



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from May 5, 2020

Attendance: Vickie Pfeifer (MSUE), Nancy Bishop (DHHS), Heather Pearce (Food Bank), Frank Nagle (ProMedica), Jill Villanueva (Adrian First Church of the Nazarene), Jacki Bradley (LCMHA), Lillian St Mary, Elizabeth Seeburger (Blissfield), Suzzanne Sinkovitz (St. Mary on the Lake), Susan Bunch (New Hope), Tim Ruple (Fishes and Loaves), Diane and Tammy (Hudson Food Pantry)

■ ProMedica Michigan Health Endowment Fund Grant Application

- Frank Nagle reported that ProMedica Bixby Hospital applied thru Michigan Health Endowment Fund for grant funding under the 2018 Community Health Impact Program: Access to Healthy Food Initiative. This would be in addition to the funds that they already have. The hope is to increase access to and education about nutrition and healthy lifestyles. This is a partnership between, MSUE, Dept on Aging, Region II, Goodwill, All About Adrian, Cradle to Career and Hunger Free Lenawee. Letters of Support from Community Partners is welcome.

■ AGENCY UPDATES

- St Mary on the Lakes stated that their numbers are down and they are reevaluating how to assist those in need.
- Hudson Pantry also reported that their numbers are down. They have changed how they distribute food and they believe that this has had an impact. They no longer allow patroons to enter the pantry.
- Adrian Frist Church of the Nazarene's number have increased and they have a lot of new people requesting assistance
- St. Mary's in Adrian's numbers are down. Possibly patroons are afraid to go out. In addition many have just received their stimulous checks and are getting unemployment. They have taken extra precautions to maintain a sanitary

environment. Also, DeAngelo from City of Refuge will have fresh produce available in their parking lot on Thursday from 1-3.

- New Hope reported that their numbers have increased. They have masks but need gloves.
- Fishes and Loaves numbers are down, but this could be due to how they have changed distribution. They are now only opening the pantries on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and are only allowing a limited number to shop at a time.
- The Veggie Mobile has seen an increase. They have changed how they display/sell the produce. There is a white board and they write what they have. The produce is no longer set up out front. To get information about the Veggie Mobile you can go to their Facebook Page or to lenaweeveggiemobile.com
- All agreed that getting meat has become difficult, it has not been available thru the Food Bank. Heather was aware this was an issue but was unsure how/when the issue would be solved.
- MSUE reported that they are transitioning many of their classes to virtual classes and they should have updated curriculums soon.
- DHHS has seen an increase in applications for food assistance. They have not announced a plan to reopen yet.
- Food Bank of South-Central Michigan. Remember that May is the Fienstein Challenge. Pantries get an extra 10% for donations.

The next meeting is scheduled for
June 2, 2020@ 1:00PM
Location TBD