



Hunger Free Lenawee!

Minutes

from December 7, 2021

Attendance: Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA), 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), Diane Herr (St Vincent de Paul), Anne Walker (Tecumseh Kiwanis), Kelly Elliott (Veterans Affairs), Dan Buchin (Christ Episcopal Church in Adrian), Julie Conley (ProMedica Farms), Vickie Pfeiffer (MSUE), Pam Byrnes (The Daily Bread)

■ Michigan Health Endowment grant – No Report

■ HFL-Centralized System

- Surveys – Thank You MSUE for putting together the Survey Results.
 - We had 14 pantries respond
 - Based on the results there is still some confusion between the Food Bank and the Food Hub
 - We need to continue to improve communication with all the pantries
 - Many of the smaller pantries have been run by the same individuals for years, many of them are aging out and will need assistance to continue.
- De'Angelo has meet with Blissfield with the goal of sharing COR Ministries model.
- De'Angelo will meet with Heather Pearce to ensure full compliance with the Food Bank.
- De'Angelo reported that they get a lot of individuals from out county locations. These individuals have stated that they like going thru COR Ministries as they can choose what they want. Knowing what they are getting helps them know what to purchase with their own funds.

■ The Hunger Free Lenawee Process

- In 2022 we will move to a more formalized process. This is needed to support grant opportunities for all HFL members.
- We will create membership, vote on minutes, agendas and create Bylaws, Nancy will send out drafts of Bylaws started years ago.
- Nancy will ensure that all Agenda's and Minutes from 2021 are organized and shared.

■ LENC/Core Report

- LENC meets today at 3PM. AT the LENC meeting we are going to discuss how to best share the Common Agenda with all sub-committees (creating a trauma informed community) This information will be shared at HFL's January Meeting.

■ Sub-Committee Reports

- United Way

- They have received some applications for their Vaccine Hesitancy Grant, expect more information about this grant
- They are going to do a 21-week equity challenge. It will begin the week of Martin Luther King Day and will go thru June Teenth, a flyer will come out soon.
- St Vincent de Paul had a busy November, they distributed over 135 Thanksgiving Basket and so far, December has been busy as well.
- MSUE is doing in person programing. They are planning a cooking for one class in January. This will occur at the Demo Kitchen and all covid safety precautions will be in place.
- Heather Pearce reported that the Food Bank distributed over 1 million pounds of food into Lenawee County.
- Anne Walker reported that Habitat for Humanity has discontinued their Pasty Project fund raiser.
- De'Angelo thanked all the volunteers that assisted with their Fresh Food Distribution.
- The Department of Health and Human Services needs Volunteer Drivers. These drivers assist Medicaid Clients with getting to their medical appointments.

2022 Meetings

Hunger Free Lenawee Regular Meetings will continue to be on the first Tuesday of the Month at 1PM.

January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4,
November 1, December 6

Food Hub Sub-Committee Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 1PM

January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20,
October 18, November 15, December 20

Bylaws Sub-Committee will meet after the Food Hub Sub-Committee Meetings at 2PM (these will occur long enough to get Bylaws written, it will not be a long-standing sub-committee)