



Lenawee County Continuum of Care Virtually via Zoom October 18, 2022

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Claudia Annoni, Lynne Punnett, Ted Crockett, Jennifer Ferrari, Kelly Castleberry, Eric Rice, Chris Howard, Jackie Bradley, Brian Elliott, Cara Snyder, Becky Selenko, Jill Hicks, Christal Albig, Dawn Scott, Shaunta Patton, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Audricka Jacob, Frank Nagle

2. APPROVE: Rural Unsheltered HUD Grant Application

a. This a 3-year grant of \$500,000. It will cover 3 years of 2 peer crisis support workers, 1 case manager, capacity building (i.e. trainings), and HMIS. Grant staff will work to divert unhoused individuals that aren't in medical crisis to a crisis center to assess and divert to the appropriate resources. Peers would work 80-hours per pay period (3 12-hour shifts one week, 4 12-hour shifts the next week). Critical components of this grant include the decriminalization of homelessness, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion. The program is based on the CIT program here in Michigan, other programs in Washington, and diversion from hospitalization or the living room model. There is currently space in Share the Warmth that can be used as that diversion location. Space at the Adrian Inn could potentially be built as well. Share the Warmth will help find places for housing such as shelters, motel funds, and outside agencies, using diversion first and foremost. This process is codified in the Coordinated Entry System. The new component that would be part of this grant is outreach: working with community partners to visit camps around the community and build relationships with residents, provide food, support basic medical care, etc.. Current staff members at Share the Warmth with lived experience have been involved in building this proposal.

b. The Executive Committee met yesterday to approve these changes and is recommending that the CoC votes to approve them as well.

c. **A quorum has been reached. Motion to approve the revised HUD applications as presented made by Audricka. Supported by Shaunta. The motion carried. Housing Help abstained from the vote.**

d. We are requesting letters of support for this proposal from our members. Letters should be sent to Housing Help (cannoni@h2lenawee.org).

3. Additions / Comments / Questions

a. The CoC will be focused on planning and implementing these processes in a trauma-informed way moving forward.

4. NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2022. This will be a FULL meeting at Goodwill Industries.