

Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition
Friday, January 13, 2017
9:00-10:30am
Lenawee County Human Services Bldg. Lenawee Room

Beth Mehan-Woods, Dept. on Aging
Laura VanSickle, CAA
Jackie Bradley, Legal Services of SCM
Burt Fenby, CAA
Terry Clark-Jones, MSU Extension
Dave Brevoort, Goodwill
Nathan Salazar, Goodwill
Stephanie Fields, First Federal
Laura Negron-Terrones, CAA
Julie Laughlin, CAA

Monroe/Lenawee United Way

Burt indicated that there is a meeting scheduled to inquire if they would allow designations/ donations to go to Lenawee CARES/Lenawee Community Foundation. John Haught, Nancy Bishop, Burt Fenby and Ben Negron are going to meet with Connie from United Way on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. April Demers is no longer with United Way. Terry inquired if we need to have United Way at the table. Burt indicated we should have both United Way and Lenawee CARES at the table. Terry would like to see invitations sent out to both.

Mini IDA Committee

Julie indicated that there hasn't been a lot of applications received. Information/applications have been given out at classes. They have approved 4 applications to receive the money. An incident came out with the topic of housing and if we would be able to have a client use funds for a refrigerator. This committee would make the decision. Guidelines will be changing in February/March, 2017.

We still have a good amount there to support mini IDA's. A grant has been submitted to support this program through the Adrian Dominicans. This grant application we asked for support for staffing and not the mini IDA's. Terry indicated that lending institutions might be supportive if they see the success of the program. This would be the good seed money.

Applications not coming in as we would like, Nathan sent a draft of the blog he was going to be sending out on our social media outlets to bring in some additional applications. Once it is approved by all, Nathan will send it to Terry to send out. There was a discussion regarding the MiABLES presentations. MiRA program needs to be researched and help make these programs known in the community.

Americorp Position

This position has been completed with hiring and have completed the training. Tami Farum in Jackson submitted a grant for all 3 counties for staffing.

VITA

Leigh has been invited to attend this meeting but is buried with the VITA program.

Getting Ahead Classes

Julie mentioned that there are 2 classes in Tecumseh and Adrian. The Tecumseh graduation is on Tuesday, 1/31/2017 at the Administrative Building at 6pm and the Adrian grad on Feb. 2 at the Adrian District Library at 6pm. Tecumseh thinking about offering another one during March with dates to be determined. There has to be 5 GA classes completed by the end of July.

Hudson starting on Monday, 2/27/2017 12-2:30 at the CSI building.

3 in Adrian

2 in Tecumseh

There is a waiting list and encourage clients to call and get on the list for the next GA Classes.

Budgeting Basis

Nothing in January, one in February and March.

Financial Ability Class

Four (4) 3-hour sessions are available

Homebuyer Ed Class

Flyer to be developed. This class is being offered on February 6 and February 13 from 5:30-9:30pm at the CAA Learning Center Building. We are going to start having guest speakers address the class. HUD is mandating 8 hour classes. Saturday classes have not been successful in the past.

MSU Extension

Jenny Ramos is doing a Cooking Matters Class for Adults

Pathways to HOPE

Candy reported that there are 3 active clients involved in the program. Envoy went to Detroit on Tuesday and has been informed that there is a grant coming down for this program to help it grow. Candy has a meeting with the coordinator to determine how the funds will be expensed. Candy shared two success stories about clients regarding this program.

Raise Up

Dave and Nathan reported that this program will end July 31, 2017. Outward into the community is sun setting and the program will continue on with Goodwill internally working with the present clients. Dave will be coordinating this program. Dave is also going to be the safety coordinator for Goodwill. The VA has been sending clients but the clients see the program as a one and done. If you want funding, you have to show progress if you want to receive funding. Dave works with clients after hours to keep them on the right track.

Rent Smart Class

Terry is going to be presenting this class on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm at Adrian District Library following Project Connect. There will also be classes offered at the end of April, end of July and then in the Fall. This class will address what the tenants and landlords rights and responsibilities are. Education of both on each one rights. Terry will send out this flyer to the committee today. Jackie Bradley indicated that maybe the program mediators could be a part of this program. There is no cost to attend this class.

Financial Institute Presentation

Burt mentioned that the CORE group is going to make a presentation regarding collective impact on February 23 after the Chamber Breakfast at the LISD. This will be a 5-10 minutes presentation for anyone who would like to attend.

Social Marketing

Lisa Eack is in school right now working on her Master's Degree. If you have anything that you would like to have entered into their blog, please pass it on.

Project Connect

Project Connect is being held on Wednesday, January 25 at the Fairgrounds from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Smart Money Week

Stephanie reported that during the week of April 22-29, road rally event during Money Smart Week. We want people to commit to selecting a day during this week to have a promotional day that relates to saving money and financial sustainability. Like host a seminar, partner come and do a presentation relating to saving/financial and have agency materials supporting this presentation. Julie mentioned that we could do a budgeting class. We are trying to break down barriers to get people into your agency. Stephanie mentioned that each agency would select a day and time and get the commitment date it to her. On Friday there will be a celebration at the Human Services Building. This is an awareness program.

Landlord Group

Jackie reported that Shannon regarding the eviction diversion program for the end of the first year.

Data Collection

Terry needs to have everyone's data ASAP. Terry will send out a reminder for the missing pieces.

Emerging Issues/Projects

Beth reported that the Department on Aging is hosting a Grandparents Boot Camp on Monday, January 30, 2017 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Nazarene Church for anyone who is caring for children under the age of 18. This is Boot Camp is 3 hours with lunch included. We are having two guest speakers, one from the health department speaking about lead testing and a speaker regarding autism. Contact Beth to register for this program. This is on the Health Dept. Facebook page. Beth will send out the flyer to Terry for distribution.

Future Meetings

February 10 in Lenawee Room

Meeting adjourned 10:20am