

## **Hunger Free Lenawee!**

### **Minutes from 5/2/17**

**Call to Order/ Introduction:** Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Jackie Bradley (UWMLC), Jill Rummler-Lenz (WIC), Anthony Davis (SVDP), Beth Mehan-Wood (LDA), Cynthia Heady (LCF), Mellissa Wilson (LISD), Kelly Elliot (VA)

#### **Meet Up and Eat Up**

- We are still not aware of the actual designated sites for the free summer lunch opportunities within the county. Nancy had requested some participation numbers from the Dept of Ed., but as we scrutinized the data, it was clear that the numbers reflected only breakfast and lunch participation within the school year, not the summer.
- Mellissa gave an overview of the LISD pop-up initiatives planned for this summer. The pilot sites will be at the Hudson and Addison lunch sites, and the LISD staff will be at the sites between 11-1p, once a week, to provide read aloud opportunities and a free book for the children in attendance. The hope is that these opportunities offered alongside of the free lunch might increase the participation in the summer lunch opportunities, while also helping those students with curbing a summer literacy slide.
- Cynthia verified that the end-of-the-summer event celebrating the literacy program will be held the weekend of August 19-20, although they were still finalizing the location. She is in conversations with the Farmer's Markets in Adrian.
- Concern was voiced that the date is in direct conflict with other major agency events, such as the Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block. There was also concern about the location being too far

removed from downtown – transportation is a barrier for many people in the community.

### **Pantry Visits**

- A sign-up sheet was passed asking for help with the follow-up pantry visits. Andrea will contact those able and willing, in order to organize and get things going.

### **Agency Updates**

- **WIC** – Plans are underway for the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk, August 12, at Trestle Park.
- **United Way** – May 11 is the Annual Meeting, held in Monroe, however there will be an Open House later to be held in Lenawee County.
- **Lenawee Community Foundation** – the website is up and running. [HealthyLenawee.com](http://HealthyLenawee.com), with information on walking clubs, recipes, etc.
- **LISD** – working on Essential Practices
- **Dept on Aging** – Looking for ways to utilize a grant with funds for Seniors raising youth under 18 yrs. Contact Beth if you have ideas.
- **MSUE** – Cooking Matters for Adults is still in demand, and plans are in the works for both Cooking Matters for Families and Cooking Matters for Teens within the community.

### **Adjournment**

### **Next Meeting Date – First Tuesday of the Month**

- **June 6, 2017, 1:00pm at the DHHS**