



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
June 9, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Clint Brugger, Jackie Bradley, Brian Elliott, Ted Crockett, Tim Ruple, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Jill Hicks, Audricka Jacob, Christal Albig, Becky Selenko, Candy Aranda, Helen Henricks, Paula Trentman, Madeline DeMarco, Paul Spata, Nancy Bishop, Wendy Knox, Elizabeth Salerno, Roseann Miller, Robyn Loveland, Mick Albig, Samantha Tubbs, Lynne Punnett, Nicole Schalow

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes as presented made by Helen. Supported by Clint. The motion carried.**

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

June	Head Start	Dannielys Fernandez
July	Share the Warmth	Helen Henricks
August		

- a. The June article was submitted, but it doesn't appear to have been printed yet.

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. The report was sent via email.
b. Housing Help has been advised that there are no available vouchers for Lenawee County right now, so there won't be another pull until one opens up.
c. MSHDA has been extending re-certification dates due to COVID-19.

5. Grants

- a. Emergency Solutions Grant
i. Notice of Funding Announcement has not been issued yet, but it is expected this month.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Homeless Youth
i. No update; committee has not met due to COVID-19. The next meeting is scheduled for next week.
b. Public Awareness
i. No update; committee has not met due to COVID-19.
c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter
i. No update; committee has not met due to COVID-19.

7. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. Share the Warmth

- i. Since the Shelter-in-Place order has been lifted, Share the Warmth began accepting new residents. They will only be accepted two new individuals per week. All potential residents are now screened over the phone, then added to a waitlist, from which they pull based on need. The waitlist has approximately 10 people right now.
 - ii. If an individual shows symptoms of COVID-19 during their stay, they will be isolated until they are able to be tested and receive the results. If the test is positive, Share the Warmth will contact Housing Help to request funds to assist the individual with alternative housing while they need to be quarantined.
- b. Gender policy for shelters
 - i. Services should be provided based on individual identity, not restricted based on birth sex.
- c. Community Action Agency
 - i. Project Fresh is starting; this is a program for WIC Parents to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. CAA will be distributing coupons through curbside pick up.
 - ii. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is hoping to get back up and running next week. This will be for drop-offs by appointment only.
 - iii. Community Service Block Grant funds are now available. There is a full time staff person working to manage this program in Lenawee.
- d. Neighbors of Hope
 - i. Neighbors of Hope resumed regular operations last Monday and are currently accepting new residents one at a time until capacity is reached. Capacity is 12 and there are currently 5 residents.
- e. Catherine Cobb Safe House
 - i. There is currently space available at the shelter and motel dollars available.
 - ii. There are 23 residents currently.
- f. Housing Help of Lenawee
 - i. There is one family shelter open right now and motel dollars available.
- g. Department of Veteran Affairs
 - i. The office opened last Thursday, but they are not holding face-to-face appointments.
 - ii. There are funds available to assist both war- and peace-time veterans.
- h. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
 - i. Madeline DeMarco was introduced as the new Community Outreach Coordinator.
- i. disAbility Connections
 - i. disAbility Connections is currently distributing an unmet needs survey for anyone with a disability who lives in Jackson, Lenawee, or Hillsdale Counties. The survey can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHXJFSS>
- j. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Wendy Knox was introduced as the new Executive Director.
- k. MSHDA
 - i. MSHDA and DHHS are planning an eviction prevention webinar. It was planned for tomorrow but has been rescheduled to Thursday afternoon.
 - ii. The Homeless Preference waitlist recertification has been extended 60 days.
 - iii. MSHDA will not be awarding pay for performance dollars with 2021 funding

- iv. Rapid rehousing clients are no longer mandated to verify income at intake. They must still self-declare that their income is less than or equal to 30 AMI.

v.

l. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties

- i. Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board met and allocated approximately \$88,000 to Lenawee County organizations. UWMLC worked in tandem with the Lenawee Community Foundation to meet the need, which was much larger than usual. The Community Foundation was able to fund an additional \$62,000.
- ii. Internet continues to be available in the Church Street parking lot.
- iii. Project Ramp permits are starting to get approved as local municipalities open back up. Builds are starting this week. Each ramp costs approximately \$1800 to build. Many of the expected volunteers are not available due to COVID-19.

m. Lenawee Community Foundation

- i. PPE kits have been delivered
- ii. If you receive funds, but haven't provided your EFT paperwork, please do so ASAP.
- iii. Reach out with any unmet needs.

8. NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2020. This will be a full meeting, location TBD.