



**Lenawee County Continuum of Care
Virtually via Zoom
September 13, 2022**

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Laura Schultz Pipis, Jackie Bradley, Christal Albig, Candace Aranda, Nancy Bishop, Christy Brugger, Clint Brugger, Shannon DeSloover, Chris Howard, Renee Kimball Rouse, Cara Snyder, Audricka Jacob, Angie Shepherd, Kelly Castleberry, Lynne Punnett, Becky Selenko, Tami Farnum, Austin See, Shaunta Patton, Frank Nagle, Amy Sweinhagen, Brian Elliott, Moises Regalado, Mayor Angie Sword Health, Claudia Annoni

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

- a. **Motion to approve today’s meeting agenda and the previous meeting minutes as presented made by Clint. Supported by Audricka. The motion carried.**

3. REMINDER: News Articles

September	Homeless Youth	Chris Howard
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Jill Hicks – Catherine Cobb
November	Homeless Awareness Month	Nancy Bishop
December	Longest Night for Homelessness	Renee Kimball Rouse

- a. Finished articles can be emailed to Nancy Bishop (BishopN2@michigan.gov).

4. REVIEW: Lenawee County Homeless Numbers (those added to the Housing Preference list are automatically added to the EHV waitlist)

a. July Numbers

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 14
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 23
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 17
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 0
- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 1

b. August Numbers – we are definitely seeing the impact of Riverview Terrace on these numbers. We’ve rarely had numbers this high before.

- i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 73
- ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 96
- iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 90
- iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 0
- v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 4

c. Community Waitlists:

- i. Legacy Housing Apartments: These apartments are for chronically homeless individuals with a disability (documentation is required for both). This is the only permanent supportive housing program in Lenawee County. Chronically homeless individuals can apply at Housing Help of Lenawee – call (517) 264-0782 and ask to speak with Shannon, Catherine, or Will.

- ii. Carriage House has a voucher waitlist for some 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units. Interested folks can apply directly at the complex.
 - d. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - July
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified: 0
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified: 0
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 1
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
 - e. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - August
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified: 0
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified: 7
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 7
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0
- 5. Riverview Terrace Update
 - a. We're out of funding for motel vouchers on September 15th. There are still quite a few residents that have no place to go once that happens.
 - b. Inter-agency caseworkers continue to meet regularly and keep track of which residents need what.
 - c. Volunteers have been helping residents move everything out of their apartments.
 - d. Medallion has put a hold on renting apartments to anybody other than Riverview Terrace residents. None of these units are in Lenawee County. Medallion is providing transportation for folks to get to their new units. U-Haul's are also available to help folks move. MDHHS is helping folks apply for housing and cover security deposits. Getting folks to these units by the end of the week will be a challenge.
 - e. Lynne has done a great job of compiling housing resources for residents to easily reference and contact.
 - f. The United Way continues to collect and distribute needed items such as gift cards to residents.
 - g. Many folks (both residents and staff) are very tired and burnt-out.
 - h. Family Medical Center will be sponsoring lunches for residents that remain in Lenawee County.
 - i. There is space at Share the Warmth for folks who need shelter. Share the Warmth is also able to donate hygiene products to folks who need them.
 - j. Folks who currently have Section 8 housing vouchers need to sign leases by a certain date or they will lose their Section 8 eligibility. If folks move in together, they look at the combined income for determining Section 8 eligibility.
 - k. One Lenawee is working on a proposal for ARPA funding that would provide a county-wide housing study through their Housing Lenawee subcommittee. The group has already contracted with folks to do this study. After the study, the group intends for each interested community to receive a housing strategic plan that address planning, zoning, and opportunities for increasing housing and development. In order to do increase development, we would need to bring in outside developers.
 - l. Advocacy around increasing the Fair Market Rent is also needed. The current number is unrealistic and unfeasible for finding housing in Lenawee County.
- 6. Martinrea
 - a. This group got put together as an idea for Martinrea to offer housing, transportation, and other forms of support to their employees in Manchester.
- 7. Grants

- a. HUD CoC Grant Approval
 - i. There's a competitive HUD grant available for new proposals and renewals right now. We have 5 proposals available for us to consider. Lynne shared the ranking tool for each proposal.
 - 1. LEAHC Housing First – Rapid Rehousing (Renewal)
 - 2. LEAHC Legacy Apts – Chronically Homeless (Renewal)
 - 3. LEAHC CoC Planning
 - 4. CAA Housing Counseling
 - 5. Share the Warmth Victim Rights/Advocacy
- Motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to accept all the proposals as presented made by Jackie. Supported by Shaunta. The motion carried.**
- *Note: Applying agencies abstained from voting.**

- 8. Collective Impact Core Update
 - a. No updates.

- 9. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Advocacy – Performance Analysis and Improvement Tool kit
 - i. No updates
- b. CoC Equity Results Team (CERT)
 - i. The CERT Team held two listening meetings last week – 1 at Share the Warmth with 8 participants and then another one with 4 veterans from Riverview Terrace – to learn more about life as an unhoused individual. The data from the listening sessions has gone into a thematic analysis report. This will be a good tool for us to use next time we collect data.
 - ii. The ask for CERT Team members is extensive. The next step in the process is to do community mapping. This step will likely involve support from the rest of the CoC team. **Clint will follow-up with opportunities for involvement as they come up.**
 - iii. Some concerns about how the CERT Team is functioning were previously shared via email. After the email, the team met to establish working agreements for how to do business moving forward and what roles are needed. The team will be meeting again this week to discuss what else is needed to move forward.
 - iv. Folks are supposed to be compensated for their contributions to the Team. It has been challenging getting that compensation from the lead organization.
- c. Public Awareness
 - i. Socktober – There's a social media plan to promote Socktober. Socks are available for purchase throughout the month of October to help support Share the Warmth. **Please help share the social media posts!**
 - ii. Norma Dell Courage to Care Award – The nomination form and instructions are posted online. **Email your nominations to Nancy Bishop.** Nominees can be individuals, organizations, groups, etc.
 - iii. We will meet in-person at Goodwill for our November meeting as our Homeless Awareness Month open house.
- d. Homeless Youth
 - i. Local homeless liaisons have seen a lot of turnover recently. **Chris will send out the new list of contacts.** Numbers are way up from this time last year so far.
 - ii. Currently working on at least 3 grants with the potential for more. **Send project suggestions to Chris that involve some sort of sustainability plan for funding after ARPA funding runs out.**
- e. Affordable Housing/Short-Term Emergency Shelter.
 - i. No updates

10. Additions / Comments / Questions

a. LCMHA

- i. Hosting a virtual Mental Health First Aid Training on September 29th that is open to and free for the community. [Visit LCMHA's website to register.](#)
- ii. The Greg Adams eRace the Stigma 5k is on October 1st. You can [register online.](#)

b. disAbility Connections

- i. Hosting an open house from 2:30-4:30pm in the Human Services Building (third floor) on September 15th.

11. NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting.