



Lenawee County Continuum of Care via Zoom July 13, 2021

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Takisha Jones, Wendy Knox, Brian Elliott, Emma Salazar, Clint Brugger, Angie Shepherd, Samantha Tubbs, Kelly Castleberry, Capt. Jacob Tripp, Shannon DeSlover, Roseann Miller

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

July	Habitat for Humanity	Wendy Knox
August	Recovery Month	Jackie Bradley
September	LISD	Chris Howard
October	Catherine Cobb – Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks

- a. If you notice that an article hasn't been printed, please let Elizabeth know.
- b. **If you would like to publish an article, please let Madeline or Elizabeth know!** Articles should be submitted by the last week of the month. They should be about 1-page (single-spaced) in length, typed.

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers

- a. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist in June, 2021: 19
- b. # added to Homeless on Homeless Preference List: 25
- c. # pulled by Housing Agent in June, 2021: 16
- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in June, 2021: 10
- e. Community Waitlists:
 - i. Legacy Housing Apartments: Chronically homeless individuals can apply at Housing Help of Lenawee. This is the only permanent supportive housing program in Lenawee County. These apartments are for chronically homeless individuals with a disability (documentation is required for both).
 - ii. Carriage House's voucher waitlist is open for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.
- f. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in previous month:
 - ii. Number of new homeless veterans identified this month: 1
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed this month: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 1

5. Grants

a. HUD

- i. No updates regarding this year's process. Updates are typically received around this time each year, so watch your email for notifications about this grant.

b. ESG NOFA

- i. Housing Help was the only submission and is recommended for approval by the CoC Executive Committee.
- ii. **Motion to approve the application as presented made by Clint. Supported by Jackie. The motion carried. Housing Help of Lenawee abstained from the vote.**

6. Collective Impact Core Updates

- a. The CoC is part of Lenawee County's Collective Impact Core. Our common agenda is trauma-informed care and resiliency. To help further this agenda, beginning in August we will spend a few minutes at each meeting providing a brief learning segment about a related topic. This will include resources to take it further and opportunities to discuss with one another how we can increase resiliency in the housing sector.

7. Exec Committee Updates

- a. The subcommittees will review and edit their statement of purpose.

Please send these documents to Madeline

- b. The Exec Committee is compiling a survey for the full CoC group. This will ask about topics such as your CoC onboarding process and way of doing business. The hope is to use this information to update our by-laws and MOUs. We are hoping to have the survey results to share with the group in August, and then have our organizational documents revised for the September meeting.

Please submit the survey when it is sent to you!

8. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Public Awareness

- i. Working on a version of the Case-By-Case fundraiser. The subcommittee is looking into getting a raffle license. Current prizes includes a voucher to win a La-Z-Boy chair and a zoo pass. The raffle will take place at the First Friday event in September.

Send contributions for the raffle's prize to this sub-committee!

b. Homeless Youth

- i. No updates.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. There's a lot of moving pieces in the community of folks talking about this issue.
- ii. Kelly is working to set-up a meeting for August.

9. Meeting in Person

- a. When we go back to meeting in-person, we'd like to utilize a meeting space that has internet connectivity in order to facilitate hybrid meetings.

i. Elizabeth will reach out to the Community Foundation about holding our meetings there.

ii. Clint will reach out to the County Commission about installing Wi-Fi in the Human Services Building.

iii. Plan for our August meeting to be in-person

- b. Do we want to resume our pre-pandemic meeting format of having sub-committee meetings after the full-member meeting?
 - i. The group consensus is “yes”!
- 10. Additions / Comments / Questions
 - a. Housing Help –
 - i. Opening back-up to the public on July 19th.
 - b. CAA –
 - i. Opening back-up to the public on August 1st.
 - ii. Project Fresh – will begin the last week in July. This will be a curbside program again.
 - iii. Looking to partner with a Mobile Recovery Unit to offer medication-assisted treatment to the community. Share the Warmth is also interested!
 - c. DisAbility Connections –
 - i. Can provide tablets and internet service for folks in need
 - d. MDHHS –
 - i. In need of volunteer drivers for non-emergency medical appointments. Volunteers do get reimbursed for their mileage!
 - e. UWMLC –
 - i. Received a grant from the State to increase vaccination rates in Lenawee County. They will be putting out an RFP soon.
 - f. MWSE –
 - i. Still doing appointments as of right now. Adult education is offered virtually. Hoping to re-start in-person trainings soon.
 - g. Salvation Army –
 - i. Resuming in-person food pantry. Hoping to start in-person dining at the end of July: dependent on recruiting enough volunteers.
 - h. Every Door is the Right Door –
 - i. August 6 @ 8:30am at the Human Services Building. This is a great opportunity for Human Services organizations to learn more about the other agencies and resources available in Lenawee County. Participants will receive a free virtual resource guide and get great networking opportunities. You can rsvp to attend [using this link](#) or by emailing Madeline at mdemarco@lcmha.org.
 - i. LCMHA –
 - i. Has launched myStrength, a new wellness app available to community members. myStrength offers custom online tools to help you overcome the challenges you face and stay mentally strong. It’s all safe, secure, and personalized to support your goals and well-being. Tools are offered in both English and Spanish.
 - 1. To sign-up, visit www.mystrength.com, click “Sign Up,” enter the Access Code (LENAWEE), and complete the sign-up process.

11. NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2021. This will be a full meeting IN PERSON – Location to be confirmed.