

## Human Services Collaborative Body Nominations for 2024

These nominations were brought to the HSCB Executive Committee for review and approval.

The HSCB Executive Committee voted on September 19, 2023 to approve the following recommendations which were approved by the HSCB on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

### HSCB: (3-year term)

Open Seat	Name	New/Renewal
Livingston County Planning Department	Scott Barb, Livingston County Planning Department	Renewal
Consumer	Rachel Gerutta, Consumer*	Renewal
Private (Non-/For Profit)	Madison Arendt, Livingston County Public Defender's Office	New
Private (Non-/For Profit)	Elizabeth Stahl, LACASA	New
Private (Non-/For Profit)	Judith A. McNeeley, Gleaners Community Food Bank	New
At Large	Ramon Baca, Livingston County Veteran Services	New (term ends 9/30/2024)

\*Denotes a current member of the HSCB Executive Committee

### Executive Committee: (2-year term)

- Permanent/Public – Conklin, Connie, Livingston County CMH (Renewal)
- Non-Profit - Gibson, Anita, Work Skills Corporation (Renewal)
- Non-Profit - Harding, Susan, OLHSA (Renewal)
- Public - Debby Shaw, Livingston County Courts (New)

The following information was submitted by the nominees in their application:

### **Madison Arendt**

My motivation for wanting to join the Livingston County HSCB is because I am the social worker for the Livingston County Public Defender's office. A large part of my role is to help connect clients to resources and supports within our community in hopes to decrease the risk of recidivism and help clients be successful with their terms of probation or parole. As someone who utilizes the resources and professionals' insight who are associated with the HSCB, I feel as though it would be an honor and a privilege to be able to be a part of the team that helps develop, maintain, and enhance these supports. I believe that if I were able to serve on the HSCB, it would be an incredible opportunity for me to learn more about supportive services in Livingston County and connect with other professionals and Livingston County residents. I also feel as though I would be an asset to the HSCB because I am able to offer perspective from both an employee standpoint (who utilizes the HSCB resources daily to assist clients), as well as from an individual standpoint as I am a Livingston County resident; born and raised. Additional relevant experiences that I believe are important for me to note, are that prior to working as a social worker at the Livingston County Public Defender's office, I worked as a social worker for a private Child Welfare agency that serviced multiple local counties including, but not limited to; Livingston, Oakland, Wayne, Ingham, Genesee, Shiawassee, and their respective court jurisdictions. I have multiple connections with individuals in a variety of counties, that I believe I could collaborate with when needed and/or appropriate, to help increase awareness of other programs that others may be interested in starting and/or growing in Livingston County. I am also a Certified Child Life Specialist through the Association of Child Life Professionals and a Certified Family Life Educator through the National Council on Family Relations. I would be happy to answer any additional questions you have for me.

### **Elizabeth Stahl**

LACASA has been a member of the HSCB for years and would like to rejoin in order to continue the collaborative relationship within the community, to stay informed about community activities and share the survivors' perspectives (domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse) on needs.

### **Ramon Baca**

Being a part of the HSCB will allow me to share initiatives our department offers and learn of initiatives and programs other agencies offer which help not only our county's veterans but the community at large. My experience as Director of veterans' services can help shed light on our clients' needs.

### **Judith A. McNeeley**

1. Your motivation to join the Livingston County HSCB and contribute to the community.

In my role as Vice President of Community Engagement for Gleaners I lead the team responsible for serving Livingston County through community engagement, school partnership programs and health/nutrition programs. Together with our food access team we develop strategic priorities for addressing county-wide food insecurity in collaboration with key county leaders and organizations. Serving on the HSCB would allow Gleaners to develop a deeper understanding of community need and the opportunity to collaborate with key stakeholders on ways to address the need and increase impact for our neighbors in Livingston County.

2. The unique value and perspective you offer to the HSCB.

I joined the Gleaners team in 2021 after serving for 13 years as a Vice President with Beaumont Health (now Corewell Health). I was responsible for corporate and community partnerships, government relations and community health programs. Through my work in healthcare and my work with Gleaners I have an acute awareness of how our neighbors are struggling to have their basic needs met. If people are food insecure, we know that they are likely in need of support for employment, housing, transportation, chronic health, and behavioral health issues. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the members of HSCB to provide resources for Livingston County residents in need.

3. Relevant experiences, either from work or life, will enhance the HSCB membership.

I am a child of parents whose life work was focused on community service, and it has been the focus of life's work

both professionally and through community service. I am currently a member of the board of directors for Starfish Family Services where we are focused on addressing the basic needs of children and families. With over 20 years' experience in government relations at the local, state, and federal levels I know first-hand the importance of good relationships with elected officials, on both sides of the aisle, when advocating for public policy that will support key populations in our communities – children/families, seniors, and veterans.

## Debby Shaw

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest in joining the HSCB Executive Committee. During the past four years I have been an active member on the HSCB as Chief Judge Cavanaugh's designee. Additionally, I have served on the Funding Partners (as Chair in 2022), the Livingston Leadership Council on Aging, and have supported court staff in their participation on the FAKS and Substance Use workgroups. As a court administrator I know that the human service agency partnership in Livingston County is unique and its' value to members of the community, and those providing service, innumerable.

## Renewals

Scott Barb, Connie Conklin, Susan Harding, Anita Gibson and Rachel Gerutta are all renewing their seats on the HSCB.