



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

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Candace Aranda, Jennifer Ferrari, Kelly Castleberry, Lynne Punnett, Vickie Pfeifer, Frank Nagle, Angie Shepherd, Claudia Annoni, Christy Brugger, Audricka Jacob, VeronCia Daffin, Cara Snyder, Jackie Bradley, Robyn Loveland, Shannon DeSloover, Amy Sweinhagen, Brittany Nadler, Renee Kimball Rouse, Shaunta Patton, Becky Selenko, Alison Prielipp

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve today's meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes as presented made by Frank Nagle. Supported by Cara Snyder. The motion carried.**
Madeline will send the HUD Voting Meeting Minutes (9/27) for approval at our November meeting.

3. REMINDER: News Articles

October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
November	Homeless Awareness Month	Nancy Bishop
December	Longest Night for Homelessness	Renee Kimball Rouse
January	Upcoming PIT Count	Shaunta Patton

- a. Finished articles can be emailed to Nancy Bishop (BishopN2@michigan.gov).

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

a. September Numbers

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 12
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 85
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 85
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 0
- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 0

- b. A pull was done in October and the October numbers will reflect this.

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

d. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - September

- i. Total number of homeless veterans identified: 9
- ii. # of new homeless veterans identified: 9

- iii. # of homeless veterans housed: 4
- iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing: 0
- v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 5
- vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0

5. Riverview Terrace Update

- a. All of the residents are either in their own units, with family and friends, or in the Adrian Inn. This is still an ongoing situation that is yet to be resolved in our community.

Contact Nancy Bishop if residents need help moving. We can also call the Riverview Terrace Hotline: (517) 264-6360 with any questions pertaining to the crisis.

6. Nutrition Programming: Vickie Pfeifer

- a. Vickie shared information about the nutrition education offered by Michigan State University Extension. Half of the participants for these trainings need to be SNAP eligible or low-income. This means that the other half do not have financial eligibility requirements, so the trainings are essentially offered to everyone. Some program topics include general nutrition education, cooking classes, budgeting classes, and cooking for one. All of these programs are offered at no cost to participants. Many courses can be taught anywhere.

Please reach out to Vickie Pfeifer (pfeiferv@msu.edu or (517) 264-5300) with questions.

7. Resources for Affordable Housing/Brownfields: Brittney Nadler (EPA)

- a. Brittney shared information about brownfields and federal grant opportunities to clean-up brownfields. Brittney also shared the slides used in today's meeting for more information.

8. Grants

- a. HUD Rural Homeless and Unsheltered grant presentation and approval – 10/18 @ 8:00am
 - i. Kelly Castleberry is working to put an application for this grant together. Much of the criteria we need to address include outreach to and linkages between housing resources and folks in need of housing. A lot of the grant focuses on equity and decriminalizing homelessness. A draft of this application should be available by the end of the week. \$468,000 of potential funding is available for our community over 3 years if we get this grant. The CoC needs to approve this grant.

Mark your calendars: A full CoC meeting is scheduled for 10/18 at 8:00am to approve this application. We need a quorum at this meeting in order to do so!

Kelly will be sending out letters of collaboration to many of our organizations. Please support filling these out and sending them back as soon as possible.

- ii. The need was expressed for the CoC to come up with a plan and organizational strategy to ensure that we are on top of opportunities like this and no longer need to continue organizing last minute meetings outside of our regular meeting time.

- b. CoC Planning for New Workgroups

- i. **On October 31st from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the United Way offices, everyone is invited to participate in a CoC retreat to plan for the future of the CoC and the workgroups we need to accomplish our goals. We will also have a Zoom option set-up.**

9. Collective Impact Core Update

- a. We shared examples of how Trustworthiness and Transparency comes up in the work that we do. Some of these examples included:

- Laura shared the importance of trustworthiness and transparency in our work, using today's conversations around grants and CoC organization as an example.

10. Executive Committee Recommendations for Member Approval

- Claudia was nominated by Kelly to transition into the CoC Chair role. The nomination was supported by Cara. The motion passed.
- Claudia was nominated by Audricka to fill a vacancy on the CoC Exec Committee. The nomination was supported by Shaunta. The motion passed.
- Lynne was nominated by Robyn to stay on the CoC Exec Committee. The nomination was supported by Shaunta. The motion passed.

11. Sub-Committee Reports

- Advocacy – Performance Analysis and Improvement Tool kit
 - No updates
- CoC Equity Results Team (CERT)
 - All of the community mapping will be completed by the end of the month. The Team continues to work to make sure that folks with lived experience are being paid for their participation.
Laura and Jackie will talk offline about arranging payment for CERT members.
- Public Awareness
 - The nominees for the 2022 Norma Dell Courage to Care award are Aric Massingill and Elizabeth Salerno. The CoC voted to give the award to both nominees.
 - The November meeting will be at 3:30pm in-person at Goodwill Industries. This will be an open house for Homeless Awareness Month. A virtual will be provided through Facebook Live.
 - Housing Help is the Hometown Hope recipient for November.
 - Socktober socks can be [purchased online](#) or at Share the Warmth. These are excellent, very fun socks. Please check them out! Every pair sold = a pair donated to guests at the shelter.
- Homeless Youth
 - No updates
- Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.
 - No updates

12. Additions / Comments / Questions

- No updates.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm!

13. NEXT MEETING: October 18th at 8:00am via Zoom // November 8, 2022 IN-PERSON at [Goodwill Industries.](#)