top 25 healthiest communities.
- Went live with [bwellsaginaw.org](https://www.bwellsaginaw.org) – a robust website with resources, referrals and information.
- Started BWell Saginaw Facebook page.
- Began BWell Saginaw mental health and substance self-care social media campaign.
- Launched the BWell, BHeard community health assessment – please share your voice at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BWellBHeard>.
- Presented at Bishop's Breakfast, Impact Saginaw, Saginaw Chamber Perc Breakfast, Leadership Saginaw.
- Organized the inaugural BWell Saginaw 5K Race/Walk, Family Fun Run, and Healthy Living Expo on October 1, 2022 at the Saginaw YMCA. Register here.
- Applied for a \$500,000 grant through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to recreate Step Up Saginaw with the goal of lowering the BMI and improving health of at least 750 Saginaw residents.
- Restarted Walk with a Doc at the Saginaw YMCA with Dr. Pruitt.

Stay tuned for more ways for YOU to participate, improve your health and lower your risk of serious illness, hospitalization or death.





Mural Shines Spotlight on Harm Reduction

In early May, Flint native Kevin Burdick transformed an outside wall of the health department building into a breathtaking mural with a special message. Part of a harm reduction project funded with a grant received by the Saginaw Community Foundation, the mural was inspired by local participants of the [PEER 360 Recovery Alliance](#) and is designed to deliver a message of hope for those who struggle with opioid use and recovery.

We are extremely excited about the uplifting visual on the outside our building, its power in speaking to everyone, and also for the opportunity to talk about harm reduction. "Harm reduction" is an evidence-based approach to reducing the negative personal and public health impacts of substance use. It allows community "helpers" like the health department, police and first responders to engage very high risk and hard-to-reach individuals in comprehensive, free programs and services to prevent the spread of diseases like hepatitis and HIV, prevent overdoses, and prevent deaths.

The health department will soon open a syringe exchange service in Room 202 where drug users may exchange their used syringes for new, sterile needles and works, thereby reducing the spread of infectious diseases that can be transmitted via needle sharing while putting them on a path toward education and treatment.

These programs are not without controversy. But the evidence is clear. SSPs don't drive people to inject drugs. They help those using drugs to do so more safely. They have been demonstrated to be an effective component of a comprehensive approach to prevent HIV and viral hepatitis among people who inject drugs while NOT increasing illegal drug use.

The health department was one of several organizations and individuals featured in Riverfront Saginaw for our participation in the harm reduction mural project. Be sure to drive by and see it soon if you haven't already.

Piloting New Nurse Recruitment Strategy

Because of our "big plans" for BWell Saginaw, our new Room 202 harm reduction clinic, continued outreach to every corner of the county with homebound vaccinations, and our new health resource advocate positions in the schools...we need more good registered nurses!

Since our traditional recruitment approach has yielded little success in this tight healthcare job market, the health department is embarking on a new "pilot" program with blessings from and assistance of the county. This effort is funded by a supplemental workforce grant we received for post-pandemic recovery.

WE'VE GOT BIG PLANS

We need more good nurses!



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Part of our challenge in year's past is a lack of alignment between our job postings and our actual opportunities. The health department offers part-time, full-time, employed, contracted, and project-based nursing positions. We are interested in nurses looking for extra hours, a change of pace from 12-hour shifts, remote work, and post-retirement work. But when all our recruitment efforts point them to regular full-time job postings in specific areas of the department, we don't get applicants. And with travel nursing offering additional challenges, we knew we had to try something new.

For the next three months, we are running a campaign that focuses on:

- Flexibility
- Better work/life balance with no holidays, weekends, or evenings
- Diversity and interesting work challenges
 - Harm reduction
 - Immunization
 - Reproductive family planning
 - HIV counseling
 - Lead investigation
 - Home visiting
 - School-based

Rather than sending applicants to the county site, we are directing them to a landing page on the health department website where potential recruits can get more information and communicate directly with us about their job goals. The county job site directs applicants to our site as well. In this way, we hope to not miss out on viable and unique candidates because they either don't meet specific criteria in a job posting or aren't looking for traditional full-time employment.

Ultimately, those who interview with us will fill out a generic county job application and follow standard county operating procedures. So, stay tuned. We will let you know how our recruitment efforts are going in the next Robert Report.

Medical Marijuana Safety Campaign Underway

With the help of a state grant to support safe storage and use of medical marijuana, the health department is extending outreach efforts to the community to increase awareness of "locking it up" from kids, pets and teens AND not using when pregnant, breastfeeding or driving a vehicle.

We created display ads and short videos for a comprehensive campaign that kicked off at the end of June. We are targeting the campaign specifically to users and potential users by "geofencing" marijuana dispensaries and using other data to send ads and videos offering free locks and storage containers. In addition, later in the summer, we will be hosting an informational session with area healthcare providers to learn more from one of Saginaw County's largest marijuana manufacturing companies about products, dosages, and other relevant facts impacting patients who try or use marijuana.



Living stress-free isn't **ALWAYS** easy.

But driving and using marijuana is **ALWAYS** dangerous.

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Your stash isn't **ALWAYS** safe.

from children, pets, and teens

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Carrying and protecting the miracle inside us isn't **ALWAYS** easy.

But **ALWAYS** avoid marijuana when pregnant or breastfeeding

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Kildee Visits Free Lead Testing Event

In April, we hosted a free lead testing event at the Headstart site in Buena Vista. We were joined by Congressman Dan Kildee who co-sponsored legislation requiring inspection of lead service lines in all public housing. Children are at highest risk of lead exposure. It can result in developmental delays and neurological disabilities if left undetected and untreated. By testing, we can catch it early and connect families to care if necessary and provide education and follow-up.

The new legislation requires HUD to inspect not only tap water...but also lead service lines coming into public housing. This will better protect families from chronic lead exposure and also help communities more effectively inventory water service lines needing repair or replacement in the near future.

Other Q2 Highlights:

- Providing testing for the crew at The Dow supporting Live Nation and Korn concert.
- Announcing the confirmation of highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 ("bird flu") in a backyard poultry flock in Saginaw County.
- Providing education and guidance for residents impacted by baby formula shortages and peanut butter recall.
- Medical director Dr. Delicia Pruitt and health officer Christina Harrington, MPH, received the Impact Turnaround Award at the Heart of the City Community Awards Banquet hosted by The Michigan Banner.
- Dr. Pruitt was the keynote speaker for the CMU College of Medicine Class of 2024 at their White Coat Ceremony, which had been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- MDHHS recognized the Saginaw County Health Department with its Director's Award at the Michigan Premiere Public Health Conference in Grand Rapids in June.
- A predicted spike then decline in COVID-19 cases in May caused some confusion when the CDC community tracker labeled Saginaw County as "low" then "high" then back to "low" in a within a short window.
- We continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment at the health department in addition to pop-up locations like the East Side Soup Kitchen in May. In the last 18 months, we've traveled to more than 30 unique locations throughout the county! And that doesn't include 114 trips to administer vaccinations to homebound individuals.

