



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

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Jackie Bradley, Jill Hicks, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Shannon DeSloover, Amy Sweinhagen, Emily Pickney, Robyn Loveland, Alison Prielipp, Angie Shepherd, Wendy Knox, Samantha Tubbs, Brian Elliott, Nicole Beagle, Becky Selenko, Mick Albig, Ted Crockett, Kelly Castleberry

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

December	How CoC meets community needs; Recruitment	Nancy Bishop
January	CAA - LEAD	Natalie Loop
February	???	???
March	???	???

- a. Ted Crockett will write an article for SSVF around Memorial Day in 2022, Catherine Cobb will do October, 2022.
- b. If you notice that an article hasn't been printed, please let Elizabeth know.
- c. **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:
 - i. October, 2021: 14
 - ii. November, 2021: 9
- b. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List in:
 - i. October, 2021: n/a
 - ii. November, 2021: n/a
- c. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist in:
 - i. October, 2021: n/a
 - ii. November, 2021: n/a
- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list in:
 - i. October, 2021: 0
 - ii. November, 2021: 15
- e. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in:
 - i. October, 2021: 10

- ii. November, 2021: 0
- 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. There are currently 3 1-bedroom units available. 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:
 - 1. October, 2021: 2
 - 2. November, 2021: 0
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified in:
 - 1. October, 2021: 0
 - 2. November, 2021: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed in:
 - 1. October, 2021: 0
 - 2. November, 2021: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 3
 - v. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0

5. Grants

- a. MSHDA ESG waivers
 - i. Applications were submitted to MSHDA in October.
- b. Racial Equity Action Plan
 - i. This was submitted with our HUD application in November. We are waiting for a response from HUD to see if our grants are approved or not. This approval will likely not come until early 2022.
- c. SSVF Shallow Subsidy
 - i. Shallow Subsidy funding has been received. These funds can fund up to 50% of a veteran’s rent for up to 2 years, given consent from SSVF, the landlord, and the veteran. SSVF is planning for this program to open in early 2022.
 - ii. SSVF is hiring someone to coordinate the Shallow Subsidy Program throughout the counties.
- d. CERA
 - i. An additional CERA grant is coming. We’re anticipating that this grant will come through in early 2022. Between rent and utilities, we’re currently spending about \$500,000 per month through CERA.

6. Membership Survey

- a. We have primarily been focusing on advocacy since our last meeting.

7. Collective Impact Core Updates

- a. Clint was unable to attend today’s meeting, so our update for this month has been postponed until the January meeting. In January, we will be talking about the [impact of trauma on organizations](#). You can prepare for this conversation by:
 - Reading more about the [Sanctuary Model](#) developed by Dr. Sandra Bloom.
 - Using [Trauma-Informed Oregon's](#) Screening Tool to see where your organization is at on the process of becoming trauma-informed.

- Talking to your leadership team about using MDHHS's Becoming Trauma Informed Toolkit for your organization.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Public Awareness

i. Homeless Awareness Month

1. The raffle earned \$1,635 for emergency motel vouchers. Winners of the raffle have been notified. There is a Facebook Live of the drawing on the [Continuum of Care's Facebook page](#) if you'd like to watch it. Thank you to everyone who participated!

ii. Thank-A-Vet

1. This year's fundraiser raised over \$34,000 for the Veterans Dire Need Fund– the most they've ever raised!

iii. Human Relations Commission Town Hall

1. The Town Hall went well and filled the whole time, even with everyone not being able to attend. If you weren't able to attend the town hall, the recording is available on the [Continuum of Care's Facebook Page](#).

iv. Collection Drive

1. Thank you to everyone who donated! The committee is currently working on organizing all the donations so that shelters can pick-up their donations before the holidays.

v. Project Connect

1. Project Connect will be a drive-through event again this year on Tuesday, January 25 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Bus Garage. This is the committee's current focus. Their next meeting is on December 22nd @ 2:00pm if you're interested in participating.
2. The Project Connect flyer and registration form have been shared with the community. **Please submit the form if you're interested in participating, and share the flyer around the community as appropriate. If your organization will be providing flyers, pens, or other things to participants, they need to be submitted 1 week prior to the event (January 18th). Please provide enough materials for at least 200 participants.** Salvation Army and the Food Bank will be supplying meals and food boxes to participants.
3. The committee is hoping to improve marketing and promotions around the event this year.
4. The Point-in-Time count will still be happening at this event.

b. Homeless Youth

i. No updates.

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter

- i. We're hoping to get something together for January. **Please let Kelly know if you have time to talk about things with her this month.**

d. Advocacy

- i. The committee has pulled a lot of great resources around advocacy and is compiling them into a toolkit that will cover the basics of advocacy. We're planning to have this toolkit available in the spring.

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. 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.
- c. LCMHA
 - i. LCMHA is offering both Motivational Interview trainings and Mental Health First Aid trainings to the community in 2022. The first Mental Health First Aid training will be on February 9th, and the first Motivational Interview training will be on March 29-30. You can register for all of these trainings on the [LCMHA website](#).
- d. UWMLC
 - i. UWMLC will be offering their 21-week Equity Challenge beginning on MLK Jr. Day through Juneteenth.
- e. disAbility Connections
 - i. disAbility Connections can help folks access COVID-19 vaccines + boosters if they are homebound or having trouble accessing clinics.
- f. Catherine Cobb
 - i. The Safe House is currently at capacity but has funding to assist with motel stays. Please continue sending survivors their way for housing assistance.
- g. MI Works!
 - i. If you're working with veterans to find employment, you can refer them to MI Works! to fill out a military service questionnaire to see if they're eligible for additional assistance.
- h. MICAH
 - i. MICAH is hosting a free Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training on Monday, December 20 from 1:00 – 2:30pm. Please use [this link](#) to register and access more information.

10. NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting.