

## Hunger Free Lenawee!

### Minutes from 11/3/15

- **Call to Order/Introductions:** Michelle Hutchison (LCMHA), Tamara Gilbert (CAA/WIC), Joan Condon (St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry), Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Monica Rogers (Food Bank of SCM), Rachel Doyle (Lenawee United Way), Nancy Bishop (DHHS)
- **The Food Plan**
  - **Agency visits** – The Brooklyn Food Pantry was visited and the consultants were very impressed. The pantry is bright and clean, and the Manager is friendly and wants input and advice. They have a website, use Facebook to alert donors of specific food needs, and have a partnership with Adam's Farmer's Market who supplies fresh produce weekly. This Manager is "rockin it!"
  - **The Hudson and Blissfield pantries** will be visited this month
  - **God's Bread Basket** has a point system assigned to the food products that participants can shop for based on the "healthiness" of each food – lower point "price" for healthy items, higher points for less healthy items.
- **The Food Pantry Breakfast** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, at 8:00am, in the River Raisin Room.
  - Nancy will draft the invitations for the pantries
  - An agenda will need to be developed
  - Kelly has procured some funding to cover the food, so it is assumed she will be involved in the organizing of the menu and foraging.
  - We need updated ToolKits to give to attendees.

Last minute plans will be discussed at the January Meeting.

- **There will be no HFL Meeting in December.**
- **Project Connect** is scheduled for January 27, from 10a – 2p, at the Adrian Fairgrounds – Merchant Building. Continuum of Care is the organizing body. Discussion regarding whether or not HFL should have an individual booth. Since most HFL members will be representing their individual agencies that day, perhaps a flyer and sign-up sheet to recruit membership could be circulated that day.
- **HFL Data Sheet** needs to be updated, and the target goal is after the Pantry Breakfast
- **MSUE is circulating a survey SHARPENING OUR FOCUS** – members are encouraged to participate via the e-mail link or the hard copy as distributed at this meeting. Results are hoped to show gaps in community issues where MSU could increase focus and educational resources within each county.