



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
May 12, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Laura Schultz-Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Tim Ruple, Clint Brugger, Christal Albig, Samantha Tubbs, Paula Trentman, Ted Crockett, Lynne Punnett, Rebecca Selenko, Chris Howard, Audricka Jacob, Elizabeth Salerno, Helen Henricks, Mick Albig, Patrick Clement, Nancy Bishop, Connie Carroll, Marsha Bohannon, Brian Elliott, Dannielys Fernandex, Linda Needham, Paul Spata, Caroline Wells, Sue Hammersmith, Takisha Jones, Jill Hicks, Robin Aldrich, Mike Smith, Nicole Schalow

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes as presented made by Clint. Supported by Ted. Motion carried.**

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

	Where to Go for Help	Elizabeth Salerno
May	Habitat for Humanity	Lynne Punnett
June	Head Start	Dannielys Fernandez
July		
August		

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. The Report was emailed by Elizabeth prior to the meeting.
- b. There is an opening at Legacy House.
- c. Two new homeless veterans were identified this month.

5. Grants

- a. Housing Help received notice of MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant funds. There is \$232,214 available in Round 1 (3/1-9/30/2022).
- b. Elizabeth presented Housing Help's proposal. **Motion to approve submitting Housing Help's proposal as presented made by Lynne. Supported by Laura. Motion carried (Housing Help abstained).**
- c. Emergency Food and Shelter Program applications are due to the United Way by 5/18. The review board will meet on 5/21. Please contact Laura or Connie for more information.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Homeless Youth
 - i. Michigan Department of Education has alerted the schools of the importance of updating addresses for homeless youth, as this is how eligibility for COVID-19 related EBT is being determined and distributed.

- ii. Do'chas has some food and non-food essentials available for homeless youth. Please contact them for more information.
- b. Public Awareness
 - i. An additional article was added to the schedule for May.
 - ii. This committee is considering radio as a possible outreach strategy.
- c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter
 - i. This committee is continuing to collect data on homelessness and affordable housing. If you have any or have a request, please contact Ted.

7. Lenawee Essential Needs Council

- a. Lenawee Essential Needs Council's next meeting will be 6/2 at 3:00 pm.
- b. Housing
 - i. Housing Help has been receiving a lot of motel requests.
 - ii. Neighbors of Hope is not accepting new residents at this time, but are considering their re-open strategy.
 - iii. Catherine Cobb is still operating with no current openings. They are able to partner with hotels if a consumer needs immediate shelter.
 - iv. Share the Warmth is down to 26 residents and are not accepting new residents. They will begin a gradual increase once shelter-in-place has ended. They have been operating 24/7 since March 18th.
 - v. The moratorium on evictions for private landlords ends 5/15; for subsidized housing, it extends into July.
- c. Utilities
 - i. Community Action Agency has received funding from the United Way and the Community Foundation for utilities assistance. They also have dire needs and Community Service Block Grant funds for utilities (and other) requests.
 - ii. Anyone requesting assistance should complete the State Emergency Relief (SER) application through DHHS before contacting Community Action Agency.
 - iii. Shut off notices in the City of Adrian are up 40%. (Although notices are being issued, they will not be followed through upon at this time.)
- d. Food
 - i. Food Pantries have not reported significant increases in numbers, but they have also implemented restrictions which could also be affecting numbers.
 - ii. LENC has a mechanism for home delivery, if an individual is home bound or quarantined. Contact Nancy Bishop if you are aware of someone who might need this service.
 - iii. Website for school meal info: <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>
- e. Transportation
 - i. Transportation Task Force is meeting via Zoom on 5/27 at 10:00 am.
 - ii. MDOT has stated that they will recommend that our Mobility Manager grant be funded.
 - iii. Lenawee Transportation and Adrian Dial a Ride still providing services.
- f. Employment
 - i. The requirement to check in with MSWE to receive cash assistance has been waived.

8. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. 211
 - i. Continue to send all changes to services/hours/etc. so they can make proper referrals.
- b. Lenawee Community Foundation
 - i. LCF will be making more grants soon. They have sent out surveys to several non-profits regarding current and future needs.

- ii. They will be distributing re-opening kits to area non-profits before the end of the month.
 - iii. Resource Guide was updated today: <http://lenaweecommunityfoundation.com/resource-guide/>
- c. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties
 - i. There is still internet available from the Church Street parking lot.
- d. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Lynne is retiring in June. Wendy Knox has been hired as the new Executive Director and will begin on 6/1. Lynne will overlap slightly to ease the transition.
 - ii. A drive-by home dedication parade will be held this Sunday. Cars will line up at Michener at 1:45 pm.

9. NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2020. This will be a full meeting, location TBD.