Lenawee Essential Needs Council

MINUTES from December 4, 2018

Call to Order/Roll Call: Nancy Bishop, Lynne Punnett, Laura Pipis, Elizabeth Salerno, Clint Brugger, Jill Hicks, Jackie Bradley, and Tim Kelly

Housing/The Continuum of Care

• Homeless Awareness Month
  ◆ This year we had an open house after the November Meeting. We presented the Normal Dell Courage to Care award at the Open House. It went well, the attendance was great.

• Project Connect Event is scheduled for January 30, 2019
  ◆ Flyers and Registration Forms are done. Please fill out your registration form soon.

• The Lexington Village will soon be the property of LHDC. This adds another affordable housing unit to the county.

Hunger Free Lenawee

• Trunk or Treat went well. Not as many cars this year. They are applying for the Home Town Hope grant for 2019 to assist the local pantries with circulating information on the Holidays; their needs and distributions.

• HFL may not do a Networking breakfast in 2019. The attendance is low. They are exploring other ways to connect with the pantries.

Transportation

• Information on the proposed Transportation Coordinator was presented. Possible we need to add information on vehicle repairs, where to get assistance
with insurance payments, and gas cards. Speedway will sell cards that can be used for Gas Only.

Utilities Task Force

- Walk for Warmth is this Friday; March 1, 2019. This year’s theme is the Polar Bear Express

- Laura Schultz Pipis and Lynne Punnett will present the info to the Kiwanis Club.

BRN: Business Resource Network: Collaboration between United Way, DHHS and MI Works. Currently seeking businesses to partner with. This will be a DHHS employee that is funded by DHHS and the Business connected. The cost depends on the number of Business that commit to being involved. It could be as low as $4000 per employer. The BRN will work with employees in order to eliminate barriers that effect their productivity; this could be anything from transportation issues, day care issues, substance abuse, mental health.... The goal is to have this in place by March 2019.

CORE: We talked about representation at CORE. At the March meeting will decide who will represent LENC at CORE for 2019. We need to establish ground rules and expectations.

MDHHS: Universal Case Load roll out has been postponed. DHHS will notify all when it has been rescheduled.

Schedule for 2019

March 5, 2019 – June 4, 2019 – September 3, 2019 - December 3, 2019

All meetings are held the First Tuesday of the month (Quarterly) at 3:00PM at DHHS