



Lenawee County Continuum of Care Virtually via Zoom September 14, 2021

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz Pipis, Clint Brugger, Ted Crockett, Chris Howard, Tim Ruple, Kelly Castleberry, Wendy Knox, Jill Hicks, Angie Shepherd, Robyn Loveland, Emily Pickney, Samantha Tubbs, Amy Sweinhagen, Audricka Jacob, Brian Elliott, Mayor Angie Sword Heath, Jackie Bradley

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

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 (those added to the Housing Preference list are automatically added to the EHV waitlist)

- a. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist in August, 2021: 14
- b. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List in August: 10
- c. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist in August, 2021: 10
- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list in August, 2021: 5
- e. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in August, 2021: 10
- f. Community Waitlists:
 - i. Legacy Housing Apartments: These apartments are for chronically homeless individuals with a disability (documentation is required for both). This is the only permanent supportive housing program in Lenawee County. Chronically homeless individuals can apply at Housing Help of Lenawee – call (517) 264-0782 and ask to speak with Shannon.
 - ii. Carriage House's voucher waitlist is open for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.
- g. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in previous month: 1
 - 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: 3
- v. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
 - 1. Habitat is still looking for a family for their Veteran's build. Active duty folks would also qualify for this. Habitat is hoping to have the project completed in the Spring.

5. Grants

- a. HUD NOFA
 - i. The application is LIVE! **All proposals need to be emailed to the CoC Executive Committee by 5:00pm on October 1st.**
- b. UWMLC
 - i. Their annual request for proposals is live through September 27th at 5:00pm. Please contact Laura Schultz Pipis with questions.
 - ii. There is still funding available for their vaccine hesitancy grant. If you have a creative idea to help folks in Lenawee County get vaccinated, please submit an application.

6. Membership Survey

- a. The Exec Committee met twice in August to review the results of the membership survey and create some action steps and a corresponding timeframe.
 - i. CoC Orientation – We will create an orientation to introduce new members to the CoC. This orientation was presented to the full-membership as a reminder of what the CoC is and what we do.
 - 1. We will add an additional part to the orientation materials that includes the action steps and roles taken by the CoC.
 - ii. Advocacy – We want to create an Advocacy Action Plan (and action plans for the other sub-committees) by the April meeting. There was a discussion about whether advocacy could best be accomplished via its own subcommittee or part of each subcommittee. We decided that Public Awareness will have broad oversight of advocacy with each workgroup having a specific advocacy priority.
 - 1. We would need to do some education or trainings in order to build the CoC's advocacy skills and knowledge.
 - a. **Jackie Bradley will put together a workgroup to help create an advocacy primer for the CoC. Please email her (jbradley@lcmha.org) if you would like to join that groups.**
 - iii. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter – Should this be two separate groups again?
 - 1. There are potential opportunities to collaborate with other community groups such as One Lenawee working on affordable housing. It's important to stay informed about what other groups in the community are doing around this issue.
 - a. **Madeline will ask One Lenawee if they would like to receive a presentation from the CoC about the work that we're doing.**
 - iv. The CoC voted on action plan in the summer of 2019.

7. Collective Impact Core Updates – coming next month (for real actually this time)!

8. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Public Awareness
 - i. Open House - Helen's family will help with this November event.
 - ii. Case-By-Case Raffle - Prizes have been finalized: a Laz-Z-Boy recliner voucher, a golf package, and a football package.
 - iii. Project Connect - There are plans for two options depending on the COVID situation that will be finalized when the event is closer.

iv. Human Relations Commission

1. The HRC wants to do another town hall focused on housing. They would like this town hall (to be held in October) to feature different organizations working in housing in order to emphasize how all the groups are working together.
 - a. Pre-meeting on Sept 28th @ 6:00pm – the HRC would like folks from the CoC to come and talk about their potential goals and desired outcomes from the upcoming townhall.

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

- b. Homeless Youth
 - i. No updates.
- c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter
 - i. Have not met.
 - ii. Lynne Punnett is willing to share her previous experience as the chair of this sub-committee with the current chair.

9. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. disAbility Connections
 - i. [The Inclusion Event](#): October 7th @ 7:00pm. This event will feature architect and Paralympian Ileana Rodriguez who will be talking about inclusive design.
- b. CAA
 - i. Drive-Through Flu Clinic on September 29th from 12:00pm – 6:00pm.
- c. 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.
- d. Ride Lenawee
 - i. This is a great service for anyone looking to travel between downtown Adrian, downtown Tecumseh, MJR, and the YMCA and Hickman Hospital campus. There is financial assistance available for folks that need it.
- e. Habitat for Humanity
 - i. Send Veterans or active-duty service members in need of housing to Habitat for their Veterans build!
- f. eRace Stigma
 - i. September 26th @ 9:00am. You can sign-up [using this link](#).
- g. Neighbors of Hope
 - i. They are hosting a [job fair](#) on September 17th from 10:00am – 2:00pm and 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Carlton Lodge Conference Room (1629 W Maumee St.)
- h. Veterans Affairs
 - i. Has money for wartime Veterans.

10. NEXT MEETING: October 12, 2021. This will likely be virtual. If COVID-19 guidance allows, this will be a full hybrid meeting: via Zoom and in-person at the Lenawee Community Foundation.