

LENAWEE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Lenawee County Continuum of Care serves as an advocacy, awareness, and planning workgroup of the Lenawee Essential Needs Council. Our mission is to meet the needs of the homeless population in Lenawee County.

This policy document has been prepared by the Lenawee County Continuum of Care (CoC), whose main purpose is to work together, sharing resources and procedures, so that people in housing crisis have the services they need.

The principles, agreements and understandings set forth in this memorandum are not intended to be contractual and are not binding on any party.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth a framework to enable agencies and interested parties to fulfill its mandate by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) that in order to be eligible for their funding, the county must have a working CoC that meets regularly and operates in alignment with the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule. The CoC is accountable for HUD and MSHDA funding and spending and determines which agencies, if any, are deemed appropriate for such funding.

This MOU builds on the relationships of Lenawee County human service agencies as well as other interested organizations and community members to achieve individual and community based outcomes for persons who are facing homeless situations. This MOU will be used to sustain strategic relationships to maximize and potentially increase existing resources to be used in our community to fight homelessness.

The Lenawee County Continuum of Care offers:

- Collaboration necessary to support Lenawee County's Collective Impact Process
- Guidance when agency/organizations develop programs
- Endorsement for grant applications
- Educational opportunities for agency/organizations

By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, you recognize the shared efforts to maintain a progressive, energetic, highly effective CoC, and the parties agree to the following Mission and Guiding Principles:

Guiding Principles

- Membership is open to all (non-profits, businesses, community members, etc...) who are interested in actively working to address homeless issues in Lenawee County
- Voting is limited to one vote per organization
- The Lenawee County CoC is led by the Executive Committee as outlined in the By-Laws
- The CoC has Work Groups created by a collective vote to further the mission of the CoC; members are encouraged to participate on at least one Work Group

AGREEMENTS

We agree to participate/support fully in the CoC by:

1. Sharing information to the fullest extent possible, within the parameters of applicable regulations and respect for confidentiality
2. Attending at least 75% of monthly meetings. If the designated member cannot attend a meeting, an attempt will be made to find a suitable replacement
3. Ensuring active participation in the CoC Memorandum of Understanding and following the Bylaws of the CoC
4. Participating in Work Groups
5. Participating in the Point In Time Homeless Count per State and Federal guidelines

This agency/organization/individual agrees to the guiding principles and agreements of the Memorandum of Understanding and agree to support the efforts of the Lenawee County Continuum of Care as written above. This MOU will be reviewed each year and updated accordingly.

Name and Title of Authorizing Official

Agency/Organization Name

Address

Phone

Fax

Authorizing Signature

Date

Names of Agency/Organization Representative to attend CoC meetings:

Name

Email

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