

# Lenawee Essential Needs Council

MINUTES from September 1, 2015

- **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Nancy Bishop, Kathryn Szewczuk, Lynne Punnett, Burt Fenby, Christine McNaughton, Lynn Punnett
- Sub Committee Reports
  - Hunger Free Lenawee!:
    - 12 regular attendees
    - HFL has started conducting surveys and meeting with food pantries offering the Tool Kit. They are getting, giving ideas and increasing communications between the agencies.
    - The Breakfast is going to happen again in January. The goal is that this will be an annual event. It will bring all of the pantries together to assist with communication.
    - Laurie Terlesky, the new director of the Daily Bread has joined to the group.
    - WIC now has an office in Hudson.
  - The Housing Groups:
    - ◆ LHDC
      - Is looking at the possibility of managing another apartment complex.
      - The Housing Studies are still a need. Lenawee Now is looking at picking up a piece of it. In addition MSHDA is offering funds to pull together another piece of the needed studies. Nothing is concrete at this point.
      - Neighborhood Revitalization efforts continue. There is a tentative Date for a breakfast to pull together landlords that own multiple properties (to happen in September). The goal is to make them aware of the push to make improvements. In addition they will be made aware of the reduction of funds that are available to assist with move in costs through Housing Help.
    - ◆ Continuum of Care:

- There is a new subcommittee that has started to pull together data.
- Homeless Awareness Month is in November; a calendar will come out soon.

- The Utilities Task Force:

- They are scheduled to meet again October
- Walk for Warmth is the main focus.
- There had been consideration with merging Hunger Free Lenawee with The Utilities Task Force. This idea was presented to Hunger Free Lenawee and it was met with resistance. HFL is really taking off and the group does not want to lose the momentum that they have.
- With Christine McNaughton leaving Community Action Agency will commit to taking the lead with the group.
- The Utilities Task for had agreed to set aside 10% of funds earned at last year's Walk for Warmth to assist with weatherization. CAA and Habitat will collaborate in order to assist with this endeavor.

- Transportation:

- Meetings occur on the Fourth Monday of the Month @ 10 @ SCMiWorks!

- The Dash Board/Strategies for the Future

- Immerging Issues

- Habitat for Humanity Resale Store is moving to the Carpet Outlet Building on September 26, 2015.
- Day of Action is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- CMH is in the process of interviewing for the SFSC Outreach Coordinator, this person will assist with the Collective Impact Process.

- Adjournment

- **Next Meeting (We will move to Bimonthly meetings)**

- **November 3, 2015**