



Lenawee County Continuum of Care January 10, 2017 minutes

Present: Samantha Tubbs, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schulz Pipis, Julie Artinian Callaway, Shannon Lucas, Helen Henricks, Bill Riordan, Dave Brevoort, Lynne Punnett, Christal Albig, Robin Aldrich, Mick Albig, Tami Farnum, Candy Aranda, Barb Salenbien, Olivia Ehret, Audricka Jacob, Julie Laughlin, Kathy Craig, Beth McCullough

1. Introductions
2. Approved minutes from December 13, 2016 as written.
3. Sub-Committee reports:
 - Project Connect: Financial Literacy, Getting Ahead and Home Buyer education pre-purchase seminars will be by the "Show Me the Money" grant. We currently have \$1475.68 for this event. \$1246 has already been allocated for rent of the fairgrounds, insurance for the event and a WABJ remote at the event. The next planning meeting for Project Connect is Thursday the 15th at 10:00 at DHHS.
 - Public Awareness: Dochas II has the newspaper article for next month. In 2 months we will be at the end of the 10 year plan to end homelessness.
 - Homeless Youth: Roadmap to Graduation has 2 students currently with 2 more possible.
4. Funding updates: HUD made announcements on funding. We received 3 of the 4 initiatives we applied for. 1. Coc planning grant 2. Legacy Housing and 3. Rapid rehousing. We did not receive HMIS funding.
5. Homeless Preference List: They have pulled 10 people in the last week. There are still 7 on the list. There are 24 to 26 people in the county in various stages of receiving a voucher.
6. Agency updates:
 - On February 23rd the Core Group is conducting a training on Community Collaborative at LISD.
 - Tami Farnum** from Supportive Services for Veterans asked the Coc for a formal letter of support for the renewal of their grant. Their accomplishments of the last year include: During fiscal year 2016 in Lenawee County, they spent \$68,552 in TFA. From October 2015 to September 2016 that have had 28 clients enrolled. 10 obtained housing. 5 maintained housing and 7 clients already had employment or got employment while in their program. Three clients received financial assistance to move. Two clients received assistance for transportation and five clients received emergency assistance. They help veterans by providing case managements, supportive services and appropriate referrals.

Their outreach over the year has been with community agencies, VFW's and Legions, police stations, parks, campgrounds, encampments, gas stations and bars/restaurants. The Coc members present voted unanimously to write a letter of support.

-**Mick Albig** updated us on the "Miable" presentation yesterday. This is a new law that was passed and makes it easier for persons with disabilities to have and use savings accounts.

-**Shannon Lucas** from Legal Aid discussed the eviction diversion program.

-**Helen Henricks** discussed the need for a handicapped accessible facility for Share the Warmth. There have been two instances where the hospital released individuals to Share the Warmth. These individuals had great difficulties with stairs.

-**Lynne Punnett** shared that Habitat for Humanity is going to have an informational meeting on Thursday January 19, 2017.

-**MSU** extension is having a "Rent Smart" workshop on January 25th, 2017.

-**CAA's VITA** program will do free taxes for any veterans and also has free tax preparation for anyone with an income up to \$54,000.