

**Financial Stability Coalition Meeting
September 8 2017**

PRESENT: Burt Fenby, Laura VanSickle, Lynne Punnett, Terry Clark-Jones, Beth Woods, Stephanie Dinus, Nathan Salazar, Julie Laughlin, Misty Shulters

Guest: Tonya Rowe

Meeting was called at 9:05am by Burt Fenby.

Update Current Measures

Burt reported there were two representatives from this committee on the Core Committee. We need to add Sue Hammersmith to this committee and have Jackie Bradley be our representative on the Core Committee. Lenawee/Monroe United Way and Lenawee CARES are both ramping up their campaigns.

Mini IDA

There was discussion regarding the IDA's being submitted for car repairs and this was brought to this committee. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the different recommendation for IDA's to be used for. Originally Mini IDA's were for housing (deposit or 1st month rent, down payment on house), education, and transportation was for car repairs. Then auto insurance was brought to this committee and this was agreed upon. Then there was discussion about home owners insurance or taxes. Nathan indicated that the IDA's are established to build assets not necessarily the sort term fixes but can also see the other side of the short term items. There was discussion regarding the barrier of transportation needs for the GA participants getting to the class and around.

Misty inquired if the GA participants have researched to work with Michigan WORKS because they can assist with transportation needs. The guidelines/requirements have changed for Michigan WORKS to find employment and education and agencies should be referring them out to Michigan WORKS. The clients that are working and interested in upgrading their career/job they should be referred to Michigan WORKS for assistance with auto insurance up to 6 months, auto repair up to \$900 such as brakes, tires, not general car maintenance, use Kelly Blue Book for determining the car's worth, budgeting etc.

The awards for the mini IDA's can be for auto repair, auto insurance, transportation needs and with the intent is to start a person on this road and not that they just need to get it done.

CORE Committee contact person is Karen Rawlins if you need information.

VITA

Lenawee CAA is scheduling tax appointments when they get a group of 5 that need to have their taxes prepared, filing credits, have received letters, or have questions.

Getting Ahead Classes

- "R" Rules Classes at Adrian High School starting October 17 and are held on Tuesday and Thursdays with graduation on December 14 at 6pm. "R" Rules meets for 1.5 hours after school. Lenawee CARES is continuing to fund this. Hudson has inquired and interested in this program but we only had funding for one school.
- Getting Ahead has started two new class sessions starting on October 16, 2017 through January 22, 2018. The GA Graduation will be held on Friday, January 26, 2018 at the Adrian District Library.
- Flyers for Budgeting classes and Financial Stability classes were distributed. Homebuyer class is scheduled for October 5 and 12 from 5:30-8:30pm.

Pathways to Hope

Have not heard from Salvation Army regarding this program.

Rent Smart

Terry mentioned the next Rent Smart class is being held on November 29, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Adrian District Library. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the \$50 incentive and how to advertise for this. We are having a hard time with attendance at these meetings and the landlords are wanting responsible renters. We have funds from the PITT Program and we could give a one-time \$50 voucher for the individuals who attend these rent classes. The landlords would see which tenants were attending this class. The voucher would go directly to the landlord. Have a certificate presented to the landlord and would have to let CAA know who has attended with a copy of the certificate in order to process the voucher. Discussed giving the landlords the W-9 form to complete and get this process started for the issuances of check requests. Show this flyer to the landlords for their input first.

Terry received a call from Housing Help regarding child care being provided for clients to attend this class. Terry is going to offer this class to their clients separately.

Social Marketing/Promotional

Landlord Group/Lead Paint Grant

The Landlords group is a very strong and active group. Lynne is booked with guest speakers out through January 2018. This group in a few years is going to have a high impact with lead issues. Lenawee is listed in the top 9 in the State of Michigan. The county has submitted a grant for up to \$1.6 million in funding for lead issues. The current Safe Homes Program is available and Habitat is going to use this program for one of their homes. There are some real nice benefits with this new grant than the current program has. The major need is there are not enough licensed contractors for dealing with the lead programs. If the county get approved for this grant, we need to get more contractors approved by the state for lead remediation contractors. If you know of any contractors or painters who are wanting to make an impact on healthy living, please pass this along.

CORE and Community Collaborative

Talked a lot about transportation and that Randy Yagelia has joined this group. Discussed a Trauma Informed Community and the Handle with Care Program which is going to be implemented at the local schools when children are involved.

Data Collection for 2017

Please keep gathering and passing this along.

Emerging Issues/Projects

None

Future Meeting/Plans/Agenda Items

Burt mentioned that he is going to be retiring at the end of January, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura VanSickle
CAA