

# Lenawee Essential Needs Council

December 1, 2020

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*Nancy Bishop, Hunger Free Lenawee  
Clint Brugger, Utilities Task Force  
Elizabeth Salerno, Continuum of Care  
Jackie Bradley, CORE  
Janelle Thomas, Transportation Task Force  
Jill Hicks, Continuum of Care*

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*Linda Needham, LENC Backbone Agency  
Laura Pipis, The Utilities Task Force  
Lynne Punnett, Lenawee Housing and Development Coalition  
Marcia Bohannon, Transportation Task Force  
Misty Shulters, Transportation Task Force*

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- **Call to Order/Roll Call** –Nancy Bishop, Elizabeth Salerno, Laura Pipis, Jill Hicks, Marcia Bohannon, Misty Schultz, Madelyn DeMarco

- **Sub Committee Reports:**

- **Hunger Free Lenawee** – We began to update our data collection. We continue to talk about collaboration and how we can ensure that pantries share information. ProMedica received a grant from Michigan Health Endowment Fund; Lenawee Nutrition & Healthy Lifestyles. A piece of this grant is Healthy Food Access and part of this is looking at Community Gardens and Education. HFL is working to support ProMedica’s efforts with this grant.
- **Utilities Task Force** – Has begun to meet and talk about this year’s Walk for Warmth.
- **The Continuum of Care** HAM went well. We worked to make changes to events to adapt to social distancing. Lynne Punnett received the Norma Dell courage to care award. Thank a Vet earned more then ever, over \$35,000. Elizabeth Salerno reported that the second ESG NOFA is due this Thursday. The Eviction Diversion Program has been extended thru February. Currently they have less then \$40,000 left and are sure that these funds will be exhausted. LHDC has one opening and will

have a second one in January. They are working to ensure that both are filled asap.

- **The Transportation Task Force** - the Mobility Manager contract has been awarded to Misty Pope. Misty has a wealth of knowledge about transportation grants and opportunists thru the state. The Mobility Manager will research best practice models, funding opportunities, and solutions to better serve our community. She attended the recent transportation meeting. MI Works is planning a transportation summit. This will include employers and the educational system. Paula Holtz has shared information about an MEDC grant opportunity, Planet M Pilot Grant, that fits the groups focus. This grant may be able to help to get technology, possible an APP or webpage to assist those looking for transportation services in the community.

#### ■ **Covid 19 Current Community Needs**

- Pantries have reported that they are seeing a huge increase in their numbers.
- Misty reported that the unemployment benefits have started to end, this could be part of the reason why Pantry numbers have started to increase. In addition, there are many fraudulent claims that are being identified.

#### ■ **Collective Impact/CORE**

- No new report. CORE did not meet in November.
- Catherine Cobb is back to working with a reduced in person staff, there is one staff on per shift. The remaining staff is working remotely and they continue to engage with clients virtually.
- MIWorks is available to assist clients. They offer appointments for service and are offering virtual services. They recently received a grant thru the Lenawee Community Foundation; 100 - \$250.00 Meijer gift cards to assist with immediate needs.

- Community Collaborative Bi-Monthly Meetings – Scheduled for this Friday December 4, 2020 at 8:30AM.
- At this time, we will not hold another meeting until the next scheduled meeting in March. If there is an immediate need we will call additional meetings.

Scheduled Meetings all are @ 3PM @ DHHS or Zoom depending on the current circumstances.

**March 2, 2021**

**June 1, 2021**

**September 7, 2021**

**December 7, 2021**

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Nancy Bishop, DHHS*