



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
Virtually via Zoom
May 10, 2022**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Lynne Punnett, Keith Chapman, Candace Aranda, Audricka Jacob, Chris Howard, Renee Kimball, Alison Prielipp, Brian Elliott, Clint Brugger, Vee Daffin, Jackie Bradley, Ted Crockett, Angie Shepherd, Cara Snyder, Christal Albig, Emily Pickney, Becky Selenko, Jill Hicks, Amanda Truman, Willis Kern-Ruesink, Allison Green, Leslie Love, Annie Waltz

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve today's meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes as presented made by Clint. Supported by Renee. The motion carried.**

3. REMINDER: News Articles

May	Housing Help of Lenawee	Point in Time Count
June	Share the Warmth	Kelly Castleberry
July	CoC (???)	CERT Team (???)
August	???	Cara Snyder
September	???	???
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
November	???	???
December	???	???

- a. The April article was submitted and published. **Cara will write the August article and is requesting that someone sit down with her for support with that process.**

b. If you notice that an article hasn't been printed, please let Madeline know.

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers (those added to the Housing Preference list are automatically added to the EHV waitlist)

a. March Numbers

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 20
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: n/a
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: n/a
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 15
- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 1

b. April Numbers

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 6
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 1,045
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 98
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference: 32

- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 5
- c. 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 17 1-bedroom and 3 2-bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.
- d. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - March
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in March, 2022: 1
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified in March, 2022: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed in March, 2022: 1
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing in March, 2022: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 1
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
- e. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - April
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified in March, 2022: 0
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified in April, 2022: 1
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed in April, 2022: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing in April, 2022: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 2
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
- f. Point in Time County
 - i. The numbers were collected and submitted on time. We recorded that 333 individuals were identified as being unhoused or at-risk of being unhoused. 172 were unhoused and living in shelters or on the streets in our County.

5. Grants

- a. CERA 2
 - i. Funding is winding down. We don’t currently have any indication that more funding is coming. CERA 1 funds are on-track to be spent down in June. Some groups are considering funding folks for 2-months rather than the full 3-months in order to reach more folks. Rent due after March 30th is eligible for funding if folks are in active eviction.

6. CoC Equity Results Team (CERT)

- a. The foundational learning series begins on Thursday (5/12). Anyone is welcome to attend the foundational learning series if they’re interested! [Here’s the link to participate.](#)
- b. Resources about why this work is important were shared via email. One example includes:
 - i. Black and American Indians being over-represented in terms of risk of experiencing homelessness.

7. Collective Impact Core Update

- a. We committed to using a trauma-informed decision-making framework at our meetings. This looks like asking ourselves “Could this cause someone to feel helpless or hopeless?” when we’re making decisions. Using this framework will help us avoid inadvertently traumatizing folks impacted by our work.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Public Awareness

- i. Updated article guidelines were shared with the group. The focus of the articles should be on the CoC's mission and goals. Articles will also be shared with other news outlets and radio programs beyond the Telegram.
- b. Homeless Youth
 - i. Approved for the ARP 1, Distribution 1, Round 1 funding. Submitted an application for round 2 to partner with Catholic Charities and the Road Map funding to increase capacity of that program. Also working on an application for ARP 1, Distribution 2, Round 2 funding to work with Do'chas Counseling to build their staff capacity in Lenawee.
- c. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.
 - i. The subcommittee wants to contact Housing Lenawee to ally around Fair Market Rates and a housing market study. They're also looking at holding a community event in November in conjunction with Homeless Awareness month. The group is hoping to tour some tiny homes and ADUs to get ideas. There's a tiny home community in the Detroit area with representatives who are willing to come to Lenawee to speak or host tours on site of homes being built.
 - ii. LISD's Construction Craze group built [two tiny homes](#) this year that are currently for sale. There are open houses coming up on May 17 and May 19 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. They are planning on building two more next year. The biggest barrier currently is zoning.
- d. Advocacy – Toolkit Deep dive: Questions, case study, current needs
 - i. Lynne presented a case study walking us through how to use the Advocacy Toolkit around the topic of Fair Market Rates (FMR). Thank you, Lynne, for preparing this case study and demonstrating how the Toolkit can be used to create an advocacy plan.
 - ii. **Clint committed to taking to Toolkit to the Affordable Housing subgroup and working through the rest of the check list with that group.**
 - iii. **Share feedback and ways to improve the Advocacy Toolkit with Jackie Bradley (jbradley@lcmha.org)**

9. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. MCAH –
 - i. Accepting host sites for our Americorps Programs you can contact [Kelli Beavers](#) for more information.
 - ii. FREE Webinar on the Clean Slate Initiative by Safe and Just Michigan on Monday at 1:30 PM. [Register Here](#).
 - iii. Hosting a three-hour training/workshop on trauma informed agency audits provided by MCEDSV on May 25th. In the first half of the workshop, trainers will provide an abbreviated overview that was presented in previous trainings on historical trauma, intersectionality, and workplace trauma. We ask that you watch [Neurobiology of Trauma Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) before this training as only an overview will be included in this webinar. The second half will assist participants in developing their own usable agency audit to assess the current state of reality, where the agency would like to go and operationalize steps on how to get there. The training is \$45 or \$35 for MCAH members. [You can register online](#).
- b. Do'chas II –
 - i. Will be the recipient of this year's World Wide Dragon Shooting Day that will be held at Tomahawk Archers on Sunday, June 12. Organizations, businesses, families, and individuals are encouraged to sponsor a bale, make a financial or gift card donation, and/or donate directly. These funds will be used for unmet needs of homeless/underhoused youth in Lenawee, Monroe, Hillsdale and Jackson Counties. We'd also love to have you participants at the event! Organizations that are community partners

are encouraged to set up a table/booth to explain services. This event will be used to educate the public on the needs of at-risk youth as well as showcase community partners.

- c. Ebeid Neighborhood Promise –
 - i. Please come to the strategic planning sessions! Especially to the housing strategic planning session for the Ebeid Neighborhood Promise! This is a 3-hour session from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 801 E Maumee on June 7th.
 - ii. You can also learn more at Second Fridays this Friday at Parrish Park!
- d. United Way of Monroe and Lenawee Counties –
 - i. Health Check is back! UWMLC is partnering with ProMedica on Thursday, June 9th from 8:00am – 12:00pm at St. Mary’s Activity Center. Free vouchers are available for folks who need them. There will also be a safe medication disposal option for folks who want to safely dispose of their unused, unwanted, or expired medication.
 - ii. An open house retirement party for Connie Carroll will be held on June 14th
- e. disABility Connections –
 - i. Starting their ramp-building fundraiser later in May.
- f. Share the Warmth
 - i. Their annual fundraiser dinner and auction will be on Saturday, May 21. You can [register online until Friday, May 13th](#).
- g. The State of Michigan’s Housing Plan
 - i. There will be a [state-wide housing plan](#) for the first time ever! It has not been released yet, despite the kick-off event that occurred last week.
- h. Catherine Cobb Safe House
 - i. There will be a transitional housing program spot opening up this week to be filled next week. Please send eligible folks to Catherine Cobb to apply. This is a 2-year program for survivors who need extended support.
 - ii. Looking for a full-time therapist.
- i. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
 - i. Hosting free virtual motivational interview trainings this summer that are open to the public. A 2-day Basic Training will be on July 27-28 and a 2-day Advanced Training will be on August 24-25. [You can sign-up on LCMHA’s website](#).

10. NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting.