



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from July 13, 2021

Attendance: Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA), Dianne Herr (SVDP), Vickie Pfeifer (MSU Extension), 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), Haley Cook (The Daily Bread), Terrina Liogghio (2-1-1)

■ Michigan Health Endowment Grant

- The Veggie Mobile continues to struggle with mechanical issues, but they are making progress. This caused the Senior Project Fresh Program to be bumped back a week. Donations from Gus Harrison for the Veggie Mobile have been great this year. St Vincent de Paul also gets donations from Gus Harrison. They cannot always use what they get and would like to know if anyone would like some of the leftovers.

■ HFL-Centralized System (Oasis)

- Plan of Action
 - We will continue to look at other counties. Anne reported that she doesn't believe there is a centralized hub in Washtenaw County. St Joe Hospital has a program like ProMedica's.
 - Deb talked about the Sling Shot Trucking Company. They distribute fresh food and often have leftovers available for donations. Slingshottrans.com
 - We still need to recruit more involvement. We need representatives from the community/consumers as well.
 - The Survey will be out soon.

■ The Mobile Recovery Unit

- The Substance Abuse Coalition is seeking locations for the Mobile Recovery Unit.
 - This is a self-sufficient service; they just need a place to set up on a regular basis. Currently they are at the courthouse, but this does not appear to be the best location. They offer medical screening, Covid Tests, vaccinations, and basic bloodwork. They set up twice a month.

- It was suggested that the reach out to New Song and possible senior centers that offer meals.
- Information from the CORE
 - Madeline reported that we would like to begin having small training sessions at the HFL meetings. They would be 5-10 minutes and would help support the common agenda. We would present information as well as offer resources that could assist us.
- Agency Updates/Emerging Issues
 - The Department of Health and Human Services is scheduled for a soft opening on July 12th. Not all staff will be back in the office, but the doors will be open, and clerical will be there for assistance.
 - MSUE will start the process of reopening in the Fall.
 - Frank reported that they had staff attend the Online Food Safety class for pantries offered thru MSUE. There could be an option of an in-person training if the need is there. This is a 3-hour training.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

August 3, 2021 @1:00PM

Subcommittee Meeting Scheduled for

July 20, 2021 @ 1:00PM