



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
Hybrid (Virtually via Zoom and In-Person at LCF)
August 10, 2021**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Pipis, Paula Trentman, Ted Crockett, Shannon DeSloover, Jill Hicks, Jackie Bradley, Audricka Jacob, Chris Howard, Kelly Castleberry, Christal Albig, Brian Elliot, Angie Shepherd, Robyn Loveland, Nancy Bishop, Tim Ruple, Luke Day, Becky Selenko, Amy Sweinhagen, Takisha Jones, Allison Green

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

August	Recovery Month	Jackie Bradley
September	LISD	Chris Howard
October	Catherine Cobb – Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks
November	Homeless Awareness Month	Nancy Bishop
December	???	???

- 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 July, 2021: 6
- b. # added to Homeless on Homeless Preference List: n/a
- c. # pulled by Housing Agent in July, 2021: 30
- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in July, 2021: 0
- 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). A unit should become available soon.
 - 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: 0
 - 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: 2

- v. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0

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. DHHS ESP Grant

- i. Due August 13th! The grant is open to anyone in the State of Michigan currently providing emergency shelter. This grant will begin on October 1st. Please read all the application requirements and provider manual thoroughly as there are some changes regarding the per diem. There is also a recorded Q&A about the process available.

c. UWMLC

- i. Their annual request for proposals is now live. Please contact Laura Schultz Pipis with questions.
- ii. They have a grant for vaccine hesitancy. If you have a creative idea to help folks in Lenawee County get vaccinated, please submit an application.

d. Lenawee Community Foundation

- i. Please reach out to the LCF with any COVID-related needs that you have. Applications for their funding are due on September 1st.

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, we will start spending 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. Thank you to everyone who completed the Membership Survey! Madeline shared a summary of the results of at the meeting. The key take-aways are:
 - We would like to implement a formalized orientation process
 - We communicate well among ourselves, but can do better raising awareness among the public and government entities
 - We see value in having a clear, formalized advocacy strategy
 - We want to provide services through a trauma-informed lens

The Exec Committee has two planning meetings scheduled in August to discuss the results in more detail and come up with related action steps. **These meetings will be open the full-membership for anyone who wants to participate.** They will be held via Zoom on August 12 @ 11:00am and August 23 @ 1:00pm.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Public Awareness

- i. Helen Henricks will be receiving the Norma Dell Courage to Care Award.
- ii. This year's Case-By-Case lottery will feature \$10/1 ticket, \$25/3 tickets. **Everyone in the CoC is challenged to sell 10 tickets.** Prizes so far include a La-Z-Boy chair, a family fun pack, a golf pack, U-M football tickets, and dinner packages. Ticket sales will begin at the beginning of November and continue until the drawing on December 3rd or until they're sold out.
 - 1. The flyer, tickets, and newspaper release will be released soon.
 - 2. The CoC is the Hometown Hope recipient for November on WLEN.
- iii. Other Homeless Awareness Month events include:
 - 1. Open House instead of our usual CoC meeting

- 2. Live Remote with WLEN
- 3. First Friday activities
- iv. The next Project Connect will either be a drive-through event or in-person at the fairgrounds depending on the COVID-19 situation.
- v. Human Relations Commission Town Hall About Housing
 - 1. No decisions were made at the last meeting because a quorum was not met. During this meeting, they discussed holding a housing town hall and asking local agencies such as Housing Help, LCMHA, and law enforcement to show the public how they interact with each other. It would also be an opportunity for community members to ask questions. A final decision about the format and date will be made at the next HRC meeting.

vi. The Public Awareness Subcommittee is always looking for more members if you're interested in joining!

- b. Homeless Youth
 - i. No grant funding from the ARP funds has been received yet. Once local entities receive their funding, Chris will work with them on creating a spending plan. Hopefully more information to share soon!
- c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter
 - i. Have not met yet.

9. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. Mobility Manager
 - i. Please encourage folks to call (517) 257-9845 if they are in need of transportation. Misty Pope, the Mobility Manager, does not provide transportation services, but can help connect folks to existing resources in Lenawee County.
- b. ARPA Funding
 - i. County Commissioners will soon decide how to spend \$19.4 million of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds and they are seeking resident input to determine priorities. Please take the time to [complete this very important survey](#). The survey asks us to prioritize various categories ranging from funding for parks/recreation, to housing, to substance abuse programs. Please also share this link to help get as many responses as possible!
- c. Day of HOPE
 - i. The Lenawee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is hosting a Day of HOPE (Health Ownership, Prevention, and Education) on August 31st from 2:00 – 6:00pm at the Adrian Farmer's Market. In honor of International Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month, this will be a family-friendly event featuring local behavioral health and wellness resources. This will include COVID-19 vaccines, free yoga classes, and food trucks!
- d. MCAH
 - i. Hosting a Free Equal Access webinar Monday (8/16) at 1:30pm. Link to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8_lx5AwSna4sk65rhKNrQ
- e. Health Department
 - i. All the County buildings have gone back to require face coverings regardless of vaccination status.
 - ii. On-site vaccination clinics are held regularly at the Health Department. No appointment or I.D. is needed. All 3 vaccines are available.
- f. Catherine Cobb
 - i. Almost back to full-capacity. They have funding to house survivors outside of the shelter if needed, so please continue to connect folks with the shelter.
- g. Share the Warmth
 - i. Slowly but surely returning to full-capacity. Additional staff has been hired to help support their increased capacity.

h. Neighbors of Hope

- i. Not taking any new folks at this time. The new men's shelter is tentatively about 2-months out from use. The women and children's ministry will not likely be accepting new folks until the beginning of September due to maintenance.

i. Housing Help

- i. 1 transitional unit is accepting applications. Their emergency shelter is currently full but will be accepting applications soon.

10. NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2021. If COVID-19 guidance allows, this will be a full hybrid meeting: via Zoom and in-person at the Lenawee Community Foundation. If not, we will meet virtually via Zoom.