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Increasing access to mental health services in Lenawee County

Press Release

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Adrian, MI---Last August, more than 6,000 residents signed a petition indicating their support for an inpatient mental health unit in Lenawee County. In September, 2018, Lenawee Community Mental Health hosted a Town Hall meeting. The goal of the meeting was to bring the voices of the community together to brainstorm possible solutions for the gap in mental health services. Over 140 participants attended the Town Hall.

Following the Town Hall, the Behavioral Health Access Initiative was formed. Dozens of individuals from the community have been meeting, brainstorming, and using the information from the Town Hall meeting to continue to review the mental health needs in Lenawee County.

With leadership from Lenawee Community Mental Health, two workgroups have been formed and have met several times.

The Data Committee has met to gather data around current services and local unmet needs. Their work continues. The Expanding Crisis Services Committee has also been meeting and is looking at how to provide training and resources for local law enforcement, emergency medical technicians, teachers, and service oriented personnel. Their goal is to make sure that everyone dealing with the public knows how to identify a
mental health crisis and knows the local resources that are available to help, immediately and in the future.

Lenawee Community Mental Health and their many partners continue to be committed to finding ways to ensure that every Lenawee County resident has access to the mental health resources they need, when they need them. If you have ideas or would like to get involved in the Data Committee or the Expanding Crisis Services Committee, please contact Jackie Bradley at Lenawee Community Mental Health at 517.263.8905 or jbradley@lcmha.org

Continued progress will be posted on the Lenawee Community Mental Health website and Facebook page.