LENAWEE FINANCIAL STABILITY COALITION

Mission: To increase the number of families and individuals who are financially stable

Date: Friday, 3/8/2019
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am
Location: Lenawee Room
Human Services Building
1040 S. Winter St.
Adrian, MI 49221

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions
In attendance: Clint Brugger, Burt Fenby, Tami Farnum, Jenna Furman, Connie Carroll, Laura Pipis, Rachel Emery, Lynne Punnett, Britni Stornant, Jackie Bradley, Terry Clark-Jones, Misty Shulters, Todd Ritzler

II. Review Agenda & Minutes
   A. Burt made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Connie supported. The motion carried.

III. Treasurer’s Report
   A. No changes from last month. Alternative mini-IDA funds were identified, so the approved IDAs were paid from those rather than the LFSC funds.

IV. Activities
   A. Build Financial Resilience
      1. Mini-IDA Committee
         i. No updates
      2. VITA
         i. There were issues with scheduling through the partnership with 211, so now all scheduling will be completed directly through Community Action Agency.
         ii. There are two primary volunteers for the community, so the number of appointments is limited. Any interested volunteers can call Community Action Agency and speak with Tami or Clint.
         iii. The partnership with Michigan Works! has been very successful.
            a. The Mobile Unit will be at the New Jerusalem Church in Cement City on 3/16 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
            b. The Michigan Works! Service Center will be available on 3/22 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. People interested in doing their taxes at the Service Center must be able to use a computer; they are completing their own taxes, but a volunteer is able to provide limited assistance.
   3. Getting Ahead
      i. Two classes are currently meeting; one in Tecumseh and one in Adrian.
4. BRN
   i. DHHS has hired a success coach who will be working jointly between Monroe and Lenawee Counties until each community has enough businesses to support their own network.
   ii. There are currently 3 committed employers in Lenawee.
   iii. Connie will make contact with the Success Coach with the hopes of engaging them in this group.

5. Legislative Issues
   i. None

B. Build Awareness of Financial Resources
   1. Events Committee
      i. Social Media
         a. On hold pending the results of the Logo Contest
      ii. Logo Contest
         a. Voting was conducted at Project Connect, no report on the winner at this time. Clint will follow up with Julie regarding the winner/runners up and getting them their prizes.
         b. April Meeting
            a. Seven people have RSVP’ed at this time. Terry will follow up once more before the meeting date.

C. Build Landlord / Tenant Relations and Resources
   1. Rent Smart
      i. Terry held a class at the end of February. Two people had registered, but only one attended.
      ii. There is one unused rent voucher. Connie made a motion to move the $50 from the unused voucher to IDA-allocated funds. Todd supported. The motion carried.
      iii. MSUE is preparing to roll-out an online, self-paced renter’s education course. Terry will send the link once it’s up and running.

2. Landlord Group
   i. Nathan Burd, the new Adrian City Administrator was the guest last month and 21 people attended.
   ii. This group meets on the last Friday of each month at 8:15 am at the Family Kitchen in Adrian.

3. Tri-County Housing Coalition
   i. This group has set a goal to compile a list of landlords across all three counties as a first step towards a database that allows people to vet landlords and assist in identifying affordable, available, and accessible housing. Each county is currently working to compile their list.
      a. Junior Ramos with TTI, Inc provided Lynne with a list of Jackson landlords.
b. Terry reported that MSHDA used to have a rental unit locator. Does this still exist? Could this be used to support local efforts?

ii. This group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00 am at Region 2 Area Agency on Aging in Brooklyn.

4. Legislative Issues
   i. PA 585’18 – Removes barriers to conversation between municipalities and landlords around affordable housing
      a. Lynne discussed this at the Landlord Breakfast. They did not feel that an incentive would be compelling to them. Further discussions to come.

V. Collective Impact Core
   A. Becoming Trauma-Informed
      1. The Core is working on a presentation to roll an assessment and goal-setting process out to the Collective Impact groups. Clint, Jackie and Frank Nagle from the Lenawee Health Network are taking the lead on this presentation. More information to come.

   B. Transportation
      1. DHHS is looking to hire a part-time Centralized Transportation Navigator. This person will create a map of current transportation resources in the community towards the eventual goal of a Mobility Manager. This position pays $12/hour, with flexible scheduling and excellent networking experience.
      2. The Transportation Group will be sending out a Transportation Provider Profile to begin compiling current transportation resources.
      3. Region 2 Area Agency on Aging has applied for a Mobility Manager grant through Michigan Department of Transportation. They are currently looking for letters of support; there is no firm deadline, but sooner is better. For more information, contact Margaret O’Malley at margaret.omalley@r2aaa.net
      4. Project Rising Tide is also currently looking for Letters of Support regarding their autonomous bus proposal. For more information, contact Chris Miller at cmiller@adrianmi.gov

VI. Other Issues
   A. Co-Chair Nominations
      1. No nominations at this time. We will move forward with a Chair (Clint), Treasurer (Tami), and Secretary (Jackie).

   B. Representative at Collective Impact Core
      1. **Lynne made a motion to nominate Misty as the LFSC’s third representative at the Core meetings. Tami seconded. The motion carried.**

   C. Property Tax Hardship Exemption
      1. Seniors and others may qualify for a property tax exemption if they can demonstrate hardship. This is a state guideline, but each municipality sets their
own “hardship” income limit. Advocates in Jackson are currently working to raise the income limit so more people will qualify. **Lynne will research what the exemption looks like locally.**

D. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties
   1. Health Check on 4/11 (page 5)
   2. Ladies Night on 3/21 (page 6). If anyone is interested in having a table at the United Way offices regarding women’s services, contact Laura or Connie.

E. Project Ramp
   1. This group is seeking financial support to build the ramps. There are currently 18 people on the waiting list, at an average cost of $1200/ramp. Volunteers are available to do the building, but funds are limited. Donations can be made to the United Way designated to “Lenawee Project Ramp.”
   2. Another barrier is that some funding sources require two bids before construction can begin, however it is difficult to get the second bid. **Lynne will bring this issue to the Landlord Group.** Several of the landlords are also contractors, so some of them may be willing to put forth a second bid, even if they aren’t prepared to take on the work.
   3. **Clint and Britni will prepare a sponsorship form and send it to the group to allow for business contributions.** The form should include a statement of need, the benefit to the community, the cost, and who to make the check payable to.

VII. Next Meeting: 4/12
   A. We will spend time updating goals.
**Services Available**

- Adult Immunizations
- Blood Pressure Check
- Height/Weight
- Nutrition Counseling
- Medication Counseling

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**Thursday, April 11, 2019**
**8AM-NOON**
**First United Methodist Church**
1245 W Maple Ave
Adrian, MI 49221
Ladies Night

Thursday, March 21st
5-8pm
Downtown Adrian

Join us for a night of pampering, women's health and mental health info, fun and prizes!

Stop at the Gallery of Shops for hair/nail/make-up tips plus de-stressing, self-defense and self-help techniques.

LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND GENDER INEQUALITY FROM LOCAL EXPERTS @ 5:15, 6:15 AND 7:15 p.m.
For these sessions, visit the United Way office in Suite #15.

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