MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call
In attendance: Elizabeth Salerno, Samantha Tubbs, Sande Ratliff, Lynne Punnett, Christy Brugger, Clint Brugger, Helen Henricks, Mick Albig, Christal Albig, Nancy Bishop, Jackie Bradley, Jill Hicks, Patrick Clement, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Laura Reaume, Audricka Jacob, Brian Elliott, Chris Howard, Kevin Farris

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes
   a. Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented made by Clint. Supported by Laura Schultz-Pipis. Motion carried.
   b. No edits or additions to agenda.

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

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4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers (page 4)
   a. No names were pulled in July; when there’s no turnover, there’s no pull.
   b. Waitlists are still open for Legacy and Carriage House.
   c. One new homeless veteran was identified in July.
   d. There are currently openings at Oaks of Sable Point and Oaks of Adrian.
      i. Oaks of Sable Point doesn’t have anyone on the waitlist. Rent is $789 for a three bedroom. There are twelve total units and 2 are currently vacant.

5. Grants
   a. HUD FY19 CoC Program (pages 5-14)
      i. Proposals were due to the Executive Committee on 8/6 and they met on 8/7. Proposals were submitted by Housing Help of Lenawee and Catherine Cobb Safe House.
      ii. The Executive Committee made the following recommendation:

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4. New – HMIS - $36,757 – Housing Help (LEAHC)

NOT RANKED – New – CoC Planning Grant - $7,503 – Housing Help (LEAHC)

iii. Helen made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee as presented. Audricka support. The motion carried. Housing Help (LEAHC) and Catherine Cobb both abstained from the vote.

b. MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – Exhibit 1 (pages 15-16)
   i. Lynne made a motion to approve Exhibit 1 as presented. Brian seconded. The motion carried.

6. Sub-Committee Reports
   a. Public Awareness
      i. Norma Dell Courage to Care Award (page 17)
         1. Nominations are now open. The deadline to submit is 9/9 and the sub-committee will review all applications on 9/10.
         2. Award will be presented at the CoC Open House
      ii. Case by Case Fundraiser
         1. The Sub-Committee will be trying to recruit more businesses.
         2. Instead of accepting new applicants for funds, the Sub-Committee has decided to roll over the award from last year, since donations were minor in 2018.
      iii. CoC Open House
         1. This will be immediately following the November Continuum of Care meeting. The CoC has received WLEN’s Hometown Hope award for November and the live remote will be at the Open House.
      iv. Project Connect
         1. This event will be accepting sponsorships this year because most of the grant funds are no longer being offered. Walmart and Meijer were both approached.
         2. Bellus Salon has said that they will return this year.
         3. Last year this event was in the Ag Building, instead of the Merchant Building. This was nice because the Ag Building has an entrance that allows people to get out of the cold. It was recommended that we request to hold the event in the Ag Building again. Nancy will contact the Fairgrounds.

b. Homeless Youth
   i. The LISD has bought the materials for a poverty simulation. They will be hosting one on 11/11 (page 18).
   ii. Communities in Schools of Lenawee has closed as an organization. They ran the LUX closet and served 270 students last year. The LISD will be partnering with St John’s Men’s Group to fill orders moving forward.
   iii. Wacker bought laptops for all of last year’s graduating seniors who were homeless youth and are now going to college.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter
   i. Legal Services of South Central Michigan has prepared a sample answer form that tenants can use to respond when an eviction case is filed against them. It would allow them to participate in mediation.

7. Additions / Comments / Questions
   a. Housing Help of Lenawee
      i. H2L is still taking applications for their transitional housing program. This is available to families with a minimum income of at least $700 and minor children. Rent is based on income and families can stay for up to 2 years.
b. Department of Veterans Affairs  
   i. The state has granted funds to provide assistance to peacetime veterans with honorable discharges for the next two months.

c. Catherine Cobb Safe House  
   i. CCSH is hiring several new staff persons include a shelter manager and an additional therapist and case manager.  
   ii. Superhero 5k will be held on 9/28 at Riverside Park (page 20)

d. Share the Warmth  
   i. Renovations on four rooms in the basement are almost complete. One of these will be available agencies to have private space to meet with residents.  
   ii. Golf Outing will be 9/7 at Hills of Lenawee Golf Club (page 21)

e. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties  
   i. The request for proposals has closed. The Lenawee Committee will be reviewing the proposals in the next few weeks.  
   ii. The Day of Action will be coordinated with Rock the Block and will also have projects at Goodwill and the Daily Bread. Volunteers are needed.  
   iii. Health Check will be on 10/24.

