

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.**



2022 OBJECTIVES

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

OUR PROCESS:

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

Steering Committee Notes July 21, 2022

Present: Chris Miller, Lynne Punnett, Sue Lewis, Joe Williams, Don Taylor, Mark Haag, Dave Maxwell, Tim Kelly, Kim Murphy, Tim Robinson, Randy Yagelia

Celebration of the good things we have accomplished since our March meeting:

- Housing Lenawee will be receiving money from Adrian. They have also received confirmation from Clinton.
- Gil Henry signed a MOU with Housing Lenawee.
- Kim gave an excellent presentation at the County Commissioners meeting regarding the status of the ARPA funds.
- OL is still in the running for ARPA funding.
- Lenawee Now is working with the EPA on a housing study specifically for the Bixby Hospital site.

Updates from Focus areas:

Health and Safety – Sue gave her updated objectives based on the new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). She will send the objectives to Dave who will be updating the overall objectives from the various focus groups. Other groups are encouraged to do the same.

Align – Randy shared about the Workforce Development Center and how ISD has been instrumental in Align. They will be focusing on Adrian Schools this year. The Center has a task force and an internal design team. They were awarded \$25,000 from the EDA and they have the match, plus they received other grants and donations. They will go to their board with options of a building and a curriculum for approval to proceed. There is a demand for local talent and a technical training resource. There must be a physical space for companies to come to and students who want to come there for training. Adrian College and Siena Heights will be offering certificates and maybe Spring Arbor too, in the future.

Mark said that we should be proactive to meet the needs of providers when approached because they often can't wait a long period of time, such as a semester, to fill their need. The Workforce Development Center will also serve as a satellite location for Michigan Works and Lenawee Now.

Public Transportation - The merger is moving along with the Transportation Authority and should be final by September. Their Articles of Incorporation were approved by the County and By-laws are being developed. They will be moving employees under the Authority. Their name will be Lenawee Public Transportation System.

Housing Lenawee:

Kim shared that some townships were not aware that ARPA funds were available even though several efforts were made to communicate with all municipalities.

Randy reported that One Lenawee is not really positioned to go for funds through the state and other sources. He recommends we look to non-profits who deal with housing for a director position and other staff such as a project manager, marketing, etc. Joe would like a contracted person who could lead Housing Lenawee. One Lenawee is more of a convening group versus an organization that has a history of going after funding.

The concern now is about the sustainability of Housing Lenawee after ARPA funding is exhausted. Eventually when Housing Lenawee is under Lenawee Community Foundation this will be more realistic.

The Region 2 Planning Group is also into housing (Jackson, Lenawee, Hillsdale). Joe and Tim R. are members of this group, and they are very interested in what OL is doing. Currently they are working on a strategic plan.

Core Group:

Chris shared the six guiding principles of trauma that the Core is encouraging to be discussed with all focus groups. The first guiding principle is Safety. We want to make sure people feel physically and psychologically safe.

Member recruitment:

Functionally speaking, who are we missing? Maybe law enforcement, a banker, young people. We should take into consideration age, geographic region, and look at our focus areas for quality of life. Tim will check with Mike Shadbolt as a law enforcement representative. Others to consider would be those from the Young Professionals group and Leadership Lenawee.

Next meeting date: Thursday, August 18th at 7:30 am. Facilitator - Randy