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Financial Stability Coalition Meeting
December 8, 2017
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PRESENT: Todd Ritzler, Beth Mehan-Wood, Dave Brevoort, Jackie Bradley, Burt Fenby, Nathan Salazar, Mike Smith, Julie Laughlin

Burt Fenby called meeting at 9:01 am.

Co-Chair:
Jackie has changed jobs. It was the consensus of the Coalition that this does not affect her role as Co-Chair.

Burt will be retiring in January. He doesn't want to overlap any duties with his successor, but is willing to continue to be involved with the Coalition, if it makes sense. It was decided to wait to see how things work out before discussing the possibility of electing a new Co-Chair.

United Way Update:
Connie Carroll has talked to Burt about continuing to be involved in the Coalition. United Way Labor Liaison Mike Smith was in attendance.

Mini IDA Committee:
No IDAs right now.

VITA
VITA is currently looking for volunteers.

211 may be taking over appointment scheduling. There are some unknowns about what this process will look like. Beth stated that Department of Aging will continue to be able to schedule their own appointments.

About 5000 returns were completed last year. This was way down from past years due to the new software. Since this will be year 2, hopefully the numbers will be back up.

Getting Ahead
There are two Getting Ahead classes right now Graduation will be on Friday January 26th at 6:00 pm at the Adrian District Library. The next round of Getting Ahead classes has not been scheduled yet; but there will be two classes early next year. Hopefully one of these will be in Tecumseh and one in Adrian.

The "R" Rules class at Adrian High School has graduation Thursday December 14th at 6:00 pm at Room B100 in Adrian High School. There are nine people graduating plus the co-facilitator.

Mike suggested finding a way to involve the building trades in the "R" Rules class. The possibility of a 20 minute presentation by an Apprenticeship Coordinator or other subject expert was discussed.

Pathways to Hope
No update

Rent Smart
The last Rent Smart class was held on Wednesday Nov. 29th and there were six participants plus Julie and Sheila from CAA sat in as well. Terry is in the process of collecting the W9's from the landlords so that she can submit the paper work to CAA for reimbursement. The post surveys indicated positive feedback.

Terry plans to offer the class again at the end of Feb. 2018

Money Smart Week
No update.

Show Me the Money / Project Connect

The marketing materials from CEDAM are done and will be forwarded to Nancy to share with the Continuum of Care group. Terry is still waiting for the CEDAM grant; she will try to get that back to the Project Connect group ASAP once received. Terry will also forward the post surveys that need to be collected by participants as they exit the Project Connect event.

Lenawee County Community Landlord Group/ Lead Paint Grant
The Landlord group is meeting today. The topic is insurance.

Articles for LGS
Lenawee Great Start continues to look for articles for their blog. Please consider this as a way to get the word out on your programs.

Core and Community Collaborative meetings
A big topic of conversation was how to integrate the CI groups into the County strategic planning groups. There is a lot of overlap and we want to make sure that both sides are talking to each other. The strategic planning groups are at the point in their process of identifying and reach out to the groups/organizations working on their topics. This was discussed specifically around connecting the Infrastructure strategic planning group with the Transportation group.

2017 Data Collection
This is the last reminder for 2017. Please submit data in January.

2018 Data Collection
We need to finalize our questions for 2018. Burt will send out what we had when we worked on this during summer.

Emerging Issues/Projects
None

Future Meeting plans/Agenda items/Membership review
Next meeting will be January 12th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the Lenawee Room.
Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Bradley
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