



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care  
Virtually via Zoom  
July 12, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**1. Introductions / Roll Call**

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Laura Schultz Pipis, Lynne Punnett, Mayor Angie Sword Heath, Angie Shepherd, Chief Vince Emrick, Clint Brugger, Cara Snyder, Candace Aranda, Shannon DeSloover, Kelly Castleberry, Amanda Truman, Audricka Jacob, Claudia Annoni, Nancy Bishop, Brian Elliott, Johnathon Jefferds, Becky Selenko, Amy Sweinhagen, Renee Kimball-Rouse

**2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes**

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

**3. REMINDER: News Articles**

<b>July</b>	Lived experience	Cara Snyder
<b>August</b>	CERT Team	CERT Team
<b>September</b>	Homeless Youth	Chris Howard
<b>October</b>	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
<b>November</b>	Homeless Awareness Month	Nancy Bishop
<b>December</b>	???	???

- a. 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. June Numbers**

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 11
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 20
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 18
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 8
- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 8

**b. 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 has a voucher waitlist for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.

**c. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - June**

- i. Total number of homeless veterans identified: 1

- ii. # of new homeless veterans identified: 0
  - iii. # of homeless veterans housed: 0
  - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing: 0
  - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 1
  - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
- d. Numbers are a bit higher than they have been. It's important that
- e. Lynne shared a [video from MCTEH about Michigan's Campaign to End Homelessness](#)
  - i. We've been hearing the phrase "rare, brief, one-time" a lot lately.
  - ii. Feedback from the Coalition included:
    - The need for a rental retention specialist that can work with folks long-term.
    - The need for someone engaging landlords.
    - There are many needs associated with homeless that we might think about without personal experience or feedback from folks with lived experience. For example, feeling claustrophobic living in a home for the first time.
    - The importance of asking folks "what would it take for you to stay in your house?"
    - Anxiety and fear around the possibility of losing your home.
    - We have a lot of work to do as a CoC in order to keep improving and meeting the needs of our community, as well as being competitive in grant applications.
    - Sober recovery housing / peer housing opportunities / transitional housing. CAA is hoping to expand their programming to folks outside of the drug courts.

## 5. Grants

- a. ESG Notification and Exhibit 1 review
  - i. The CoC is critical to bringing funding for housing into our community. To be competitive in applying for these funds, we need to have more than just one agency applying for and working with these funds. Community collaboration is vital. We need all of us to work together in order to receive funding, more than just attending this meeting once a month. This includes all of us participating in a subcommittee, contributing to grant applications, etc.
    - 1. Our grant requests need to be centered around equity and collaboration moving forward. And there are A LOT of grant opportunities out there!
    - 2. Recruitment, representation, and participation in this group needs to be reflective of our community. We can't rely on just the Exec Committee to do all the work.
    - 3. The need to re-evaluate the priorities and action of our subcommittees to make sure they're reflective of our current values and priorities. We could use subcommittees around topics such as mental health, transitional housing, medical care, decriminalization, rental retention specialists, sober recovery, public awareness and education.
    - 4. The Monroe County CoC could be a good mentor and guide to us. The Monroe County CoC also has paid staff working to coordinate the group. This could be a model we pursue to hire a CoC Coordinator. We can ask the County about using ARPA funds for this. We know this is a County need because folks are getting brought to County resources from all over. Local law enforcement entities and other resources would likely be willing to attest to this.
    - 5. Over 700 calls have gone to the police station from Share the Warmth's address so far this year.
  - ii. When we meet in August, we'll need to approve the final application that gets sent to MSHDA for an ESG grant that funds shelters. After this comes a HUD grant application.
  - iii. **Motion to approve Exhibit 1 with all the attachments (a pre-package that gets submitted to MSHDA before the application) made by Clint. Supported by Kelly and Laura. The motion carried.**

- iv. **Bring friends to this meeting!**
- v. **Look over the Performance Analysis and Improvement Toolkit. Do the worksheets and bring your responses to our August meeting.**
- vi. **Send feedback about the ESG funding application to the Executive Committee.**

6. CoC Equity Results Team (CERT)

- a. Will be beginning Working Sessions soon to start creating content. Otherwise, they have primarily been learning about the importance of this work. Thank you CERT for giving us the power to be more assertive!

7. Collective Impact Core Update

- a. We will be starting a series based around the 6 principles of trauma-informed care. We'll be sharing a definition one month, and then sharing some examples of what that principles looks like in our own lives the next month. We shared many examples of what the first principle, Safety, looks like around housing including rental retention support and health care. Next month, we will share the second principle, Trustworthiness and Transparency.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Advocacy
  - i. No updates.
- b. Public Awareness
  - i. Discussed changing Project Connect to be held in November in conjunction with Homeless Awareness Month. This means, the next event would be on First Friday in November, 2023.
  - ii. **Motion to approve moving Project Connect to be held on First Friday in November, starting in 2023, made by Kelly. Supported by Renee. The motion carried.**
- c. Homeless Youth
  - i. No updates.
- d. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.
  - i. No updates.

9. Additions / Comments / Questions

- a. No updates.

10. **NEXT MEETING: August 9, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting.**