



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
April 14, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Tim Ruple, Clint Brugger, Jackie Bradley, Samantha Tubbs, Elizabeth Salerno, Sande Ratliff, Brian Elliott, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Tami Farnum, Becky Selenko, Nancy Bishop, Connie Carroll, Dannielys Fernandez, Robin Aldrich, Audricka Jacob, Chris Howard, Christal Albigh, Ted Crockett, Jill Hicks, Lynne Punnett

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. Vote postponed.

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

April	Catherine Cobb	Jill Hicks
May	Habitat for Humanity	Lynne Punnett
June	Head Start	Dannielys Fernandez

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. Housing Help's report was sent via email. MSHDA has not provided March's report yet.

5. Grants

- a. HUD Continuum of Care Competition Program Funding (Tier 2)
 - i. Tier 2 information was released. Lenawee received the rest of the Legacy grant, but the DV Bonus and HMIS grants were not approved.
- b. Request for Support: Community Action Agency ~~SSVF~~
 - i. This request for support is not for SSVF, as was stated in the Agenda. This is a transition in place program for veterans. The grant would allow CAA to have 5 available beds in Lenawee County where veterans can be housed; the veterans can then take over the lease as they achieve stability. CAA would be able to assist each individual for up to 12 months, with a rotating stock of 5 beds over the course of the 3 year grant period. They have identified landlords willing to participate. CAA would provide case management, in coordination with any VA services.
 - ii. **Motion to provide a Letter of Support for Community Action Agency's proposal was made by Laura. Seconded by Nancy. The motion carried, with CAA abstaining.**
- c. SSVF has been awarded an additional \$300,000 to assist veterans during this time. Additionally, some restrictions have been lifted.
- d. The Lenawee Department of Veterans Affairs has peace time money available through 9/30.
- e. Housing Help will be receiving additional funds through ESG. They are anticipating approximately 1.5 times the usual award, but are still waiting on exact amount. Some restrictions are also expected to be lifted. Once details are finalized, they may want a letter from the CoC.
- f. Community Service Block Grant funds to supplement emergency assistance will be made available through CAA. This is intended to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet and is expected to be fairly flexible.

- g. UWMLC will be giving \$20,000 to food pantries this week.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Homeless Youth

- i. Each district is submitting a plan to the ISD regarding how they will continue to meet the needs of their students for the rest of the year. The ISD will review for compliance with applicable standards. These must include plans for delivering meals, addressing access barriers, etc.

b. Public Awareness

- i. The Lenawee Essential Needs Council has a Facebook page. Please like it and share it with your networks.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. This group is continuing to collect data on affordable housing in Lenawee County.

7. Additions / Comments / Questions

a. Adrian Public Schools

- i. APS is providing hot meals for families with kids up to 18. Over 200 meals per day. No questions. HS, Draeger, Lincoln, Michener, Prairie. 10:30 – 12:30 pm. As a district, APS has done things a bit differently and we have had 6 locations open for people to come and pick up meals Michener, Adrian High School, Lincoln, Prairie, and Draeger from the hours of 10:30-12:30. Also for the families that do not have transportation we have set up a delivery system. To limit exposure when they pick up their meals this week they have given the meals for the next five days.

b. Housing Help of Lenawee

- i. The lobby is closed, but they are still accepting applications and scheduling appointments as needed.

c. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties

- i. They have made the WiFi at their Adrian office available for people to access from the Church Street parking lot. It could support up to 5 devices and can be used to access essential services online. The Router is Netgear40 and the password is brighthat940. This information is available to agencies to share as needed, but is not being widely shared with the general public.

d. DHHS

- i. Staff are primarily working remotely. There have been many changes to assistance and application processes. Nancy will send additional information via email.

e. Lenawee Department of Veteran Affairs

- i. The Lobby is closed to the public, but the office is still being staffed during regular business hours.

f. Lenawee County Health Department

- i. There are no walk in services available.
- ii. Susie Dice will be facilitating an Emergency Preparedness conversation next Tuesday from 11 – 12 pm.

g. disAbility Connections

- i. All staff are working remotely. Their focus is on connecting individuals to resources and ensuring access to education, medical services, etc.

h. Lenawee Intermediate School District

- i. The plan for Porter Center students is expected to be posted on the website on Friday.
- ii. Staff are working with counselors to award appropriate credits for high school students.

i. Goodwill

- i. Many services have been suspended and they are working with a skeleton crew. However, they are still responding to calls for needs. For example, Bixby Hospital contacted Goodwill needing scrubs, so staff was able to review their supply and provide them.
 - j. Community Action Agency
 - i. Services are still available, but staff are working remotely. The normal phone number will still route callers to staff.
 - ii. WIC benefits were extended without requiring an in-person interview and certain food restrictions were expanded.
 - iii. SSVF services are still available, but staff are working remotely. They are seeing an increased need for prevention dollars.
 - k. 2020 Census
 - i. The Census is still ongoing. Lenawee County's currently completion rate is estimated to be 53%.
 - l. Head Start & Early Head Start
 - i. Staff are working remotely. Classes are beginning to meet online. All events for April and May have been cancelled. Staff are still working to figure out how to enroll families.
 - m. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
 - i. Services are still available. The 24/7 crisis line is always open at 800-664-5005.
 - ii. Pathways Engagement Center is still open and offering recovery meetings.
 - iii. LCMHA is offering Coping with Stress and Anxiety groups to the public to assist with mental health symptoms during this time. These groups are led by a Master's Degree Clinician and are free for anyone to join. Zoom links are provided, just click the time you are attending to enter the group
 - 1. Monday thru Friday, 10:00 AM until Apr 30, 2020
 - a. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/958793604>
 - b. Call in: 1-253-215-8782 and enter meeting ID # 958 793 604
 - 2. Monday thru Friday, 02:00 PM until Apr 30, 2020
 - a. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/387633868>
 - b. Call in: 1-253-215-8782 and enter meeting ID # 387 633 868
 - n. Catherine Cobb
 - i. Services are still available. The shelter is almost at capacity.
 - o. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Once payroll protection is active, Habitat will be identifying projects for staff members to complete.
 - ii. Repair funding is on hold; over 100 people are on the waitlist for critical repairs.
 - iii. Homeowner program is on hold, as they can't perform construction.
 - iv. Neighborhood revitalization is on hold.
 - v. The Restore is closed.
 - p. Michigan Works! Southeast
 - i. Doors are locked to public, but staff are working remotely. Virtual appointments are available. The primary focus right now is on unemployment.
 - q. TTI, Inc
 - i. Services are still available. The PATH program has seen an increase in outreach numbers. Agencies and business have been helpful in identifying potentially homeless individuals.
8. NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2020. This will begin with a full meeting in the SPARTAN ROOM, followed by SUB-COMMITTEE meetings as scheduled.