



Lenawee County Continuum of Care Virtually via Zoom February 8, 2022

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Christal Albig, VeronCia Daffin, Emily Pickney, Judy Mort-Duncan, Audricka Jacob, Ted Crockett, Renee Kimball Rouse, Jackie Bradley, Clint Brugger, Samantha Tubbs, Robyn Loveland, Tim Ruple, Angie Shepherd, Becky Selenko, Wendy Knox, Nancy Bishop, Amy Sweinhagen, Alison Prielipp, Ashley Frampton, Allison Green, Mick Albig, Brian Elliott, Jill Hicks, Mayor Angie Sword Heath

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. REMINDER: Telegram Articles

February	VITA	Tami Farnum - CAA
March	UpCycle Challenge	Wendy Knox – Habitat for Humanity
April	Point in Time Count	Elizabeth Salerno – Housing Help
May	LEAD	CAA
June	???	???
July	???	???
August	???	???
September	???	???
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
November	???	???
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 January, 2022: 13
- b. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List in January, 2022: n/a
- c. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist in January, 2022: n/a

- d. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list in January, 2022: 19
- e. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list in January, 2022: 5
- 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, Catherine, or Will.
 - 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 January, 2022: 1
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified in January, 2022: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed in January, 2022: 1
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing in January, 2022: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 1
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0

5. Grants

- a. MSHDA NOFA – Recovery Housing Program (RHP)
 - i. Elizabeth has been sharing information about this grant via email. If you need this information, please email Elizabeth.
- b. CERA 2
 - i. The guidelines for CERA 2 funds are stricter than those for CERA 1 funds. CERA 2 funds must be used before we can access our CERA 1 funds again.
- c. HUD Grants
 - i. We are still waiting to hear back about the status of our grant applications.

6. Collective Impact Core Updates

- a. This month, we discussed [using a resiliency frame](#). You can take it further by:
 - Looking at the goals for your organization or program. Are they eliminating a negative or creating a positive? How can they be re-framed with “plus one” thinking and resilience?
- b. Information was shared about Senate Bills 597 and 598 that would overhaul the behavioral health system. These changes would drastically reduce the local control we currently have over our behavioral health system. Talking points about these State Legislative Proposals were shared with the group and **we encourage everyone to contact your legislator about these bills!**

7. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Public Awareness
 - i. Project Connect
 - 1. Definitely saw a larger number of participants this year – almost double last year’s numbers!

Project Connect January 25, 2022

Project Connect Statistics

Housing Situation	# of Households	# of People
Homeless	2	5
Doubled Up	8	13
Own Rental - Behind on rent	4	10
Owned Unit - Behind on mortgage	1	2
Own Rental - Behind on utilities	1	3
Owned Unit - Behind on utilities	2	5
No Housing Crisis - Info only	75	178
Total	93	216

***Of the 216 people, 165 were adults and 51 were children**

*** Female: 125 Male: 90 Transgender:1**

***70 people reported receiving SSI/SSDI**

***16 people reported being past domestic violence survivors**

***6 people reported being a current domestic violence survivor**

***14 people were veterans**

*** 135 people reported that they are unemployed**

*** 46 people reported that they are currently employed**

b. Homeless Youth

- i. This group will be meeting on February 15th @ 3:00pm. **Please RSVP to Kelly Castleberry to receive the Zoom link for this meeting.**

c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.

- i. Looking for volunteers to keep the LUXE program going.

d. Advocacy

- i. Still continuing work on the advocacy toolkit and are on target to share the toolkit at the April CoC meeting!

8. Additions / Comments / Questions

a. LCMHA

- i. LCMHA is offering a basic Motivational Interview training on March 29-30. This training is free and open to the public. You can register on the [LCMHA website](#).

b. CAA

- i. Low income clients can get help with their water bills by calling Amy Sweinhagen at (517) 263-7861, ext. 225. There are some income eligibility requirements to qualify and you must be on municipal water.
- ii. A limited amount of COVID-19 at-home tests are available. Please call first!

c. VITA

- i. You can call 517-247-2099 or [go online](#) to schedule an appointment for tax assistance. Drop-offs will be at the Human Services Building Monday/Wednesday/Friday and at CAA on the first Saturday of the months.

d. MICAH

- i. Free Webinar Monday, Gender Affirming Care 1-2:30 PM presented by the Ruth Ellis Center. Register using this [link](#).
 - ii. MIHAF applications (Covid funds for Homeowners) will be accepted for homeowners with delinquencies on mortgage, property taxes and utilities hopefully Feb 14th to the public. They can contact CAA for information or assistance with getting their application submitted
- e. Health Department
 - i. COVID-19 home test kits and masks also available at most libraries in Lenawee County. More info in on the [Health Department's website](#).
- f. Housing Help
 - i. Has mortgage assistance available! Stop by the office or visit [Housing Help's website](#) to get an application.
- g. UWMLC
 - i. You can still sign up for the United Way's 21-Week Racial Equity Challenge - [register online](#) or email Laura at lpipis@unitedwaymlc.org
- h. disAbility Connections
 - i. Can help disabled folks get a COVID-19 vaccine if they are homebound.
- i. Lenawee County VTC
 - i. Tim Ruple is now working with Veterans and the Courts. Please reach out to Tim Ruple at Timothy.Ruple@lenawee.mi.us with your needs and questions.

9. Elizabeth Salerno is stepping down from her role at Housing Help. Her last day is on March 4th. Thank you so much for all of your support and dedication to this community, Elizabeth! We will miss you and are excited for your next chapter! We wish you all the best!

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