

Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition
Friday, Oct. 14, 2016
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Lenawee County Human Services Bldg. Lenawee Room
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	
*Laura Negron-Terrones , Community Action Agency		*Julie Laughlin, Community Action Agency	
*Nancy Bishop, DHHS		*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	X	Jeff Seitz, Monroe Bank & Trust	
Stephanie Fields, First Federal	X	Candace Aranda, Salvation Army	X
*Burt Fenby, Community Action Agency	X	April Demers, United Way	
*John Haught, Goodwill			
Cassandra Hermosillo - Key Bank			

- Terry welcome everyone and introductions were done.
- Special thank you to Stephanie for volunteer to take notes for the meeting.

• Updates:

Monroe/Lenawee United Way- Burt reported that April Demers contacted CAA to have a discussion regarding Walk for Warmth funds for Senior Citizens Prevention Program – weatherization. UW and will be working with CAA on this project. There is still some work being done on funds between Lenawee Cares and UW.

Mini IDA Committee did not meet this past month. Application are available and we encourage members of the coalition if you have customers that could benefit from a mini idea please have them apply. Contact Julie or Terry for applications.

Americorp Position has been filled. This staff person will be housing at Jackson CAA but will be in the Lenawee office to assist.

Classes:

Getting Ahead- Four classes currently being offered around the county.

Pathways to Hope- Currently has five participants. Working closely with CAA and Goodwill to bridge services. Offered in all counties.

Raise Up! -progress with clientele particularly when the participants have been working on goals for 6 months. This is One on one financial coaching. Continue to send referrals.

Financial Institute presentations - group looking at revisiting presentations and possibly going more towards how financial institution can join forces with workforce development. The group and felt we need to reach out Michigan Works! to increase partnering with the coalition. Burt shared that on Thursday Oct. 20th 11 am strategic planning meeting at Michigan Works and he was planning to attend and make an effort to invite to our coalition meetings.

Social Marketing/Promotional Financial Literacy/Education

- i. SMTM/Project Connect Jan. 25, 2017 – CEDAM grant was submitted on Sept. 23. Currently working with CEDAM on SMTM/project Connect marketing. We encourage all coalition members to attend the event if possible.
- ii. Money Smart Week- Apr. 22-29, 2017
 1. Lenawee Family Money Smart event – 2017- The committee has met twice. Currently looking for partners to be a stop for a road rally with an educational twist. A map of services agencies will be created. The plan is for the rally to be an ongoing activity during Money Smart Week. Focus will also be awareness of services and breaking barriers. Each stop will have an opportunity to educate the participants. The participants will then receive a ticket for each stop that is put into a drawing for a grand prize or prizes to be determined.
- iii. Lenawee County Community Landlord Group- did not meet during the month of Sept. MSUE will be offering the Rent Smart class quarter for a year and will evaluate effectiveness.

Core and Community Collaborative meetings report – The collaborative meets every other month and they have been good meetings that will hopefully will continue. The meeting assist in recognizing where there may be gaps in services as well as keep all agencies informed of services available.

Data Collection reminder- We will be asking for 2017 data in mid-December. Please be prepared to report this information when requested.)

Emerging Issues/Projects- Lisa Maskill will be leaving the coalition. She has taken a new position at the Ann Arbor office. Jackie will be coming as the representative of SC Legal Services. VITA will continue for the 2016 tax season. Diane Bach will be assisting the new coordinator.

There will be no meeting in Nov. Since our meeting date fall on Veterans Day and most offices and members will be off that day. Instead we will be meeting on Dec. 9th. 9 to 10:30 am Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Jones and Stephanie Fields