



Hunger Free Lenawee

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Presbyterian/Tecumseh/Share the Warmth) Cari Reottaro (Dept. on Aging) Amy
Shovals(MSUE virtual) Kathy Cremeans (SMFP)

We have realized that the guest pantry is not getting a lot of people to do their tour so we are changing the format so that the tour is first before the business meeting.

Lilian Haddad gave us a tour of their pantry and a short history and how their pantry works. Their pantry is 10 years old. Their clients can come once a month. The pantry is open two days a week from 1-3. They serve around 110 clients a month mostly from the east side of Adrian. They are able to help with some utilites and they have a limited amount of clothing to give out.

Spencer moved that the Feb. minutes be approved -seconded and passed

Cheri Constable from Fishes & Loaves at 423 W. Maumee announced that they have had a large donation of ham shanks. More then they can use and if any of our pantries could use some they are welcome to come get some. They are open M-W-F from 10-3.

Our 3rd Principle of Trauma- Informed Care is Peer Support & Mutual Self Help. A lot of trauma is unseen. A lengthy discussion followed. The high rise being a well know local trauma. This was of no fault of the residents but they are baring the burden of the situation. Those that are living at the Adrian Inn only have a microwave to prepare their food. Some of our clients feel attacked by us or the

system. And then they can become defensive. So it can become a vicious circle. Vicki passed out a survey to get a feel of how we feel about trauma in our lives and in our pantries.

Heather Pearce was able to answer a question from last month about what kind of I.D pantries are allowed to ask for from our clients. We can ask for but not require an I.D. to serve a client. And the USDA requires that we can NOT refuse to serve a client. Income is on the TFAP form that they fill out so that isn't an issue. Asking income for Christmas boxes or extra special give aways is a different matter. Our pantry budgets can dictate how often our clients can come.

A pantry that orders from SMFB can NOT deny food to any client. This is a rule of the USDA.

We thanked Spencer for his efforts in creating the pantry info list and keeping it updated. If your info is incorrect or changes get with Spencer so he can update the list.

If you have a client that comes in from a different county the SMFB website has info on pantries from different counties and that will help you direct them to the correct pantry.

The postal system has a program on May 13 where they ask residents to donate food that the mail carriers pick up but they need help folding the bags and including information on the bags. Cari R. volunteered to help with that using members in her department. Question =Is there a way to donate money instead of cans?

April 4 meeting will be at Fishes & Loaves at 423 W. Maumee St. not 192.They will be the May meeting.