

Hunger Free Lenawee

April 4, 2023

Liz Seeburger (Blissfield Council Of Churches) Steve Palmer (Neighbors of Hope) Madeline DeMarco (LCMHA) Lisa Aleobua (LCMHA – Intern) Amy Shovels (MSU Extension) Lisa Millyard (DHHS) Sharon Tayler (SVDP) Anne Walker (FPC – Tecumseh) Laura Pipis (United Way) Heather Pearce (SMFB) Cari Rebottaro (Dept on Aging) De’Angelo Boone (City of Refuge MAP) Rosemary Hardnett (City of Refuge MAP) Cheri Constable (Fishes & