



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
August 11, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Laura Schultz-Pipis, Chris Howard, Jackie Bradley, Robin Aldrich, Samantha Tubbs, Tim Ruple, Ted Crockett, Helen Henricks, Clint Brugger, Wendy Knox, Elizabeth Salerno, Madeline DeMarco, Brian Elliott, Robyn Loveland, Nancy Bishop, Angie Shepherd, Mick Albig, Becky Selenko, Takisha Jones, Christal Albig, Audricka Jacob

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve made by Laura Schultz-Pipis. Supported by Ted Crockett. Motion carried.**

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

August		Nancy Bishop
September	SSVF	Ted Crockett
October	Catherine Cobb	Jill Hicks

- a. The August article was submitted.

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. Report was emailed to the group prior to the meeting.
- b. Re-certifications will not continue to be extended. This means that individuals who are on the waitlist will need to contact Housing Help to complete this process.

5. Grants

- a. Emergency Solutions Grant was submitted to MSHDA timely. Exhibit 1 is due at the end of the month.
- b. HUD has not released NOFA. However, they have provided Grant Inventory Worksheets and these are usually released shortly before the NOFA.
- c. The United Way's annual request for proposals will be going out this week. Currently funded agencies will receive notice directly. There will be a wider announcement via 211.
- d. MDHHS made the decision to push the Emergency Shelter Program grant application process to tentatively next spring. Takisha will provide updates as that time approaches.

6. VOTE: Executive Committee

a. Nominations:

Chair	Elizabeth Salerno
Vice Chair	Clint Brugger
Secretary	Madeline DeMarco
Treasurer	Laura Schultz-Pipis
Members-at-Large (5)	Nancy Bishop, Jill Hicks, Chris Howard, Tim Ruple

- b. **Motion to accept nominations as presented made by Helen Henricks. Supported by Ted Crockett. Motion carried.**

7. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Homeless Youth

- i. There is an unaffiliated Facebook group that coordinates a backpack drive/distribution for kids. The distribution will take place on August 15th from 10-6:30 at Fairfield Baptist Church. They are requesting a non-perishable donation in exchange for a backpack; food donations go to Fishes and Loaves. Social distancing will be observed; no appointments.
- ii. If you are interested in joining this sub-committee, contact Chris.

b. Public Awareness

- i. Homeless Awareness Month is November. Planning will begin soon.
- ii. If you are interested in joining this sub-committee, contact Nancy or Elizabeth.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. This group is hoping to develop an affordable housing plan for the community that can be presented to organizations/ stakeholders. Members committed to educate themselves about affordable housing and best practices. This group will meet monthly for the foreseeable future.
- ii. If you are interested in joining this sub-committee, contact Clint.

8. Additions / Comments / Questions

a. Share the Warmth

- i. Share the Warmth stopped taking new residents due to latest COVID-19 surge. Helen will be meeting with the Health Department to discuss options to re-open safely.
- ii. The Annual Golf Outing will be held September 19th.

b. Neighbors of Hope

- i. Neighbors of Hope Men's Ministry has three available beds right now. Women's and Children's may have openings, please contact them directly.
- ii. The best way to contact them right now is at info@neighborsofhope.com

c. Housing Help

- i. Both family shelters are full right now. There are still motel vouchers and other assistance funds available.

d. LCMHA

- i. All services are still being offered.

e. Michigan Works! South East

- i. MWSE is now open by appointment; only one customer is allowed at a time.

f. DHHS

- i. DHHS staff will begin to transition back to the offices once the state is at Level 5.

g. Community Action Agency

- i. Virtual classes are available:
 - 1. Mystery of Credit Scores – 9/9 from 10 – 11:30 am
 - 2. Crisis Budgeting – 9/10 from 10 – Noon
 - 3. Foreclosure – 9/10 from 2-3 pm
 - 4. Homebuyer Ed – 9/19 from 9 am – 1 pm
- ii. CAA is hiring for several positions. More information is available on the website
- iii. The Governor has issued an Executive Order that all migrant farmworkers be tested by 8/24. There are approximately 250 migrant workers in Lenawee County. According to the order, the grower is responsible for ensuring that this happens that people who test

positive are able to isolate themselves. There is a stipend available to the workers who must isolate.

- h. Goodwill
 - i. Goodwill is winding down their summer programs and trying to plan for school re-openings.
- i. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Rock the Block will be focused on East Maumee Street on 9/11-12. Anyone interested in volunteering can sign up on the Habitat website. Social distancing and masks will be required.
 - ii. There will be two new builds this year.
- j. UWMLC
 - i. Day of Action will be coordinated with Habitat's Rock the Block.
- k. Veteran's Affairs
 - i. Meijer vouchers are available on a first come first serve until 9/30. Additional funds are available for peacetime and wartime veterans.
- l. Project Connect / PiT Count
 - i. It is unclear what this will look like for 2021. Elizabeth will reach out to HUD for clarification.
- m. Veteran Employment Services
 - i. Assistance is still available although employees are working remotely. It is recommended that interested persons hold a remote appointment with Michigan Works first so that they can be made aware of all available assistance options.
- n. disAbility Connections
 - i. disAbility Connections is hosting a raffle for persons with disabilities who complete the Census. There will be three \$100 gift cards available. Find more information here: <http://disabilityconnect.org/Census-Giveaway/>
- o. Census 2020
 - i. Lenawee County currently has a 70.8% response rate. This is slightly above the state average.

9. NEXT MEETING: 9/8/2020. This will be a full meeting via ZOOM.