

Planning meeting for Lenawee County's Centralized Food Hub that will support our Food Pantries.

06/15/21

In attendance; Vickie Pfeiffer, Kelley Elliott, John Haught, Debra Davis, Nancy Bishop, Laura Pipis, Diane Knecht, Madeline DeMarco

1. Plan of Action

a. Explore Surrounding Programs

- i. Last HFL Terry from Jackson County attended. They started much the same way as we are. It was exciting the here that they could offer a free service to the pantries.
- ii. We will look at Washtenaw County next. Vickie has some connections and will begin conversations with them. Deb will connect with Anne Walker about exploring her contacts.

b. Survey

- i. Debra Davies created a draft. We talked about splitting it into 2 phases.

1. The first phase will focus on introducing the food hub/oasis and what our goals are. We would ask what how it could best benefit them and encourage involvement in the planning group.
2. The second phase will be more data driven, asking how they maintain a count, how they get funding, how their pantry operates.....

c. Create a sub-committee that is a true representation of the entire county.

- i. Networking! Diane has connected with Brooklyn Pantry and St. Mary to introduce our ideas. At the next HFL we will ask active members to reach out to pantries to introduce the plan and to recruit involvement.
- ii. Nancy and Diane will both introduce the idea to Cari from the Department on Aging and ask if she could circulate the information to the Senior Centers that provide meals.
- iii. When we recruit for members, we need to ask about consumers that may be interested and helpful to the group. A youth voice could be helpful. We should also connect with the colleges; Nancy will connect with her student interns.
- iv. We need a true representation of the entire county.
- v. Diane introduced the Sling Shot Trucking program; they distribute unused produce. Diane will ask if they would like to present at the next HFL meeting. I believe that this is their webpage.

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- d. Bylaws to be done after the survey.
- e. Create a Board.
- f. Fiduciary?

Meetings are every month on the third Tuesday at 1P, the next Sub-Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 20 at 1PM.

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