



# **Lenawee County Continuum of Care** **Virtually via Zoom** **January 11, 2022**

## **MINUTES**

### 1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Christal Albig, Wendy Knox, Shannon DeSloover, Brian Elliott, VeronCia Daffin, Chris Howard, Jackie Bradley, Emily Pickney, Clint Brugger, Nancy Bishop, Samantha Tubbs, Ted Crockett, Tami Farnum, Angie Shepherd, Alison Prielipp, Allison Green, Becky Selenko, Jill Hicks, Audricka Jacob

### 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

<b>January</b>	SSVF	Ted Crockett - SSVF
<b>February</b>	VITA	Tami Farnum - CAA
<b>March</b>	UpCycle Challenge	Wendy Knox – Habitat for Humanity
<b>April</b>	Point in Time Count	Elizabeth Salerno - CoC
<b>May</b>	LEAD	CAA
<b>June</b>	???	???
<b>July</b>	???	???
<b>August</b>	???	???
<b>September</b>	???	???
<b>October</b>	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
<b>November</b>	???	???
<b>December</b>	???	???

- 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 December, 2021: 16
- b. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List in December, 2021: n/a
- c. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist in December, 2021: n/a

- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list in December, 2021: 30
- e. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in December, 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 December, 2021: 0
  - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified in December, 2021: 1
  - iii. # of homeless veterans housed in December, 2021: 2
  - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing in December, 2021: 0
  - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 2
  - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
- h. Please send any data you have about how long it's been taking folks to find shelter to Lynne Punnett. This will help demonstrate the need for more affordable housing services in our community.**

## 5. Grants

- a. MSHDA NOFA – Recovery Housing Program (RHP)
  - i. MSHDA has a new funding opportunity to help folks living with a substance use disorder find housing. This will be due on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Funded applicants will be notified on April 1st.
- b. CERA
  - i. More information about CERA 2 was received. This is a separate grant from the first CERA grant we received. The grants are similar, with a few more restrictions in the CERA 2 grant. Primarily, CERA 2 stipulates that only CERA 2 funds can be in March. Lenawee County will be receiving about \$750,000 with some money set aside for utilities to expend by March 31st. In April, CERA 1 funds can be utilized again (or sooner if CERA 2 funds are spent down before then). If the State meets these spend-down guidelines, more CERA 2 funds will become available. To qualify, applicants need to be past due in rent as of December 20, 2021. Applicants need to be past due on rent to qualify for any assistance, including utility assistance. Income documentation will now be required, and applicants must have a valid Michigan ID.
- c. SSVF
  - i. CAA is asking for a letter of support for their grant renewal. Over the past year, 10 veterans were served. Some of the services provided to veterans include: \$80 spent on transportation, over \$100 on cellphone stipends, \$800 spent on emergency supplies (bedding, kitchen utensils, trashcans, etc), over \$2,000 spent on emergency housing, \$304 were spent on utility assistance, and \$900 on security deposits. The grant renewal would help CAA provide rental assistance and case management to veterans in Lenawee County.
  - ii. **Motion to offer a letter of support was made by Laura. Supported by Jill. CAA abstained from voting. The motion carried.**
- d. Emergency Food and Shelter Program
  - i. Reports are due at the end of the month. These reports are required in order to qualify for additional funding.
- e. Motel Funding

- i. Motel funds are almost used up. We will work to move some funds around so that folks can still access shelter during these cold winter months!
6. Membership Survey
  - a. We have primarily been focusing on advocacy since our last meeting.
7. Collective Impact Core Updates
  - a. This month, we discussed the [impact of trauma on organizations](#). You can take it further 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. Meeting weekly to focus on Project Connect. The priority is getting everything dropped off at Housing Help or the United Way. Folders and bags to hand out to participants will be assembled on January 19th.
      - 1. Please help share the event flyer with your network!**
      - 2. Drop-off enough flyers for 200 participants by January 18<sup>th</sup>!**
    - ii. CoC did receive the Hometown Hope award for January. Listen to WLEN (and hopefully Q95 + the Blitz) for CoC ads and a Community Conversation airing on January 24th! There will also be a morning broadcast and a live remote on the day of the event. We are planning for some additional Facebook Live streams from the event.
  - b. Homeless Youth
    - i. 85 students participated in Shop with a Hero program for Christmas. We are still waiting on MDE for ARP funds. The sub-committee will also be meeting next week concerning the LUX program.
  - c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.
    - i. There are CoC members that attend Lenawee County's landlord group. Landlords are also interested in increasing the amount of affordable and short-term emergency shelter options in our community, and would like to have discussions with local policy-makers about community blight policies.
  - 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 to present at the April meeting.
9. Additions / Comments / Questions
  - a. Housing Help
    - i. Temporarily has their office closed and is limiting public walk-ins. They are still working with folks though and have people in the office. Mortgage assistance funds are available.
  - b. CAA
    - i. Has a limited number of COVID-19 testing kits. If folks are in need, they can call CAA's office, call 0 for the operator, and let her know they'd like a test kit. Each kit has 2 tests, and up to 6 kits / households / month can be issued. If all the kits are used, more will be available next month. KN95 masks will also be available next week.
  - c. MCAH
    - i. A schedule of their [2022 free trainings](#) is available online. They are also hosting a [trauma-informed care series](#). Email [agreen@mihomeless.org](mailto:agreen@mihomeless.org) for more information.

- d. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, and the first Motivational Interview training will be on March 29-30. You can register for all of these trainings on the [LCMHA website](#).
- e. VITA
  - i. Folks can begin scheduling appointments on January 19<sup>th</sup>. You can call 517-247-2099 or [go online](#). The first appointment day is January 31<sup>st</sup>. Some additional slots before that date may also be available. Drop-offs will be at the Human Services Building Monday/Wednesday/Friday and at CAA on the first Saturday of the months.
- f. UWMLC
  - i. UWMLC will be offering their 21-week Racial Equity Challenge beginning on MLK Jr. Day through Juneteenth. [Register online](#).
  - ii. The Lenawee Human Trafficking organization is hosting a panel presentation on January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. Email to register at [LenaweeAntiHTCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:LenaweeAntiHTCoalition@gmail.com).
  - iii. Project Ramp constructed 7 ramps this fall!
- g. Health Department
  - i. The Health Department has free drive-thru COVID testing (rapid and PCR) at the transportation garage: 377 Logan St., Adrian on MWF from 9am-2:30pm.
- h. Lenawee County Department of Veterans Affairs
  - i. Has funding for veterans, surviving spouses, and dependents needing assistance with mortgage, rent, car & house repairs, utility bills, and other items. We submit claims for Military disabilities and death benefits.
- i. disAbility Connections
  - i. Can help homebound individuals COVID-19 vaccinations. Call 517-998-3084 to schedule an appointment.
- j. Habitat for Humanity
  - i. Looking for a Military family for their Veterans Build.

**10. NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting.**