



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

Date: Friday, 6/12/2020
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: Zoom
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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Connie Carroll, Jackie Bradley, Lynne Punnett, Julie Laughlin, Mike Smith, Misty Shulters, Madeline DeMarco, Tami Farnum, Todd Ritzler,

II. Review Agenda & Minutes

Motion to approve the Agenda and previous meeting Minutes made by Lynne. Supported by Connie. Motion carried.

III. COVID-19

A. Current Needs

Habitat for Humanity is seeing a large number of people who need repairs. Although they are unsure of the reason for the increase, many homes in Lenawee county are very old, sources for funding are changing regularly, and the increase in unemployment has bumped some people out of income eligibility guidelines for other programs.

United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties is continuing weekly supply drops for shelters. Requests have decreased for hygiene products, but increased for Personal Protective Equipment. Emergency Food and Shelter Program and CARES Program funds were approved. The Lenawee Community Foundation was able to assist new food pantries who may not have otherwise been funded. UWMLC needs coordination assistance for bread distribution next Thursday. **Lynne will contact Misty at the Adrian Mall to see if this is a possible location. Mike will update Nancy from DHHS.**

Michigan Works! Southeast needs for disinfecting wipes. **Connie will ask one of their suppliers about this.** Other options include spray bottles with a bleach/water solution.

Community Action Agency has been seeing a lot of calls for repairs, cell phone bills, and individuals trying to find housing. There aren't available units right now; anecdotally, individuals who were couch surfing have now exhausted their resources and need to find housing as soon as possible.

The Unemployment Insurance Agency put “stop payment” indicators on 30-40% of accounts until identification is provided to cut down on fraud. MWSE staff are now trained to handle calls and they have been swamped.

B. Future Needs

The Landlord Breakfast group has continued to communicate. They state that most tenants are paying their rent, except for those who didn't even under usual circumstances.

Both Community Action Agency and Housing Help of Lenawee have funds for eviction/foreclosure prevention. They are coordinating in order to use resources most effectively.

IV. Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)

No update.

V. VITA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is hoping to start next week. They will open two days of drop-offs per week by appointment only. It is not first-come, first-served; they are triaging those who owe or who had to be rescheduled, then they will move through the waitlist.

VI. Communication

A. LFSC Facebook

The LFSC Facebook page has 111 followers. There is not a lot of activity, but information is still being shared. There is a lot of overlap with the information being shared on the Lenawee Essential Needs Council page; would it be possible to merge? **Misty will reach out to Nancy to see what her thoughts are.**

Habitat Michigan received funding for micro loans this week; it is unclear what this will look like as they move to implement.

The Pay Day Lending bill (Substitute for House Bill 5097) came back up last month. It was announced on a Thursday that the hearing was that Friday. Tami alerted Lynne and they coordinated to submit testimony. Unfortunately, testimony wasn't heard. There is more national awareness of this issue right now, so there may be momentum towards change. **Lynne will provide additional information on status of this bill. UWMLC is meeting with the Michigan Association of United Ways regarding legislative priorities and Connie will bring up this issue.**

VII. Collective Impact Core

The Collective Impact Core has created a number of resources to help provide trauma-informed support for Staff. If you are interested in receiving them, let Jackie know.

The Lenawee Human Services Colaborative is hosting two workshops on race and privilege. If you are interested in attending, please contact Madeline DeMarco.

VIII. Other Issues / Service Updates

Community Action Agency is hosting classes via Zoom:

- 6/23 Crisis Budgeting
- 6/24 Homebuyer Education
- 7/9 The Mystery Of Credit Scores
- 7/14 Crisis Budgeting
- 7/15 Foreclosure Prevention
- 7/18 Homebuyer Education

Contact Julie for more information.

MSHDA has written an article in *HUD Bridges* about Lenawee County's coordination between Community Action Agency getting folks tablets so they can still participate in the classes and UWMLC to get internet in their parking lot.

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IX. Next Meeting: 7/10