



# Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from October 6, 2020

**Attendance:** Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA), JoAnne Baty (SVDP), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1), Laura Schultz Pipis (UW), Debra Davies (Tecumseh Fresh Food Initiative), Anne Walker (Tecumseh Fresh Food Initiative), Suzzanne Sinkovitz (St. Mary on The Lake), De'Angelo Boone (City of Refuge/Habitat for Humanity), Kelly Elliott (VSO), Liliane (St. Mary's), Heather Pearce (South Michigan Food Bank)

## ■ HFL Updates

- Trunk or Treat has been cancelled this year, but CMH is discussing the possibility of doing something in collaboration with CMH's Halloween plans (drive-through trick-or-treating for staff kids/grandkids). Stay tuned for more information.
- HFL has been invited to help support ProMedica with their Health Endowment Fund Grant for promoting nutrition and healthy lifestyles. To begin to implement this grant, ProMedica has created a workgroup to think about how to best serve the community. Their key initiative for the first year is Food Access. Some strategies for working on this initiative include putting together information on current data (e.g. where are food deserts? Where are gardens? How can we encourage more community gardening?) to improve food nutrition education.

## ■ Virtual Food Drives

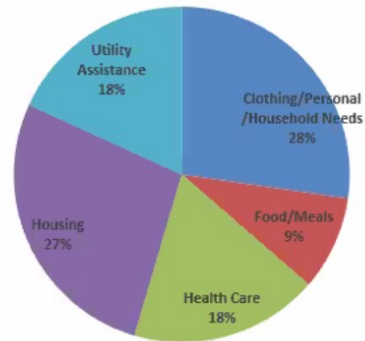
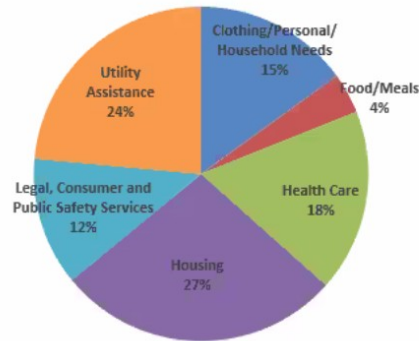
- Amazon Wishlists and other virtual fundraiser
- PR Subgroup of CoC is meeting with Meijer at their next meeting about the possibility of collaborating on a fundraiser
- Joe Williams spearheads Thanksgiving meals through Kiwanis – doing meal delivery to Senior Living facilities and Meals on Wheels routes, the rest will be take-out
- Looking for a centralized location with adequate freezer space for turkey donations. 10-12lbs turkeys are best
- Post office is not doing their annual food drive this week, but they did a virtual food drive that didn't receive much attention, even within the post office and food pantry community

- JoAnne Beatty's term with SVDP has expired at the end of September. Unsure who is replacing her yet.
- Haley Cook from the Daily Bread is working on a fundraiser through GiveLively
- Next meeting is Wednesday @ 3:00pm

#### Data Collections

- 211 Data:

Top Referred/Unmet Services for Lenawee County in September			
Total Call Volume: 139			
2020			
Referred Services	Number Referred to Service	Unmet Need	Number of Unmet Needs
Housing	42	Clothing/Personal/Household Needs	3
Utility Assistance	36	Housing	3
Health Care	27	Health Care	2
Clothing/Personal/Household Needs	23	Utility Assistance	2
Legal, Consumer and Public Safety Services	19	Food/Meals	1
Food/Meals	6		



#### Updates from LENC/CORE

- Utilities Task Force is meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. If anyone is interested in participating, please let Nancy Bishop know. They'll be discussing/planning the Walk for Warmth.
- Continuum of Care – the eviction and diversion subcommittee has been meeting biweekly to discuss funding. The City of Adrian recently passed a resolution banning camping in the City's parks and altering their hours of operation. The City also charged the Human Resource Commission to work with the Continuum of Care to come up with better solutions to help the homeless population.
- Transportation Task Force – Mobility Manager Grant has been approved. This is a 1-year position that began on October 1<sup>st</sup> and pays \$19/hour with 2-weeks paid vacation. So far, they have not received any qualified applicants. Please share this job posting

with anyone you know that might be interested. This would be great for a recent college graduate, and not much transportation experience/knowledge is needed.

- Core – doing planning work to determine what a resilient, trauma-informed community looks like

#### ■ AGENCY UPDATES

- United Way

- Started their 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge on October 1<sup>st</sup>. About 600 people have signed up so far. If you're interested in signing up, email Laura to get added to the challenge.
- Unable to do the annual October health check this year due to COVID.

- VSU

- Approved for grant funding through the state of Michigan.
- Emergency Assistance Relief for veterans – could cover things such as rent, groceries, and utilities. It's been approved for peace-time veterans as well as war-time veterans for this quarter.

- South Michigan Food Bank

- Need more fresh food distributions in Lenawee County. Would like to discuss further distributions in Tecumseh. Need someone to take the Morenci program over.
- No distributions happening currently in Clinton. Discussion about starting something there.

- City of Refuge

- Working with Rudy Flores to start serving migrant workers. Should get up and running in the upcoming week.
- Slowly opening up for walk-ups at the pantry in Adrian. Open every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 1pm-3pm.

- St. Mary's

- Still open 3 days a week. Also providing toiletries.
- On Mondays, have someone to help with utilities shut-offs.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
**November 3, 2020@ 1:00PM**  
**ZOOM**