

Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition
Friday, June 10, 2016
Notes

GOAL: To increase the number of lower-income families who are financially stable

Financially Unstable- Spending more than 30% of your income on housing
Low-income – below 200% of the Federal Poverty level.

Case Management - The client-focused process of counseling, advising, advocating and/or assisting clients by linking them to necessary resources.

Objective: To expand budgeting and saving through education, counseling, financial resources and skill building.

MEMBERS

Sean Armstrong, Old National		Derek Henning, TLCCU	
*Diane Bach, Community Action Agency		*Julie Laughlin, Community Action Agency	
*Nancy Bishop, DHHS	X	*Lisa Maskill, Legal Services of SCM	X
Jackie Bradley- Legal Services of SCM		*Beth Mehan-Wood, Dept. on Aging	X
*Dave Brevoort, Goodwill		*Amanda Crosby, Child Care Network	
*Terry Clark-Jones, MSU Extension	X	*Lynne Punnett, Habitat for Humanity	
*Delight Creech, Associated Charities		*Nathan Salazar, Goodwill	
*Lisa Eack, Lenawee Great Start Collaborative		Jeff Seitz, Monroe Bank & Trust	
Stephanie (Dinius) Fields, First Federal	X	Copi Valdiviez, Lenawee United Way	
*Burt Fenby, Community Action Agency	X	Roxanne Sharrock, Lenawee United Way	X
*John Haught, Goodwill			
Greg Choinski- Key Bank			

Notes

Terry Clark-Jones opened the meeting with introductions. Stephanie Fields volunteer to take notes for this meeting. Thanks Stephanie!!

Beginning in August, Burt Fenby will become the co-chair with Terry Jones for the Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition. He will be replacing Diane Bach, who has graciously served as the co-chair for at least four years! Diane will continue to be a member of the coalition. Join me in thanking Diane for her support and generosity for serving in this role.

We did welcome and introductions of those present.

Updates:

- 1.) United Way:** Roxanne reported. Copi is currently on medical leave. Day of Action projects-stilling looking for volunteers. Annual Meeting will be June 21, 2016. Mini grant process is ongoing for basic needs. Roxanne reported that Associated Charities, St. Vincent DePaul and Family Children Services have all reapplied for up to \$3000.
- 2.) Mini IDA's:** Dominicans okayed a second grant for Getting Ahead classes. Only members of the coalition may refer potential receipts for the mini IDA grants that are receiving case management or financial education. Participants save \$300 will match \$300. With option to move to large IDA's which are currently save \$1000 matched \$4000.
- 3.) AmeriCorps Positions:** Possible full time Lenawee position or share with Jackson County for ½ time (three days in Lenawee). Will assistant with intake, registration and program prep for the financial classes and MSHDA counseling. Start in October for new fiscal year.

4.) Financial Institution Presentation: Diane and Terry are reaching out to local lenders to become part of the coalition. Key Bank and County National have showed interested to participate. LENCO not available to participate at this time. The group discussed what could be our “ask” for the lending institution. Some ideas generated were: referring customers to available services, fulfill CRA, donations to IDA’s, sponsorships to name a few....

5.) Social marketing events and ideas updates:

- Great Start [blog](http://lenaweegreatstart.org/blog) (http://lenaweegreatstart.org/blog :) Reminder that this available to promote organizations or services of organizations. Only need to be 300 words or less. Contact Lisa Eack.
- Project Connect/SMTMD: Nancy is taking the lead for this project held in March. Terry will work with Nancy to apply for the CEDAM grant. Nancy also reported that they had a small carry over and the CoC group is looking to create additional services for the day.
- Money Smart Week 2017: Stephanie as agreed to create a sub-committee to looking into a possible family financial fun activity in 2017. Will be asking Lisa Eack if she would be willing to co-chair. Possible ideas: Geocache, road rally.... apply to WLEN for home town grant for PR of event. Stephanie will be emailing whole group to see who would be interested to assist.
- Lenawee Community Housing Committee (Landlord Breakfast) – Next meeting will be July 29th- 8:15 am at Country Kitchen. Terry will be present the MSUE Renters Education program.

6.) Core and Community Collaborative meetings-Burt reported that there was a discussion at this meeting about high levels of lead in home around Lenawee County due primarily to aging homes. Currently the health Dept. has tips to help families as well as first level testing. Challenge is getting people to follow through on the test results.

7.) Data Collection Reports- [Continue to gather data for 2016.](#) We will be asking for this data again at the end of 2016 instead of quarterly. We also feel it would be helpful to look at agencies’ Annual/UW reports.

8.) Emerging Issues/Updates –

- Trails and Treats was held on Sunday, June 12. 1.6 mile walk to promote nutrition. Free snacks Ran by Rachel Doyle for Hunger Free Lenawee
- Housing study- Burt reported that \$30M was received from Lenawee County Commissioners to apply for the Housing Study. Partnering with the City on this study.
- Legal Services- Eviction Diversion Meetings on tenant cases- If tenants don’t apply they lose out. The group as decided to do more community education on the eviction process and rights. We discussed ideas of how to reach out to tenants to provide this education.
- Emergency Food Shelter funds will arrive to UW on Monday June 13th.
- Potential member information brochure shared for feedback. Will ask members to share on their social media.

9.) Future Meetings plans/Agenda Items. Membership review –

Discussed reaching out the Michigan Works to possible send a reprehensive to the coalition meetings. Terry will follow up.

[NOTE: No meeting in July.](#)

Next meeting will be Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 - 9:00 to 10:30 am at Lenawee United Way.

Respectfully, Stephanie Fields and Terry Jones

Proposed 2016 Meeting Dates:
9:00-10:30 a.m. at Lenawee United Way

8/12; 9/9; 10/14; 11/11