



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
via Zoom
January 12, 2021**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Pipis, Tim Ruple, Clint Brugger, Audricka Jacob, Ted Crockett, Angie Shepherd, Robyn Loveland, Becky Selenko, Samantha Tubbs, Nancy Bishop, Takisha Jones, Mick Albig, Tami Farnum, Jill Hicks, Brian Elliott, Allison Green, Helen Henricks

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

January	Neighbors of Hope	Tim Ruple
February	???	???
March	Housing Help – Point In Time data	Elizabeth Salerno

- a. **If you would like to publish an article for February, please let Madeline or Elizabeth know ASAP!**

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. # added to Housing Preference waitlist in December 2020: 17
- b. # pulled by Housing Agent in December 2020: 60
 - i. MSHDA has not issued their monthly report yet
 - ii. 3 people were scheduled for briefings via phone on December 9, 2020
- c. Community Waitlists:
 - i. Legacy has 2 vacancies. Interested folks can apply at Housing Help of Lenawee.
 - ii. Carriage House's voucher waitlist is open for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.
- d. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in previous month: 1
 - ii. Number of new homeless veterans identified this month: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed this month: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 1

5. Grants

- a. ESG-CV Round 2 NOFA Grant
 - i. Application was submitted by Elizabeth before Christmas and was successfully received.
- b. HUD
 - i. This year, they are doing conditional grant approval instead of the normal competition. The registration info was sent out for fiscal year 2021 competition. Applicants should just have to login to the website and make sure all the information is up to date.
- c. SSVF
 - i. They have received additional CARES money this year that was spent by July. Additional funding was then issued to all SSVF grantees beginning Jan 1st. That will get

spent first, and then they will move into the funds for fiscal year 2021. However, SSVF needs to send a letter of intent, along with a budget and support letters from their CoCs in order to receive funds for fiscal year 2022. These funds can be used for more than just housing – they can be used for food, car repairs, emergency supplies, paying rent, etc. A motion to approve writing SSVF a letter of support was made by Laura, seconded by Audricka. The motion passes. CAA abstained from voting.

d. UWMLC

- i. Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP) Grant applications are due on January 19th. They will meet next week to go over the applications. There is \$52,291 to give out. Send your EFSP applications to Connie Carroll at clcarroll@unitedwaymlc.org.
- e. More CARES Act funds were approved in December. Lenawee County will be receiving \$3.5 million from these funds to use for rental assistance. This process will likely be similar to the eviction diversion program, but there is a webinar tomorrow morning to learn more. We do know that 65% of the allocated funds need to be spent by the end of September or the money could get reallocated, with the goal of having all the allocated funds spent by the end of 2021. This is a lot of money to spend. As a result, we will probably need to hire more staff to process everything. The good news is that folks are already interested in the funds! However, applicants will also have to be patient with their applications as it could take a while to process everything.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Public Awareness

- i. Their primary focus is Project Connect. The location has been moved to the Bus Barn at 377 Logan Street and will be held from 9:00am-11:00am. The Health Department will be there for the rest of the day. Masks will be required. Folks will still be able to walk up and obtain materials that way.
 1. If you have materials you would like to submit for Project Connect, please submit them to Housing Help by the week before the event. You should submit enough print materials for at least 200 households. The lobby is currently locked, but if you knock on the door to drop things off, someone will answer it.
 2. Pantries will be giving away food boxes.
 3. Shannon will email out the draft of the Point in Time survey. This will be administered as folks drive through the event. There will be no exit survey this year.
 4. We have plenty of funding this year:
 - a. \$2,500 from Walmart
 - b. \$500 gift card from Meijer
 - c. \$75 from Busch'sSome of this money can be used to purchase advertising. Our options are: (1) \$315 for 25 60-second ads airing on WLEN or (2) \$630 for 25 60-second ads on each WLEN and Q95.
 - d. Clint moved to approve the second option. Tim supported. The group approved the motion by consensus.
- ii. We have been approved to be the Hometown Hope for the month of November.
- iii. The next subcommittee is January 13, 2021 @ 1:30pm. Email Nancy or Elizabeth for the Zoom link.

b. Homeless Youth

- i. No updates.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. No updates. The group is trying to set up a regular date to meet.

1. Clint has been working with De'Angelo Boone to come up with a plan for the Adrian's new park ordinance. Since at least 3 groups are working on this issue (Human Relations Commission, Lenawee Financial Stability Coalition, and the Affordable Housing Subcommittee), it would make the most sense if we came up with a larger cohesive plan, with individual group responsibilities.
- ii. Email Clint if you're interested in joining the subgroup!

7. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. LSAPC – They are discussing the possibility of bringing a mobile substance use disorder (SUD) clinic to Lenawee County. In addition to SUD services, she would also be able to provide basic health care and screenings. The provider is pretty self-sufficient, she just needs a place to park. It was brought up that shelters could be a good place to park the unit. Share the Warmth and CAA are potentially interested in offering their parking lots. **If anyone else is interested, please reach out to Madeline.**
- b. LCHMA – A virtual town hall will be held on January 21st @ 6:00pm via Zoom. This will be to present the results of the report assessing the state of behavioral health crisis services in Lenawee County after the only inpatient behavioral health unit closed. Please check out their website and [Facebook page](#) to learn more. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!
- c. Housing Help – One of their transitional housing units is open for a family with minor children (rent based on income). There is another opening potentially coming soon. They still have veteran's funds and motel dollars. Please keep referring folks in need to Housing Help!
- d. Share the Warmth – 2 of their volunteers have shown COVID symptoms. Their guests recently tested negative, but they are unable to take new folks in until everyone is tested again.
- e. LFSC – They meet monthly on the 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am. Sen. Zorn is coming to their February meeting. **If anyone would like to participate in that meeting or be added to the email list, reach out to Madeline or Clint.**
- f. CAA – Please spread the word about their Rent for Success classes (formerly known as Rent Smart). Lenawee residents that successfully complete the course receive a \$50 stipend. Pre-registration is a requirement.
- g. United Way – Another round of 21-day racial equity challenge is beginning on Feb. 1st. January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. There is a Panel Forum scheduled for January 28th @ 7:00pm.
- h. Neighbors of Hope – The men's ministry is going through a transition as the manager is on temporary medical leave. As a result, they are not taking anyone in for the rest of the week as they bring the temporary manager up to speed. When they open again, they will have a few beds open. The Women's Ministry recently experienced a few cases of COVID and were on lockdown through yesterday.
- i. Veteran's Funds – They have wartime funds, peacetime funds, and Meijer vouchers available. They can also individually help an organization with various projects at a \$20/hour rate. Contact the store if you have a project you'd like folks to help with
- j. VITA – Their tax appointments will begin scheduling late next week. Taxes will be done on a drop-off basis this year. They will start going through taxes on February 8th.
- k. Health Department – Free COVID testing is continuing at the transportation barn. They have added Wednesday to their schedule from 10:00am-3:30pm. Testing can be scheduled [online](#), no questions asked. COVID vaccinations have also begun. If you're interested in finding out when you're eligible for the vaccine, [visit the website](#) and fill out the form to be notified when you're eligible to schedule an appointment.
- l. Catherine Cobb – They have space available at the shelter!

8. **NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2021. This will be a full meeting via Zoom.**