



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from April 6, 2021

Attendance: Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA), Dianne Herr (SVDP), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1), Vickie Pfeifer (MSU Extension), Frank Nagle (ProMedica), Connie Beevers (Lenawee County Department on Aging), Debra Davies (First Presbyterian Tecumseh), De'Angelo Boone (City of Refuge Ministries Intl), Laura Schultz Pipis (United Way of Monroe and Lenawee Counties), Tim Ruple (Neighbors of Hope), Nancy Bishop (Department of Health and Human Services), Anne Walker (First Presbyterian Tecumseh), Julie Conley (ProMedica), Elizabeth Seeburger (Blissfield Ministerial Food Pantry)

■ Data Collections

- We have not received a lot of updates on sheets. Nancy will continue to work on this.

■ Michigan Health Endowment Grant

- They have begun planting in the Hoop House, they are preparing to release the new Social Deterrents on Health Report. Julie Conley has been hired as the ProMedica Farms Educator and Support Specialist.
- The group meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Frank Nagle!

■ Future of HFL-Centralized System

- There is a scheduled visit at Oaks of Righteousness Village Market- Monday April 19th at 10AM. We will meet at United Way in Monroe and then carpool to the Market.
- Food Gathers in Ann Arbor is another good example that we may want to explore.
- We need to begin discussion on what this will look like in Lenawee County, we need to create a model, business and sustainability plan. In order to do this, we need to create a subcommittee. Nancy Bishop will send out a Zoom Meeting invite for the third Tuesday at 1PM. If you do not get the invite and want to be on the subcommittee Email Nancy.

■ Agency Updates/Emerging Issues

- The United Way has their Golf Outing scheduled for May 14th at Raisin Valley in Tecumseh. If you would like to participate in the event let Laura Pipis know.
- Ann Walker reported that the Methodist Church has added a pantry.

- Frank Nagle reported that they are looking for locations to hold health/nutrition education sessions in the community and asked if the pantries would be interested. St Vincent de Paul, COR Ministries and Neighbors of Hope were all interested.
- MSUE Is holding a Virtual Grocery Store for WIC parents. It focuses on get more bang for your buck and healthy foods. At the end, the participants get a \$10 gift card. Currently they only have one participant registered. So, spread the word.
- Many of the pantries reported lower numbers. Neighbors of Hope have been calling past clients to get an idea why. Many reported that due to increased benefits and stimulus funds they just do not have the need. St Vincent de Paul added pantry hours on the 3rd Sunday and that seems to be busier than their hours during the week.
- Liz Seeburger stated that they were a no contact location and asked if the other pantries were doing the same. NOH continues to allow the shopping experience; it is appointment only. SVDP has attendee's wait in their cars and are called in by a numbers system. After the client is interviewed the volunteers will pack the groceries and take them to their cars. COR Ministries is open without appointments.
- COR Ministries is using an App for their pantry services. Attendees can sign up on the App, Online or call in. The App has been doing great and it is very easy to use. Soon they are going to add a feature where attendees can shop on the App. This App is affordable, they pay yearly but it breaks down to about \$80 per month. The App also helps them capture more data.
- St Vincent de Paul now has feminine hygiene, diapers and more baby supplies.
- COR Ministries reported their Migrant Ministries will start soon. They continue to deliver on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Their delivery numbers have remained consistent.
- Terrina reported that food prices are going up and this could impact future numbers.
- The Department of Health and Human Services is in need of volunteer Non-Emergency Medical drivers. They reimburse at .56 per mile. If interested contact Nancy Bishop.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

May 4, 2021 @1:00PM

Subcommittee Meeting Scheduled for

April 20, 2021 @ 1:00PM