

**HUNGER-FREE LENAWEE**  
**MINUTES FOR 4/5/16 MEETING**

**Call to Order/Introductions:** Rachel Doyle (United Way), Megan Kennedy (student @ SHU), Joan Condon (SVDP), Beth Mehan-Wood (LDA), Mary Stone (Food Bank of SCM), Olivia Nickelson (Family Worship Center of Adrian), Tamara Gilbert (WIC), Elizabeth Davis (Siena Heights University), Andrea Aguilar (MSUE), Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), AnneVictoria Smith (The Daily Bread of Lenawee)

**Updates:**

- Andrea explained that in order for the Pantry Initiative Toolkit and Assessment to be published, it is required that someone be certified with the IRB (Institutional Review Board), and she is. Once the project is approved by the IRB, the pantry assessments can continue. The hope is that will occur within about a week. MSU is developing an Assessment Tool to combine with the Pantry Toolkit acquired from University of Wisconsin. The process is to combine each assessment area with the matching component of the Toolkit.
- Rachel explained that she has needed to back off the pantry project a bit to allow time and energy to the other aspects of her job and grant goals. As of now, 7 of the 19 food pantries have done an assessment.
- AnneVictoria informed the group that the Addison Pantry has finally gotten scheduled for their assessment and is looking for assistance in that on 4/28 – Andrea and Rachel will join her.
- Tami picked up a flyer at the hospital regarding a client-based, educational pantry initiative being done by the University of St. Joseph (Conneticut).
- Discussion about the hardships and realities of clients who use pantries, and why healthy food may not be their first choice there.
- Rachel gave an update on the Trails and Treats event. It is tentatively scheduled for 6/12 from 4-6p. It will be a 1 ½ mile walking loop for the public to interact with the folks at the pantry info tables along the way. Treats will be provided by the pantries – Rachel may have a funding opportunity for the food. There is typically a \$400 rental fee to reserve the park. Rachel met with the Mayor, the City Manager, Kiwanis, and One Lenawee to promote the event. The fee will now be waived. The hope and goal is that this event will be heavily promoted, so difficult to imagine what the participation will be.
- Tami reminded everyone about the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk on Aug 6, and a Carseat Check on May 14 @ CAA. Also Project Fresh will be in July and a Thursday evening slot has been added this year.
- Olivia announced that her church will be starting an FFI.
- Elizabeth shared info about a national diaper initiative she heard of, wondering if any local agencies were aware of it.
- Andrea reminded the group of a Diabetes Nutrition Class she will be having, and also a Pre-Diabetes preventative cooking class targeting Hispanics.
- The Daily Bread of Lenawee will be having their annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on May 14.

**Next Meeting : May 3, 2016, 1:00pm**