

Lenawee Essential Needs Council

June 1, 2021 @ 3:00PM

Present

Nancy Bishop, Hunger Free Lenawee

Elizabeth Salerno, Continuum of Care

Madeline DeMarco, CORE

Jill Hicks, Continuum of Care

John Haught, Continuum of Care


Laura Pipis, The Utilities Task Force

Marcia Bohannon, Transportation Task Force




Call to Order/Roll Call

Sub Committee Reports

Hunger Free Lenawee!

-  HFL has a new sub-committee that is exploring what a centralized food hub could look like in Lenawee. They have reached out to Monroe County and Jackson County as they both have food hubs that are like what we want to do. Washtenaw County also has a centralized hub, we hope to connect with them as well.

Housing Groups

-  Housing Help continues to work to distribute the CERA funds (Covid Emergency Relief Act). The state has a new web portal that applicants can use. The CERA funds are for people in rental units and are behind on their rent.
-  Elizabeth Salerno is going to attend the HRC meeting on June 22nd to present information on our homeless population and resources that are needed. She will attend the Town Hall meeting in August and present information there as well.
-  There is a concern that the City of Adrian is going to shut down the Adrian Inn/Travel Lodge. This will greatly impact our ability to house homeless individuals. The reason for shutting down the Inn is due to drug activity in the parking lot. After discussion in the group, we recognize that there is an issue but shutting down the facility does not solve the problem. In the past year over 200 families have sought shelter services, funded thru Housing Help at the Inn. We

discussed writing a letter to the City of Adrian asking that they look at alternative options. Elizabeth will confirm when letters are due. If there is time LENC will write a letter.

- Utilities Task Force
 - No Report
- Transportation Task Force
 - Misty Pope has been hired as the counties Mobility Manager. The Transportation Task Force has a new sub-committee lead by Chris Miller that is looking at Pilot Program to offer bussing from Adrian to Tecumseh during the evening hours; Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5-10PM. The group had a presentation from The MichiVan. This could help employers support their employees in having reliable transportation to work. MI Works is leading the group in organizing a in person Transportation Summit. Marcia Bohanon is retiring at the end of June. The City/County have posted for her replacement.
- COVID-19 impact and needs
 - Adrian City Hall is now open to the public.
 - Michigan Works is scheduled to open to the public on July 19th and DHHS is opening its doors on July 12th.
 - Catherine Cobb continues to struggle with Covid related issues. They are partnering with SHU and getting trained to use a rapid covid test. There shelter numbers have been down. But the length of stay has double in the past year.
- Collective Impact/CORE
 - *Creating a Trauma Informed Community*
- Community Collaborative Monthly Meetings
 - First Friday of the Month - Human Services Building - River Raisin Room
 - John Haught, Laura Pipis, and Cari Rebottaro are planning an “Every Door Is the Right Door” event. This will be an in-person meeting where each agency gets a 3-minute window to present what they do and services they have available.
- Immerging Issues
- Adjournment

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

September 7, 2021

December 7, 2021