



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from May 4, 2021

Attendance: Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA), Dianne Herr (SVDP), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1), Vickie Pfeifer (MSU Extension), Frank Nagle (ProMedica), Debra Davies (First Presbyterian Tecumseh), De'Angelo Boone (City of Refuge Ministries Intl), Laura Schultz Pipis (United Way of Monroe and Lenawee Counties), Nancy Bishop (Department of Health and Human Services), Anne Walker (First Presbyterian Tecumseh), Julie Conley (ProMedica), Elizabeth Seeburger (Blissfield Ministerial Food Pantry), Heather Pearce South (Food Bank of South Central Michigan), John Haught (Goodwill Industries), Kelly Elliott (Veterans Affairs), Diane Knecht (Lutheran Church of the Lakes)

■ Data Collections

- Data sheets are almost done, still need WIC information and information from the Department on Aging.
- I pulled this information after the meeting, (This is for Lenawee County Only)
 - February 2020 – 9,721 on Food Assistance \$1,076,666.00 (\$110.76 per person)
 - February 2021 – 10,128 on Food Assistance \$2,065,472.00 (\$203.94 per person)

■ Michigan Health Endowment Grant

- Stacy Tilton continues to work school-based garden activities. They continue to look at how we can resume in person activities. A group toured the gardens, if you were unable to attend Frank can set up another tour. They continue to work towards align resources to support Healthy Access to Food, Increased Educational opportunities, and Social Determinants of Health. Stacy Tilton and Julie Conley have begun work on a Facebook Live Series. This grant could purchase items that would assist with hands on learning experiences. Vicki will connect with Frank and Julie to talk about what items they use and find helpful.
- 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

- The first official HFL centralized food hub sub committee meet on April, 20th. They will continue to hold regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month.
- Minutes were shared with the group.

- Why do we need a Food Hub? Surveys will be created and shared with the pantries.
- Location? We discussed keeping centralized in the county.
- We shared information on the Village Market in Monroe- nonprofit and affordable grocery store in a food desert.
- We talked about creating the board
- Frank pointed out the need for a full market analysis and the need to establish a business plan.
- Resident involvement is needed.
- Heather Pearce stated that Jackson Co has a similar establishment. Terrina will reach out to them and ask if they would like to attend one of our meetings.
- Name Idea "Oasis" of Lenawee County.
- Info from the Core
 - Not a lot of new information. Continue to work towards creating a trauma informed community.
- 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.
 - MSUE Is holding a Virtual Grocery Store for WIC parents. It focuses on get more bang for your buck and healthy foods. They are also offering a Cooking Matters Program for parents of Morenci Students.
 - Diane Knecht reported that Lutheran Church of the Lakes has a new Fresh Food Distribution. It will be held on the Third Friday of the Month from 3-5PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

June 1, 2021 @1:00PM

Subcommittee Meeting Scheduled for

May 18, 2021 @ 1:00PM