

One Lenawee is...a collaboration of concerned people dedicated to the **Vision of making Lenawee County a Great Place to live, work, learn, worship, play, and invest.**

We bring attention and action to important community issues.

Uniting and Connecting partners and committed people, we identify, support, and develop initiatives and projects that optimize community resources to **The Vision.**



2021 OBJECTIVES

- * **Continue to work on the seven Focus Areas**
- * **New priorities:**
 - **Public Transportation**
 - **Attainable Housing**
 - **Communications**

OUR PROCESS:

- **Evaluate**
- **Educate**
- **Engage**

Steering Committee Notes January 20, 2022

Present: Chris Miller, Madeline DeMarco, Mark Haag, Randy Yagiela, Lynne Punnett, Dave Maxwell, Sue Lewis, Joe Williams, Don Taylor, and guest Jackie Bradley

Trauma Update – Welcome guest speaker, Jackie Bradley

Jackie started her presentation with an explanation of the Collective Impact Core, what the group does and its structure.

The Common Agenda of the Collective Impact Core is Trauma and Resilience. Jackie explained the common agenda and cited examples. Trauma informed practices help us move through trauma to build resilience in the community. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is one way to put a definition to trauma. ACEs identifies ten types of experiences that can happen in childhood that may have a lasting impact on an individual, however trauma is bigger than just ACEs.

How do we operationalize trauma in a group like One Lenawee? We can do some simple things like sending out the agenda prior to the meeting (which we do), celebrate successes, or integrate trauma informed practices when designing a program or hiring staff. Trauma impacts all the other things that OL is already working on.

Joe will send out Jackie's PowerPoint to this group. Randy reached out to Jackie to possibly work with Lenawee Now on this topic with employers.

Public Transportation

Task Force – continues to meet to address present needs in a broad sense...for example, with the business community.

Ride Lenawee – signs are still up but no ridership. Lesson learned; it is not a priority to get from downtown Tecumseh to downtown Adrian.

Attainable Quality Housing for All

Housing Lenawee has been created and Dave shared a draft MOU. Dave explained the following regarding the MOU:

- This is not a binding legal document,
- the goal is to get the right people to join Housing Lenawee,
- hopefully people will agree with the guiding principles to work together without personal gain,
- stressed confidentiality within the group,
- when conflicts arise, Housing Lenawee can help to resolve,
- Lenawee Community Foundation will play the key role especially if we are awarded substantial funding.

Dave asked for support in signing the document. He also would like to open an account at the Lenawee Community Foundation for people to financially support Housing Lenawee. Joe assured the group that the executive team at the LCF is completely onboard and that he will be the keeper of all Housing Lenawee documents.

Chris made a motion to accept the MOU as presented and to proceed with obtaining signatures from other possible partners.

Seconded by Randy. Unanimously approved.

Lynne shared that she has been trying to contact realtors and sees that it may be a challenge if we don't get funding for the coordinator position.

Total Market Analysis (TMA) update

Chris reported that he and Lynne met with Sharon Woods from Land Use USA, and they are working with her to complete the official proposal which will result in reports to all units. This is the total market analysis that we want and is the correct approach to a housing study. The cost of the project is \$75,000 and if we want, it can also include a more comprehensive strategic plan for the county for another \$75,000.

Lynne shared various webinars that she has participated in regarding housing issues, such as Land Trusts, Brownfields, Land Banks, etc., all sponsored by Housing North. She suggested that as we talk to partners in the community about joining us in Housing Lenawee that we mention the strategic plan.

Strategic Vision

Joe shared that the housing initiative will be a great **pilot** to bring OL under the LCF.

Priority Groups

C2C – Mark reported that we've been fortunate in Lenawee County with most of the schools providing in-person classes. Sometimes they must go virtual if there is staffing issues, and that can happen with very short notice. Finding employees has been a challenge. Randy is working with the ISD and higher education regarding some of these staffing issues, for example with the teacher prep program.

Other

Madeline shared the upcoming Mental Health First Aid sessions being offered by LCMHA and those fliers will be sent to the group.

Don reported that Art-a-licious will be two days in 2022, September 17 & 18.

Next meeting date: Thursday, February 17th at 7:30 am via zoom. Facilitator – Randy