



Hunger Free Lenawee!

MINUTES from 02/07/17

Call to Order/Introduction: Rachel Doyle (United Way), Nancy Bishop (DHHS), Monica Rogers (Food Bank of SCM), Olivia Ehret (Community Mental Health), Olivia Nickelson (Family Worship Center of Adrian), Joan Condon (St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry), Mark Hanbury (DHHS), Andrea Webb (SHU)

- **Data**
 - ◆ During the Month of November 11,640 Lenawee County Residents received \$1,303,676.00 of Food Assistance through DHHS. Michigan's Food Insecurity Rate is 14.9% (Food Research and Action Center 2013-2015)
- **Meet Up and Eat UP:**
 - ◆ We talked about what we want answered in order to help with our plan
 - How many sites and location of sites; previous years it has been Adrian 5/6, 7/8, Michener, Lincoln Elementary, Hudson High, Blissfield Middle School, Addison High School and YMCA. We may not have this information until right before summer.
 - What are the past numbers and who was served?
 - What has been done in the past to promote the programs?
 - Are there any funding opportunities to assist with the promotion of the program?
 - ◆ Also what are the Barriers? Stigma, Advertisement, Knowledge...
- **Trails and Treats:**
 - ◆ Where do we do it this year?
 - Riverside Park? Cal Zorn Park?
- **Fresh Food Initiative**

- Olivia N reported that they are going to approach Pastor Palmer from Fishes and Loaves and discuss partnering on the Fresh Food Initiative. She is concerned that they do not have attendance to justify it, Fishes and Loaves does. They do have plenty of volunteers that can assist so the burden would not be put on another agency.
- **Lenawee County Healthy Food Pantries Project**
 - Andrea and Rachel continue to put together a plan/tool kit to assist our local pantries. Rachel shared a rough draft of this kit that includes information about how to stock a healthy pantry, encouraging healthy food choices at the pantries, and nutrition education at the pantries.
- **Food Bank of SCM**
 - Monica reported that they have 3 food pantries in Lenawee County that have reached out to them and will begin ordering from them soon. This means that since the start of HFL! they have added 6 new pantries!
- **Report from LENC**
 - CORE continues to talk about creating a trauma informed community
 - The Project Connect went well.
 - Don't forget about Walk For Warmth scheduled for 02/18/17. There is also going to be a live remote on 02/17/17 from 2-4PM by the court house.

MISSION STATEMENT: Leveraging the power of Collective Impact in order to fight hunger by efficiently utilizing all of the resources available in Lenawee County.

■ **Adjournment:**

➤ **Next Meeting Date**

- **The First Tuesday of the Month**
- **03/07/17 @ 1:00PM**
- **The Department of Health and Human Services**