

Lenawee County Continuum of Care  
December 12, 2017  
Minutes

In attendance:

1. The Case by Case fundraiser raised approximately \$4500 during Homeless Awareness Month.
2. The applications for agencies interested in participating in Project Connect are due next week.
3. The Community Action Agency is requesting a letter from the CoC in support of their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant.
  - a. **Motion by Burt Fenby; supported by Lynne Punnett. Motion carried.**
4. In August, the CoC voted on a draft of a Coordinated Entry System. Technically assistance has been received from HUD on that draft and changes have been made. Both the Executive Committee and HUD support moving forward with the 11/21/17 draft.
  - a. The main access point will be Housing Help. They will complete an application and then refer the household to the appropriate resource. The resource will be responsible for collecting any necessary proof of eligibility.
  - b. One of the big changes was re: Veteran Access Point (page 5). Veterans who make first contact with CAA (SSVF Provider) will be able to apply through them, instead of being first referred to Housing Help (HARA).
  - c. Most of the other changes were to clarify wording.
  - d. The system review does not need to be finalized at this point, as it can be refined as we move forward.
  - e. Lynne questioned the use of the word "household" throughout the document. Elizabeth clarified that this was an attempt to be as inclusive as possible: a household may be an individual or family.
  - f. **Motion by Robyn to enact the 11/21/2017 draft of the Lenawee County Coordinated Entry System as presented; Supported by Barb. Motion carried.**
5. Some of the sub-group meeting places will be changing in 2018.
  - a. Low-Income Housing Advocacy will meet at the VA.
  - b. Emergency Shelter will meet in the River Raisin Room.
6. Nancy gave an updated on DHHS's Updates
  - a. The new MiBridges portal is very user friendly and the application process is much shorter – Nancy completed a test application on her phone in about 10 minutes.
  - b. MiBridges will connect with 211. If someone completes an application for Food Assistance – they will be able to see all the 211 food resources in their area.
  - c. Community Partners
    - i. Access Partner – agencies that provide physical access point to MiBridges for clients
    - ii. Referral Partner – agencies will be able receive referrals through MiBridges from clients

- iii. Navigation Partners – agencies will be able to access all MiBridges information for clients who have selected them as their specific Navigation partner
  - d. Next Steps
    - i. Identify a lead-point-of-contact for your agency.
    - ii. Attend Community Partner Webinar on January 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00 pm
- 7. There is a Hepatitis A outbreak in SE Michigan.
  - a. 600 cases, 20 fatalities, 60% hospitalization rate
  - b. There has been a case in Monroe County
  - c. Spreads quickly through homeless/shelter population
  - d. Most local health departments are offering vaccines – Nancy will follow up to the email list with local information