



Lenawee County Continuum of Care
Virtually via Zoom & In-Person at [Goodwill Industries](#)
February 14, 2023

MINUTES

1. Introductions / Roll Call

In attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Laura Schultz-Pipis, Jennifer Ferrari, Jackie Bradley, Lisa Aleobua, Cara Snyder, Laura Lunnam, Audricka Jacob, Alison Prielipp, Frank Nagle, Angie Shepherd, Christal Albig, Kelly Castleberry, Shannon DeSloover, Becky Selenko, Brian Elliott, Emily Raper, Lynne Punnett, Jill Hicks, VeronCia Daffin, Amanda Truman

2. APPROVE: Agenda & Previous Minutes

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

3. APPROVE: Suggested changes to the by-laws regarding workgroups

- a. **Motion to approve the proposed by-law changes as presented made by Laura. Supported by Cara. The motion carried**

4. CoC Complaint Procedure

- a. We have a procedure in the By-laws for making complaints against the CoC. We reviewed this procedure and encouraged folks to use the process with grievances.

5. REMINDER: News Articles

February	VITA	Tami Farnum
March	Martinrea – Drive Staff Solutions	Eric Rice + Catherine Cobb + Kelly Castleberry
April	Target Market Analysis	Lynne Punnett
May	PIT Count Follow-up	Shannon DeSloover
June	???	???

Finished articles can be emailed to Claudia Annoni (cannoni@h2lenawee.org) and Kelly Castleberry (kelly@stwlenawee.org). **Let Claudia and Kelly know if you’d like to write an upcoming article. Madeline will share the guidelines via email after the meeting.**

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

- a. January Numbers
 - i. # added to Housing Preference and EHV waitlist: 15
 - ii. # of homeless on Homeless Preference List: 21
 - iii. # of homeless on EHV Waitlist: 21
 - iv. # pulled by Housing Agent from Housing Preference list: 30
 - v. # pulled by Housing Agent from EHV list: 30
- b. 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.
- c. MSHDA Homeless Veteran Report - January
 - i. Total number of homeless veterans identified: 1
 - ii. # of new homeless veterans identified: 1
 - iii. # of homeless veterans housed: 0
 - iv. # of homeless veterans that refused housing: 0
 - v. # of homeless veterans currently seeking housing: 5
 - vi. # of homeless veterans that left services without housing: 0

7. Donations for Norma Dell Courage to Care Award plaques

- a. Housing Help got the bill for the Norma Dell Courage to Care Award plaques. This number is a little higher this year because we had two awards. We already receive a discount on these plaques. We discussed the possibility of finding a sponsor for next year's award. The award typically costs less than \$75.

Everyone please contribute what you can via cash or check (made out to Housing Help) to Housing Help.

8. Grants

- a. United Way Phase 40 Emergency Food and Shelter Grant –
 - i. Applications are due at the end of the day on February 21st. Interested applicants can email Laura for more details and support with application process. This is the first “regular” cycle in a few years.
- b. Kohls –
 - i. Offering the Kohl's Cares program again. 5 Kohls employees volunteer their time for a community event on their own time and Kohl's provides a little bit less than \$500 to that organization.
- c. MDHHS –
 - i. Released their [roadmap to healthy communities for 2023-2024](#). This year's roadmap has a strong emphasis on housing, including homelessness, lead abatement, and health. We'll keep an eye on this program for potential funding opportunities that align with this strategy.
- d. SAMHSA –
 - i. Look out for grants being released to help address mental health challenges in community.
- e. Transportation
 - i. A statewide grant is available for helping organizations replace their outdated vehicles. Reach out to Kelly for more information.
- f. AmeriCorps –
 - i. We could write for grants to fund an AmeriCorps volunteer to support CoC business.

9. Collective Impact Core Update

- a. We shared the definition of the 4th principle of trauma informed care: Collaboration and Mutuality. This means that there is recognition that healing happens in relationships and in the meaningful sharing of power and decision-making. The organization recognizes that everyone has a role to play in a trauma-informed approach.

Everyone will come prepared to our next meeting to share examples of how Collaboration and Mutuality is showing up in our own lives.

- b. We also introduced the [Temperature Check](#). We will be sharing a short, anonymous survey to gauge what we know and have implemented as a CoC to move closer to the Collective Impact Core's goal of creating a trauma-informed and resilient community. We will use these responses to inform the Core's next steps to further this goal!

Everyone fill out the Temperature Check (either [through the link](#) or by requesting a paper copy from Madeline).

10. New workgroup creation

- a. What do we need to successfully start our new workgroups? Some examples of potential topics that came up include:
 - i. Aligning [Michigan's Statewide Housing Plan](#) + the Governor's plan around homelessness and creating our own local plan.
 - 1. We will form our remaining workgroups based on the alignments that come out of this group.
 - ii. Data collection and analysis
- b. **Motion to create a State and Federal Plan Alignment Workgroup to study the plans out there, align with our local needs, and then recommend workgroups based on that alignment made by Lynne. Supported by Chrystal. The motion carried.**
 - i. Lynne, Shannon, Kelly, Chrystal, Jennifer will participate in this workgroup.
 - ii. **Kelly will forward the 4 housing plans to Madeline to share with the full group**
- c. **Motion to create a workgroup Data Collection and Analysis Workgroup made by Laura. Supported by Jill. The motion carried.**
 - i. Frank, Jill, Laura, Shannon, and Chris will participate in this workgroup.
 - ii. **Frank will share local data from the Social Vulnerability Index next meeting.**

11. Updates & Announcements

- a. MCAH
 - i. Advocacy Day in Lansing is on March 15th. Many of our members are participating and encourage you to do the same! Kelly is willing to carpool!
- b. Conversations with Landlords
 - i. Meetings are now quarterly. The next meeting will be at 12:00pm on February 22nd at the United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties in the Gallery of Shops. Refreshments will be provided.

Everyone let Housing Help know if someone you know or your agency would like to speak at these meetings!
- c. PIT Count
 - i. Happened on January 31st. It was very cold but fun! A lot of volunteers helped canvas, including 3 non-uniformed Adrian Police Department officers, and brought lots of donated items (blankets, snacks, handwarmers...). 4 individuals were located and we talked to 2. Many encampments were found, so the need for more street outreach is there. A suggestion was made to make this an all-day event so we can do more thorough outreach throughout the County, especially on very cold days.
- d. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
 - i. Hosting free community Mental Health First Aid trainings. The next training is on March 2nd. Register on CMH's website: https://www.lcmha.org/get_conftraining.php
- e. United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties
 - i. You can still sign-up for the 21-Day Equity Challenge!

- ii. There are Health Checks scheduled for May 4, May 18, and May 25. Call 732-242-1331 for more information.
- f. Family Medical Center
 - i. Started construction on an optometry unit! Hooray!
 - ii. Partnered with City of Refuge Ministry to provide financial resources.
- g. PACT Act
 - i. Hosting an informational session on February 16th about the PACT Act and services available to veterans and their survivors who have been impacted by Camp Lejeune. This session will be held at the River Raisin Room at 9:30am, lunch will be provided.
- h. ProMedica
 - i. Shared a very high level summary of the [Social Vulnerability Index](#) data for Lenawee County + a CDC infographic about how to interpret the data.

12. **NEXT MEETING: March 14 at 3:00pm via Zoom and in-person at [Goodwill Industries](#).** This will be a FULL meeting.