f. Project Ramp  
   i. This will be added as a donor designation category for United Way’s fall campaign forms.

g. Complete Count Committee  
   i. A local logo will be available soon. Please use this to help spread awareness.

h. State of Michigan Veterans’ Employment Services  
   i. This is now under the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

8. NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2019. This will begin with a full meeting in the SPARTAN ROOM, followed by SUB-COMMITTEE meetings as scheduled.
Lenawee County Monthly Report Statistics

MSHDA Homeless Preference Waitlist:

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Housing Help of Lenawee submits the applications to MSHDA to add persons to the waitlist and handles re-certifications, when needed, to remain on the waitlist.

Community Waitlists Open:

Legacy Housing Apartments – Permanent Supportive Housing Program for chronically homeless individuals. If interested, can apply at Housing Help of Lenawee. For additional information call 517-264-0782 and ask to speak with Shannon.

Carriage House Apartment – Has a voucher waitlist for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. If interested they can apply directly at the complex.

MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report:

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Lenawee County Continuum of Care
2019 HUD Competition Funding Proposal
Review, Ranking, and Project Priority Listing
Of
Renewal, New Project, and New “Bonus” Project Applications

Introduction
The federal Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act reauthorized the 1987 McKinney-Vento Act with a renewed emphasis on performance and establishing goals and outcomes to end homelessness. To this end, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) program provides funding to support the efforts of local public and private non-profit agencies providing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Lenawee Notice
The CoC 2019 Notification of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on July 3, 2019. This NOFA along with the Lenawee Application process was posted to the Lenawee County Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/lenawee.county.CoC/) on July 5, 2019 and on the Collective Impact website (http://www.lcmha.org/lenawee-collective-impact/lenawee-essential-needs-council/continuum-of-care) on July 5, 2019. Qualifying organizations interested in applying under the Lenawee County application were to submit a letter of intent including a project description and any project level data to demonstrate the success and need for the project to the CoC Chair – Elizabeth Salerno, Housing Help of Lenawee, and CoC Secretary – Jackie Bradley, Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, by August 6, 2019.

Lenawee Executive Committee Review
Applications submitted by the deadline of August 6th were from the following organizations:

- Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC, dba Housing Help of Lenawee)
  - Continue as the Lenawee Collaborative Applicant
  - Renewal – Housing First – Rapid Re-housing project
  - Renewal – Permanent Housing – Legacy project
  - New – Bonus Project – HMIS
  - New – CoC Planning
- Catherine Cobb Safe House
  - New – DV Bonus – Rapid Rehousing project

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee met and reviewed all above requests utilizing the Lenawee Rating Tool on Wednesday August 7, 2019. Committee members in attendance were: Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Clint Brugger, Jill Hicks, Tim Ruple, Chris Howard, Lynne Punnett, and Nancy Bishop.

All Lenawee CoC Executive Committee members except Elizabeth Salerno the Executive Director of LEAHC, and Jill Hicks the Director of Catherine Cobb Safe House who abstained from the vote as being part of the applications submitted, voted unanimously to support the requests and projects which are listed in the priority listed below.

- LEAHC shall apply on behalf of the Lenawee CoC as the Collaborative Applicant
- Priority 1 – Renewal – Housing First – Rapid Re-housing project – LEAHC approved as presented
• Priority 2 – Renewal – Permanent Housing – Legacy project – LEAHC approved as presented
• Priority 3 – New – DV Bonus Project – Rapid Re-housing project – CCSH approved as presented
• Priority 4 – New – Bonus Project – HMIS – LEAHC approved as presented
• New CoC Planning Project – LEAHC approved as presented

Lenawee CoC Review
Lenawee CoC Executive Committee, Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC, dba Housing Help of Lenawee), and Catherine Cobb Safe House (CCSH) present the above priority list and the five attached proposals for approval to the full CoC board.

Lenawee County Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN): $250,110

The types of eligible projects through reallocation and new bonus projects are:
• New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that meet the Dedicated Plus requirements or where 100% of beds are dedicated for chronic homeless individuals and families
• New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) for singles and families serving households coming from streets/shelters only, including unaccompanied youth
• New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH and RRH) for serving homeless individuals or families including those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence
• New Supportive Services Only (SSO) for coordinated entry only
• New Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) for HMIS lead agencies
• New DV Bonus Project to serve survivors of DV, dating violence, and stalking.
  o Rapid Re-housing following a housing first approach
  o Joint TH and PH-RRH following a housing first approach
  o SSO Project for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC to better meet the needs of DV survivors

In addition to instructions about submitting renewal projects, this year’s NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more “bonus” project applications for up to 5% of its final pro rata need or 25% of its preliminary pro rata need, whichever is greater. Lenawee’s max is $36,757 for bonus projects.

