



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care  
via Zoom  
October 13, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**1. Introductions / Roll Call**

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz Pipis, Ted Crockett, Amanda Truman, Nancy Bishop, Angie Shepherd, Tim Ruple, Chris Howard, Takisha Jones, Shannon DeSloover, Audricka Jacob, Samantha Tubbs, Christal Albig, Clint Brugger, Brian Elliott, Sande Ratliff, Robin Aldrich, Diana Siscoe, Kaylee Williams, Cass Hollenbeck, De'Angelo Boone, Helen Henricks, Roseann Miller, Jill Hicks, Mick Albig

**2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes**

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

**3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles**

<b>October</b>	Catherine Cobb	Jill Hicks
<b>November</b>	Homeless Awareness Month	Elizabeth Salerno (calendar + Norma Dell Courage to Care Award)
<b>December</b>	CAA	Clint Brugger

- a. October article was sent over yesterday.  
b. **Elizabeth will verify that SSVF's article ran in September.**

**4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers**

- a. The Lenawee County Homeless Numbers were shared via screen share.  
b. # added to Housing Preference waitlist in September 2020: 19  
c. # pulled by Housing Agent in September 2020: 20  
i. 25 have been pulled so far in October  
d. Legacy has 1 vacancy and no waitlist. Carriage House has a voucher waitlist.  
e. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report  
i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in previous month: 0  
ii. Number of new homeless veterans identified this month: 1  
iii. # of homeless veterans housed this month: 0  
iv. A few are still looking for housing

**5. Diana Siscoe: Vouchers in Lenawee County**

- a. Diana is the new MSHDA Housing Agent for Lenawee County. They have the same staff as before, all that has changed is the organization's name: Housing Choices, L.L.C..  
i. Officers are still closed for walk-ins, but staff are in the building to answer emails and phone calls. There is a drop-box for paperwork on Concord.  
ii. Briefings will be done via conference call. **Housing Help will help send out the informational packets.**  
b. 206 Housing Choice Vouchers have been distributed in the county. There are still 14 vacant vouchers that need to be filled.

- i. 1207 people are on the regular waiting list
- ii. 75 people are on the homeless waiting list
- iii. Carriage House: 12 people are on the voucher waitlist for a 1-bedroom unit; 7 people are on the waitlist for a 2-bedroom unit.
- iv. Legacy: has 1 vacancy but no one on the waitlist
  - 1. Criteria: documented disability, chronically homeless (living on the streets or in shelters for 12 months within the last 3 years). 3<sup>rd</sup> party documentation of chronic homelessness from an agency or organization (not just a friend/family member) is required.
    - a. TTI can help with the verification process. Call Shaunta Patton if you know anyone in need.
- v. 20 names were pulled on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 14 were denied due to nonresponse. 6 sent in the required paperwork and are being worked with.
- vi. 25 names were pulled on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This paperwork should go out soon.
- c. MSHDA sent out a flyer about the Future Frontliners program.
- d. Also offering two programs:
  - i. Family Self-Sufficiency Program – helps create an escrow for participants that they can use for things such as a down payment on a house or to furnish a home.
  - ii. Key To Own Homeownership Program – helps participants transfer their rental voucher into a homeownership voucher. Legacy residents are not eligible for this program.

## 6. Grants

- a. CoC Program – still haven't heard anything from HUD about this

## 7. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Public Awareness
  - i. Homeless Awareness Month
    - 1. Elizabeth emailed out a preliminary draft of the Homeless Awareness Month events calendar. Please email Elizabeth Salerno (esalerno@h2lenawee.org) with any additions you have for the calendar and she will make sure they get added. The calendar will get sent out to the community via 211 and the Telegram.
  - ii. CoC is the Hometown Hope for November
    - 1. 3 PSAs
    - 2. Live remote is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. More information will come out soon about scheduling who will speak when.
  - iii. Needs Collection: November 17<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Spoke with Ben Negron from Meijer about a possible partnership. We will have to submit an official application.
      - a. Our wish list will be kept at the service desk. We would be in charge of marketing it. Meijer will get donated items to our drop locations:
        - i. United Way
        - ii. Housing Help
        - iii. Human Services Building
      - b. Working to create some sort of incentive for participants (free drink and a drawing for a pizza)
  - iv. Project Connect
    - 1. Looking at doing a drive-up event with give-aways tied in.
  - v. Norma Dell Courage to Care Award
    - 1. Nominations were gone through at end of September. The group approved of having Lynne Punnett as the recipient!

- vi. Next CoC meeting = Open House! Still planning on a Zoom meeting, but would incorporate something like Facebook Live to present the Norma Dell Courage to Care Award.

- 1. If anyone knows of clients who would be interested in sharing their stories, please send them to Elizabeth Salerno. Featuring someone who was assisted through the Eviction Diversion Program would be a great way to feature this new program.

b. Homeless Youth

- i. LUX numbers for Aug-Sept: 297 items of clothing given away.
- ii. Roadmap meeting next Friday – hopefully getting a student connected
- iii. District Liaison – meeting next Friday, hoping to get homeless numbers then
- iv. Gus Harrison is buying shoes again this year
- v. Struggling to identify absent students.
- vi. Trying to do something for Homeless Awareness month – will be discussing creative virtual activities. Some schools will host a Pajama-Rama and Adrian Public Schools will be doing a virtual turkey drive that will provide gift cards for families to use at County Market/

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. Hoping to work with Human Relations Commission (HRC) to come up with a plan regarding Adrian's decision to ban camping in the parks.
  - 1. HRC has decided to investigate the issue and discover what resources exist. They want to have conversations with the existing shelters and those affected by the ordinance to understand their perspective and what effects this decision is having on them personally. Ultimately, the HRC wants to offer resources that consumers are more likely to accept and understand why people aren't accepting existing resources. This will be a community effort: HRC can't solve the problem alone!
  - 2. HRC's next meeting is October 27<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month). The meeting link is typically posted on the [City of Adrian's website](#) the week of the meeting.
  - 3. The HRC is the outreach arm of the City. Many of the social issues and grievances residents have with the City get filed with the HRC who then helps offer solutions to the City Commissioners.
- ii. Clint will be sending out the information for the next meeting soon

8. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. Share the Warmth: beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>, they will be operation on a 24/7 basis for the next 6-months because many guests have nowhere else to go during the day. If guests choose to leave during the day, they can't come back until the check-in time (5:30pm).
- b. DisAbility Connections: Friday, 10/16, @ 7:00pm is their virtual fundraiser, [Chuckles for Charity](#). This will be a free, live comedy show on both their [Facebook page](#) and YouTube. They are also hosting a Raffle happening now on [their website](#).
- c. United Way: currently in the middle of their 21-Day Equity Challenge. If you're interested, it's not too late! Let email Laura (lpipis@unitedwaymlc.org) know and she can sign you up.
- d. Neighbors of Hope: Woven Hope is now open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12pm-6pm.
- e. City of Refuge: their meal assistance program deliveries will continue throughout the winter for folks within the City of Adrian. They are beginning to open for walk-ups.

9. NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2020. This is our Open House and will be a full meeting via Zoom.