

Lenawee County Continuum of Care  
Meeting Minutes  
9-13-16

**Present:** Mick Albig, Elizabeth Salerno, Audreka Jacob, Kathy Craig, T Gaster, Nancy Bishop, Samantha Tubbs, Beth McCullough, Susan King, Tim Ruple, Barb Salenbien, Amber Kreichbaum, Dagmar McKinney, Robin Aldrich, David Brevort, Chris Howard, Helen Henricks, Gay Conduff, Bill Riorian

1. Approval of Minutes: Envoy Gaspar motions to accept the minutes for September. Audrika Jacob seconded. Passed with all in favor.
2. Dagmar McKinney from MSHDA updated the group:
  - Vouchers are again being pulled from the waiting list. We have 218 housing choice vouchers, 9 project based vouchers at Carriage House and 7 project based vouchers at Legacy Housing.
  - The fair market value will change October 1, 2016.
  - The Family Self Sufficiency Program is available to help clients with credit issues, budgeting and also can be used as a saving plan.
  - Also shared what MSHDA looks for when inspecting a unit before they are able to assist with rent. Also, rent and utility for an apartment cannot exceed MSHDA's pay standards.
  - Gave information on Landlord Guidelines when working with Section 8.
3. The Executive Committee met and drew up a code of conduct and a complaint procedure to be added to the Continuum of Care by-laws. Beth McCullough motioned to accept the two new additions to the bylaws. Jan seconded. Motion passed.
4. Grant funding updates: MSHDA grant was approved. HUD grant has been submitted. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is meeting on 9-14-16.
5. Homeless Awareness month is November and the Public Awareness Committee will be starting soon and needs help.
6. Project Connect is 1-25-17. Help is needed and a sign-up sheet was sent around to put together committees to work on Project Connect and Homeless Awareness Month. The Unsheltered Point in Time count is also required this year on 1-25-17.
7. Lenawee Core and LENC update was discussed. Nancy Bishop and Elizabeth Salerno will report to the Core group on 10-5-16 about the work of Continuum of Care.
8. Helen Henricks reported on Share the Warmth. It will open October 10<sup>th</sup> to mid-April. Share the Warmth and The Salvation Army are two separate organizations even though Share the Warmth is housed at The Salvation Army. Share the Warmth are exploring the possibility of having a full year shelter. They also have outgrown The Salvation Army and may move next year. There are also some added services:
  - Dial a ride tickets
  - Transportation to rehab services and referrals to rehab services
  - Shower vouchers for the YMCA
  - Overnight motel vouchers for families that show up at Share the Warmth
9. Gay Gunduff shared info on Domestic Violence awareness month, which is October. They have a 5K Glow Run, Walk a Mile in her shoes.
10. Housing Help has a fundraiser at the Burger restaurant in the mall. Housing Help has openings in their emergency shelter program, transitional housing program and permanent supportive housing.
11. Veterans Affairs has funding for rental assistance for war time veterans.