

Lenawee County Continuum of Care  
at Family Counseling and Children's Services

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

In attendance: Olivia Ehret, Lynne Punnett, Chris Howard, Jackie Bradley, Shannon Lucas, Barb Salenbien, Samantha Tubbs, Nicole Reinhardt, Tricia Commet, Susan King, Dave Brevort, Bill Riordan, Helen Henricks, Elizabeth Salerno, Terry Gaster, Laura Schultz Pipis, Robin Aldrich, Tim Ruple, Audricka Jacob, Kathy Craig, Beth McCullough, Nancy Bishop, Linda Schu

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lynne Punnett to approve previous minutes, supported by Olivia Ehret. Motion Carried.

1. Nicole Reinhardt from LISD came to speak with us about the blessing box that they will be opening at the William Ross building on N. Adrian Hwy. This box will contain non-perishable food items and toiletries for those in need to come and take anonymously. The box will remain unlocked and is accessible from the Kiwanis Trail. The box will be opening this week, so please feel free to let clients/anyone in need know about it. They are hoping that this will be self-sustaining, so also feel free to drop off items for donation.
2. Executive nominations: Beth McCoullough and Olivia Ehret will be switching roles. Olivia will be taking on the secretarial role and Beth will be taking on the role of member at large. This was voted on and the motion was carried.
3. Annual Meeting discussion:
  - a. The executive committee has been meeting and decided that instead of looking at what has been done over the past year that it would be nice to see what has happened since we began our 10 year plan to end homelessness. Attached is a list of our accomplishments. Please note that this does not include every project that has been done in our county, but if there is something that you would like to add, please email, either Nancy Bishop or Olivia Ehret and we will add. Additions that were discussed at the meeting were:
    - i. The immense growth of Project Connect since its beginning! It really goes above and beyond.
    - ii. We have transitioned from having Homeless Awareness week to Homeless Awareness MONTH!
    - iii. Habitat for Humanity has launched its repairs program.
    - iv. Salvation Army has launched its Pathway of Hope program
4. Goals Moving Forward:
  - a. It was decided that we will continue to write articles for the telegram each month and will remove the countdown to the end of the 10 year plan.
  - b. It was discussed what our community's unmet needs are and how we can focus on those needs. Through those discussions we came up with four subcommittees for this group, they are as follows:

- i. Short Term Emergency Shelters: Shannon Lucas, Samantha Tubbs, Helen Henricks, Tim Ruple, Robin Aldrich, Laura Schultz Pipis, Elizabeth Selerno, Bill Riordan, Olivia Ehret
  - ii. Public Awareness/Outreach: Nancy Bishop, Robin Aldrich, Elizabeth Selerno,
  - iii. Homeless Youth: Chris Howard, Barb Salenbein, Beth McCullough, Robin Aldrich, Terry Gaster, Goodwill Representative
  - iv. Affordable Housing/Policy/Advocacy: Lynne Punnett, Jackie Bradley, Shannon Lucas, Audricka Jacob, Tricia Commet, Susan King, Robin Aldrich.
5. Other Updates:
  - a. Please be on the lookout for a Memo of Understanding and please sign it and bring it with you to the next meeting.
  - b. Olivia brought up the Promedica issue of not having inpatient behavior health in the new hospital, please be on the lookout for the form letter.
  - c. Community Mental Health will be putting out a Request For Proposals for their Engagement Center.
  - d. Helen Henricks gave an update about Share the Warmth, they have been looking at a variety of funding sources for their new shelter and will continue to do so! They have also been meeting with Neighbors of Hope and have determined that their services do not overlap as they are both meeting the needs of the homeless population in our county.
  - e. The TMA Housing Study of Lenawee is underway and should be completed by the end of the summer!

Next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at Family Counseling