In addition to instructions about submitting renewal projects, this year’s NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more “DV bonus” project applications for up to 10% of the preliminary pro rata need or a minimum of $50,000, whichever is higher. Lenawee’s max is $50,000.

For all renewal project and new project applications, HUD requires that the local CoC ensure the review and ranking/selection of each project is conducted. This process is completed each year by the entire rural Lenawee CoC membership, led by the CoC Executive Committee.

2019 Lenawee CoC Funding and Tier Details
Lenawee County receives approximately $103,083 in CoC funding annually and conducts a review of all CoC funded applicants every year prior to approving the submission of the CoC community & project applications. The CoC Executive Committee conducts the funding
review and ranking process along with all members of the CoC. All applicants bring materials (APR’s, etc…) to the CoC for review and approval.

As in past years, HUD requires the renewal and new projects to be ranked in two tiers. This year’s NOFA mandated the first Tier to include 94% of renewal and new funding, and the second Tier the remaining 6%.

HUD will fund all projects in Tier 1 beginning with highest scoring CoC to lowest scoring. HUD will select projects in Tier 2, in order of point value, until there are no more funds available.

Lenawee CoC Reallocation
The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee, LEAHC, and CCSH recommend no reallocation process this year.

CoC Renewal Scoring and Ranking Process
A total of two projects are up for renewal during this funding competition. The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend applying through its collaborative applicant LEAHC for two renewal grants currently held by LEAHC.

- Housing First – Rapid Re-housing Grant – LEAHC
- Legacy Housing – PH Grant – LEAHC

No HUD audits of Lenawee projects have taken place since 2007. No findings at that time.

New Bonus Project Scoring and Selection Process
In addition to renewal projects, this year’s NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit one or more “bonus” project applications for up to 5% of its FPRN or 25% of its PPRN, whichever is greater, FPRN is $250,110 for Lenawee County and up to 10% or $50,000 for DV Bonus projects. Eligible bonus projects could include:

- New PSH for Chronic homeless families and individuals
- New RRH for families/individuals coming from streets/shelters including unaccompanied youth
- New HMIS for HMIS activities, must have the HMIS lead as a recipient
- New DV Bonus for Rapid Re-housing activities, Joint TH and RRH activities, or Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry

Based on the needs of the community and the Lenawee rating tool, the Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend applying for a new HMIS project this year in the max amount of $36,757 and a DV Bonus Rapid Re-housing project in the max amount of $50,000.

CoC Planning and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Grants
This year’s NOFA provided an opportunity for all communities to submit a grant to support CoC Planning (3% of FPRN) or a UFA (1.5% FPRN). The FPRN for Lenawee County is $250,110.

The Lenawee CoC Executive Committee and LEAHC recommend applying for a CoC Planning grant in the amount of $7,503. No UFA grants were submitted.
Funding Recommendations & Ranking
Lenawee CoC Executive Committee recommend the below priority listing:

**Tier 1**
1. Renewal-Housing First-Rapid Re-housing – $90,148 – LEAHC
2. Renewal-Legacy Housing – PH Grant – $6,750 of $12,935 – LEAHC ($6,185 in Tier 2)

**Tier 2**
2. Renewal-Legacy Housing – PH Grant – $6,185 of $12,935 – LEAHC ($6,750 in Tier 1)
3. New-DV Bonus Rapid Re-housing – $50,000 – CCSVH

Tier 1 includes one renewal and one partial renewal. Tier 2 includes one partial renewal and one new DV bonus project for Rapid Re-housing and one new bonus project for HMIS.

No other applications were requested and therefore were not considered by the Lenawee CoC. The ranking above is the Lenawee CoC Project Priority Listing.

All projects fall within FPRN. No project applications were rejected. CoC Planning grants are not ranked in the tier system.

*Respectfully submitted by the Lenawee CoC Executive Committee on August 13, 2019*
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Housing First – Rapid Re-housing Project Renewal – LEAHC

Program Description:
The Rapid Re-Housing Project (RRH) serves households coming from the streets/shelters and category 4 homeless households (Fleeing DV) as well as providing support to the coordinated entry process. Through this program eligible participants receive housing case management, referrals, life skills classes, and possibly short/medium term rent assistance. This grant allows us to assist literally homeless and DV households that are ineligible for state ESG funding that has income limits in order to access assistance. The current grant began April 1, 2019 and will run through March 31, 2020.

