

The Food Group

MINUTES from Feb 18, 2014

- **Call to Order/Introduction:** Nancy Bishop Department of Human Services, Rhonda Clark The Daily Bread, Kathryn Szewczak Community Mental Health, Beth Mehan-Wood Department on Aging, Jill Yehl Food Bank of South Central MI, Lynne Punnett Habitat for Humanity, Christine McNaughton United Way, Jill Hicks Family Counseling and Children's Services, Joan Condon St. Vincent de Paul, Laura VanSickle Community Action Agency
- **Collective Impact:** If anyone needs written information on Collective Impact please email Nancy Bishop, bishopn2@michigan.gov, and she will pass the articles on electronically.
- **Who to invite to Future Meetings:** Lenawee County Mission, Damascus Road, The Salvation Army, Crossroads, Tecumseh Service Club, Associated Charities, Saint Mary's, MSU Extension, The Veggie Mobile, The Farmers Market, Community Garden, The Lenawee County Community Foundation
 - We will all spread the word and encourage attendance
 - *GOAL: Create a Written Invitation*
- **The Goals/Mission/Vision of the Food Group:**
 - Where are we trying to make a change? What is our vision? How do we encourage collaboration in the community?
 - We can be the group that sets the standards for true Collective Impact; establishing a Common Goal that is more than just collaboration in order to efficiently utilize the resources that come into Lenawee County
 - Creating a group where all feel comfortable to share their ideas, concerns and beliefs while trusting that the group is looking at the good of the entire community and not just individual agencies
 - How can we support each other?
 - We are more than an information sharing group.

- How to bring together resources, improve access to food, and increase knowledge on proper nutrition
- Food Drives in the community; collaborating drives, educating the community on what to give, purchasing from the food bank
- How to plan for a crisis situations? The repeated school closings and the impact that they have on families. The Daily Bread was busy when other pantry's closed. How could we support them in the future? Meals on Wheels, Senior Centers closing on snow days, can there be a backup for these services?
- We will begin by looking at DATA in order to establish a baseline; how will we know what to focus on and establish that we have made an impact
 - Maps of Food Pantry's
 - Annual Reports
 - Schools that offer assistance
 - 211 Data
 - DHS Food Stamp information
 - The Hunger in America Study; completed by The Food Bank of South Central MI
 - Data from the Health Network

POSSIBLE MISSION STATEMENT: Leveraging the power of Collective Impact in order to fight hunger by efficiently utilizing all of the resources available in Lenawee County.

- **Agency Announcement:** The Feinstein Challenge Grant will be in the months of March and April; Agencies will get a 10% increase in their donations.
- **Future Meetings: Meetings will be the First Tuesday of the Month at 1:00PM**
 - **March 4th @ 1:00PM**
 - **The Department of Human Services**