



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
September 8, 2020**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Laura Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Ted Crockett, Madeline DeMarco, Audricka Jacob, Jill Hicks, Tim Ruple, Chris Howard, Brian Elliott, Christal Albig, Robin Aldrich, Elizabeth Salerno, Shaunta Patton, Clint Brugger, Angela Shepherd, Allison Green, Ben Moe, Robyn Loveland, Helen Henricks, Shannon DeSloover, Mick Albig

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

September	SSVF	Ted Crockett
October	Catherine Cobb	Jill Hicks
November	Homeless Awareness Month	
December	CAA	Clint Brugger

- a. September article will be submitted in the next few days.

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. The Lenawee County Homeless Numbers were shared via screen share.
- b. # added to Housing Preference waitlist in August 2020: 23
- c. # pulled by Housing Agent in August 2020: 0
 - i. ~20 people have already been pulled so far in September
- d. Legacy has 1 opening for a chronically homeless individual.
- e. Carriage House Apartment has a voucher waitlist for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units.
- f. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in previous month: 0
 - ii. Number of new homeless veterans identified this month: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed this month: 0

5. Grants

- a. MDHHS: PPE grant - Due today (9/8). Forwarded to the group by Elizabeth Salerno.
- b. CoC Program - No update from HUD yet.
- c. MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant- Everything submitted on time for the 2021 grant year.
- d. Per Diem Program - SSVF has received the grant per diem for veterans program.
 - i. This program should start in the next fiscal year. It will initially provide funds for 5 beds, and will then expand to Hillsdale and Jackson in years 2 and 3 of the grant.
- e. UWMLC: Their annual request for proposals are due on September 28th @ 5:00pm.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Public Awareness

- i. Met on August 26th to discuss homeless awareness month.
- ii. Nominations for the Norma Dell Courage to Care Award are due by September 22nd. Voting will happen on September 23rd. The award presentation will either happen via Facebook Live or a pre-recorded video posted to Facebook.
- iii. Considering virtual options for Homeless Awareness Month. The discussion included:
 1. Trying to do a virtual collection drive through a platform like Amazon Wishlist.
 2. Creating a kick-off video at the beginning of the month detailing the plans and events for the month, and then a wrap-up video for the end of the month.
 3. Thinking of creative ways to get shelter supplies – potentially a virtual basket/food drive.
 - a. There is a subcommittee meeting in conjunction with Hunger Free Lenawee tomorrow (9/9) to discuss virtual food drives.
 4. Supporting the normal calendar events that would occur during Homeless Awareness Month such as the Salvation Army Kettle Drives.
- iv. Not doing Case By Case this year due to COVID-19 challenges.
- v. Next meeting is tomorrow (9/9) @ 1:30. They are meeting every other week.
 1. If you are interested in joining the committee, email Elizabeth Salerno (esalerno@h2lenawee.org) or Nancy Bishop (bishopn2@michigan.gov).

b. Homeless Youth

- i. Trying to create a job description to help find someone to volunteer with LUX.
- ii. Most unaccompanied homeless students seem to have opted for online/distance learning rather than in-person.
 1. Suggestion from Clint Brugger for schools to incorporate a daily check-list question for virtual learners along the lines of “Did you eat breakfast and lunch yesterday?” to help screen for those in need.
- iii. Motel vouchers
 1. LISD’s federal grant can no longer be used for hotel money. This grant money has to be specifically spent on education/enrichment items such as tutoring, mentoring, and school supplies.
 - a. Hotel money can be provided if LISD receives donations to do so.
 2. Housing Help does have money for motel vouchers! Minors would have to have an adult in the household in order to qualify.
 3. Based on the governor’s order regarding testing migrant farm workers for COVID-19, discussion was had about any motels in Lenawee County that would be willing to take patients who test positive for COVID-19.
 - a. There are motels in Dundee and Jackson willing to take folks positive for COVID-19.
 - b. Travel Lodge in Lenawee County might be willing to host folks.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. Met on September 23rd.
- ii. Many members of the subcommittee were able to attend a free virtual conference on Affordable Housing and learned a lot.
- iii. The City of Adrian is modifying their park hours (now closed from dawn to dusk) and seeking to add an ordinance prohibiting camping on public or private property without permission. Effectively, this will kick out the homeless folks staying in those parks without having an alternative place for them to go due to complaints from citizens along Trestle Park. It was suggested that CoC should have a response to this decision.

1. There is a city council meeting tonight (9/8) to discuss this issue. As many CoC members as possible should plan to attend this meeting to urge the city to collaborate with CoC in order to come up with a plan.
 - a. **Anyone who attends this meeting should email the full coalition after the meeting detailing how it went.**
2. It would be helpful to know how many folks are affected by these changes.
 - a. TTI offered to help with this. **Shaunta Patton will coordinate some dates with Housing Help to do this count:**
 - i. Monday, 9/14 @ 8:00am
 - ii. Friday, 9/18 2 8:00am
3. Helen Henricks proposed using Bohn Pool to temporarily house folks.
 - a. **There are conditions that have historically been involved with this option. Elizabeth Salerno will ask about using ESG dollars to help pay for insurance and utility fees. Helen will look up this estimated cost.**
 - b. Would still need staffing there 24/7.
4. Suggestion from Clint Brugger to reach out to any local churches who would be willing to provide a place for folks to go.
 - iv. **Request to have someone from TTI on this subcommittee. Clint will send meeting details to both Shaunta and Sande.**
1. TTI is also trying to build a network of reporters to respond to reports of homeless folks to help them begin the re-housing process.

7. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. Virtual Homeless Summit will take place on October 28-29.
- b. Face masks:
 - i. CAA has a large donation of disposable of masks from Ford.
 - ii. DHHS has many reusable cloth masks. Reach out to Nancy Bishop (bishopn2@michigan.gov) if you would like any.
- c. UWMLC:
 - i. October's Health Check event is cancelled. The next Health Check is April 22nd, 2021.
 - ii. Day of Action is scheduled for Friday (9/11).
 1. Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block is cancelled due to new outdoor gathering restrictions
 - iii. Launching a virtual 21-day equity challenge that will occur from October 1-20. Check the [UW website](#) for more information.
- d. September is the last month to complete the census! Please urge folks to complete that ASAP!
 - i. disAbility Connections is offering a \$100 giveaway for disabled folks that complete the census.

8. NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2020. This will be a full meeting via Zoom.