Data:
FY2017 – 4/1/18 to 3/31/19
• 1674 program participants (adults 924, children 748)
• HMIS data quality and Universal Data Elements (UDE) are excellent
• Clients spent an average of 30 days homeless
  o Last year (2017-2018) clients spent an average of 28 days homeless
• 43% of program participants have exited to permanent housing
  o 23% of RRH program participants exited to permanent housing
• 30% of program participants have maintained or increased their total income
• 100% of program participants have received case management
• 29 households (20% of RRH program participants) consisting of 34 adults and 31 children received Housing First-RRH financial assistance to gain access to permanent housing
  o 12 households consisting of 16 adults and 15 children received HUD RRH financial assistance to gain access to permanent housing
• All funds were fully expended

Request: $90,148
• Assessment of Service Need – case manager positions to assist with application acceptance and review of applications as part of the coordinated entry process $22,872
• Case management – case manager positions for working with homeless households to assist with finding a unit, ongoing case management to assist them with maintaining the new unit once they are housed, and HMIS data entry for each client $35,351
• Life Skills – case manager position for working with homeless households with life skills such as budgeting and money management $3,761
• Rapid Re-Housing Assistance – funds to support rent and deposit assistance for eligible households $19,548
• Transportation – transportation passes for clients to access support services and seek employment, mileage cost to conduct Housing Quality Standards inspections $360
• HMIS – a portion of utility and internet costs in order to be able to complete the required data input $1,100
• Administration of the grant – Accounting staff $6,156
Housing First – Legacy Housing Project Renewal – LEAHC

Program Description:
The Legacy Housing Project provides support services for the only Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) apartments in Lenawee County. Each participant was chronically homeless at entry and receives weekly intensive case management and support services to assist with maintaining housing stability. Most of the participants in this program have now been housed for over 8 years and the rest for over two years.

Data:
FY2017 5/1/18 – 4/30/19
- Program participants (7 adults)
- HMIS data quality and UDE is excellent
- Program participants remaining in permanent housing 100% (goal 86%)
- Program participants maintained or increased income 100% (goal 71%)
- Program participants who received case management 100% (goal 100%)
- All funds were fully expended

Request: $12,935
- **Case management** – case manager position to work with tenants on a weekly basis and assist with connecting them with all resources to maintain housing stability $10,008
- **Outreach Services** – cost of internet and phone at Legacy Housing Apartments to allow tenants the ability to apply for services and jobs, cost of 24 hour crisis line $1,300
- **Transportation** – cost of transportation passes to assist tenants with getting to work and to apply for support services $100
- **Furniture** – cost of communal supplies and furnishings for Legacy Housing Apartments $581
- **Assessment of Needs** – cost to recertify tenant incomes for MSHDA certifications $56
- **Administration of the grant** – Accounting staff $890
New – HMIS – LEAHC

Program Description:
HUD requires each CoC to report annually through our Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) on the homeless programs within the CoC and in turn to report those that are utilizing HMIS. This data as well as reports pulled at the state level are used by HUD as well as state programs to determine community needs and in turn allocations for funding. In order to ensure that we have 100% of all of our homeless data entered into HMIS, we are requesting a dedicated HMIS grant as part of the bonus project process this year. These funds will be used to support Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC, dba Housing Help of Lenawee) as the system administrator for the county as well as support to ensure all data from Share the Warmth, Neighbors of Hope, and LEAHC are all entered in the time frame require by HUD and to ensure all data is accurate and of good quality. These funds will also assist with operational/technology support to ensure there are functioning systems to enter the data.

Request: $36,757

- **Equipment** – Cost to purchase computers with appropriate privacy screens to conduct data input. $2,700
- **Software** – Cost to purchase appropriate anti-virus software. $80
- **Personnel** – $28,777
  - System Administration Activities – provide support and training to all Lenawee County staff entering data into HMIS, lead collecting and submitting all HUD required reports such as PIT, HIC, SPM, AHAR, etc. $8,395
  - HMIS Data Entry – Cost to enter at a minimum all HUD Universal Data elements into HMIS for each Homeless program. $20,382
- **Space & Operations** – Cost to provide utilities at the location that HMIS data is to be entered in order to ensure HMIS is fully operational at all times. $3,000
- **Admin** – Cost to cover administration of the grant. $2,200
New – CoC Planning Project – LEAHC

Program Description:
The CoC Planning Project is a non-renewable grant that can assist a CoC in building capacity for a fully functional CoC. These funds will provide support to assist the CoC in reviewing the Coordinated Entry system and CoC policies for HMIS administration & review, completing all HUD required annual reports and applications, while also providing support for additional project evaluation through HMIS System Administrator activities and support for helping to maintain the local data collection and reporting system for the entire CoC.

Per HUD, this project does not need to be ranked and all funding must be granted and used through the Collaborative Applicant.

Data:
HUD Required Annual Reports – reports must be pulled for the entire County and then uploaded/entered into the HUD Data Exchange (HDX)
  • System Performance Measures (SPM)
  • Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)
  • Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
  • Point In Time Count (PIT)

Request: $7,503
  • CoC Application Activities – cost to research and apply for grants $405
  • HUD Compliance Activities – cost to complete PIT, LSA, HIC, and SPM
    o Staff – assist with data collection, review, and submission to HUD $3,221
    o Supplies – printing costs for surveys, reports, and applications $149
  • Developing CoC System – Coordinated Entry system review and review/updating CoC HMIS policy administration review $2,700
  • Project Evaluation – Maintain community wide report and provide HMIS System Administration support and reporting for all projects entering data into HMIS $1,028
Lenawee DV Rapid Rehousing Project

Program Description:

This is a Rapid Rehousing project in which the Catherine Cobb Safe House anticipates serving 5 single family households over a 12 month time frame. Participants will be literally homeless due to fleeing domestic violence. All participants will be clients of the Catherine Cobb Safe House, either through their residential or non-residential programming, prior to entering the program. Participants will receive assistance with finding and securing housing, HQS inspections of all properties, housing focused case management, life skills, referrals, deposit and rental assistance. All program data will be entered into an HMIS comparable system, Empowerdb. Reports will be provided to the funder and CoC as needed. The grant year will be April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

Data:

New application, No information available to report

Request: $50,000

- Administration of grant- $3,000 for oversite of grant.
- Rapid Rehousing Rental Assistance/Deposits- $40,105 funds for direct payment of security deposit and rental assistance for 5 households for 12 months.
- Transportation- $1320 for transportation needs of participants.
- Case Management-$4680 for work related to assisting 5 households obtain and maintain housing.
- Life Skills- $895 for monthly supports related to teaching life skills to participants.
Lenawee County Continuum of Care Action Plan

The Lenawee County Continuum of Care serves as an advocacy, awareness, and planning workgroup of the Lenawee Essential Needs Council. Our mission is to meet the needs of the homeless population in Lenawee County through our involvement within the Collective Impact Process.

The purpose of this plan is to put into place a mechanism to provide homeless persons with the necessary options that will lead to permanent housing. We understand that homelessness is a complex issue with no one simple solution and we can only truly make a difference by working together across systems.

The main objective is to create a system of care to end homelessness.

1. Become a Trauma Informed community focusing on building resilience to overcome childhood trauma and prevent housing crises
   a. Generate educational programs and materials to help break the cycle of generational homelessness

2. Promote and expand existing Eviction Diversion program and Community Housing Meeting to help build relationships and inform landlords to prevent evictions and to help create more affordable housing options

3. Give a voice to people experiencing a housing crisis through advocacy, community awareness, and public education

4. Maintain and increase programming available to provide housing and support services for all homeless populations.
   a. Rapid Rehousing Projects
   b. Permanent Supportive Housing – Legacy Housing Apartments
   c. Supportive Services for Veterans Families
   d. Road Map to Graduation – Youth
   e. Emergency Shelters including motel vouchers
      i. Housing Help of Lenawee – Families, Motel Vouchers
      ii. Catherine Cobb Safe House – DV
      iii. Neighbors of Hope – Single men
      iv. Share the Warmth – Single men & women
   f. Transitional Housing
      i. Housing Help of Lenawee – Families
      ii. Neighbors of Hope – Women & Children
      iii. Catherine Cobb Safe House – Women & Children
**Equal Access and Gender Identity Policy**

The office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued their final rule on Equal Access in accordance to an individual’s gender in 2016 to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and families from discrimination. To this end HUD mandated that all HUD funded programs including Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) adopt an official policy following this rule.

The Lenawee County Continuum of Care (CoC) mandates that all programs receiving any state or federal funding must adhere to the below policy allowing for equal access for all persons within all housing programs.

- All programs are open to all eligible individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status
- Inquiries of gender identity may be made only to determine appropriate program eligibility (ex. if a shelter only serves men or women) or to determine number of bedroom allowances in accordance with program guideline
- No individual is required to provide documentation of their gender identity nor should they be subjected to intrusive questions to prove or determine their gender identity
- No individual or family shall be denied services they would otherwise be eligible for based solely on their sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status
- Each program is mandated to have progressive discipline to handle harassment/discrimination between program participants and should at the minimum follow the below guidelines
  - The individual or family that is the victim of harassment/discrimination is to be held harmless and no disciplinary measures should be taken against them
  - For the first offense the perpetrator of the harassment/discrimination will receive a verbal warning
  - For the second offense the perpetrator will receive a written warning along with a warning that if the harassment/discrimination continues they could be terminated from the program
- All shelter programs must make reasonable accommodations when necessary to provide a safe sleeping and bathing environment for each individual or family. (ex. If a man that identifies as a woman is in a men’s shelter with group bathing facility may offer a separate showering time for the individual if the individual requires that.) All accommodations should be based on the needs of the individual or family and not to specifically segregate them from other program participants.

July 2018
Do you know someone who has the "Courage to Care" by working to end homelessness?

The Norma Dell “Courage to Care” award recognizes the efforts of an individual or agency working to alleviate homelessness in Lenawee County. It will be presented to an individual or group who has made significant improvements in:
1) Creating permanent affordable housing;
2) Creating and coordinating homeless prevention services;
3) Advocating for the homeless populations; and/or
4) Providing homeless prevention services within Lenawee County.

The Lenawee County Continuum of Care is accepting nominations for the 14th Annual Norma Dell “Courage to Care” award. This award will be presented at the Homeless Awareness Awards Luncheon. A few of the past recipients of this award include: Norma Dell, OP, Share the Warmth, Warren Vassar, Beth McCullough, Captain Gordon Knight and Lenawee Housing Development Coalition.

To nominate, please complete the following and return it by September 9, 2019.

Contact Information of Nominated Person or Nominated Agency

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ____________________

Please explain the reasons for nomination

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Contact Information of Person Making the Nomination

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: ____________________

Return completed nomination form no later than Monday, September 9th to the Housing Help of Lenawee office located at 307 E. Church St. in Adrian or send to:

Mail: Housing Help of Lenawee, PO Box 692, Adrian, MI 49221
Fax: 517-264-5862
Email: esalerno@h2lenawee.org
39.7 million Americans, including 15 million children, live in poverty. Many more have incomes above the poverty line but low enough to qualify for Food Stamps and Medicaid. It’s difficult for those who have enough to understand the daily decisions these families must make and the fears and frustrations that they feel. You are invited to walk in their shoes by participating in the Community Action Poverty Simulation.

Join us on November 11, 2019 from 9AM – 12PM at the LISD TECH Center to participate in a simulation where you must provide for your family and maintain your home on a limited budget. A discussion will follow. If you are interested in participating, please register on WisdomWhere.

In addition to simulation participants, 16-18 volunteers are needed to play specific roles in the simulation. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Stephanie at 517-265-1619 or at stephanie.jacobs@lisd.us.
JOIN US:
MARIA'S SUNNYSIDE TACO TRUCK
AUGUST 22, 2019
11AM-1PM

CARTER REHABILITATION CENTER
1525 W MAUMEE STREET
ADRIAN, MI 49221

10% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO THE
LENAWEE VETERANS DIRE NEED PROGRAM.
CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!!!!!
CATHERINE COBB SAFE HOUSE
SUPERHEROES 5K
&
KIDS FUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE

We need your help to stop the Evil Villain "Domestic Violence" before it conquers Lenawee County. Please join forces with us at our Superheroes 5K & Kids Fun Run on September 28, 2019 to Stop Domestic Violence in Lenawee County.

Held at: Riverside Park- 321 McKenzie Street, Adrian, MI

TO BENEFIT THE CATHERINE COBB SAFE HOUSE
Share the Warmth of Lenawee

4th Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, September 7th

- $100 Per Person
- Cart Provided
- Hole in One Prize
- Drawings and More

Coffee & Donuts AM
Lunches and Snacks Provided on Course

Hills of Lenawee Golf Club
4110 Country Club Road
Adrian, Michigan 49221

Scramble Format
- Registration—9AM
- Shotgun Start—10AM

Please sign up early!

Register online at:
https://tinyurl.com/y4pgljgk

For More Information Contact:
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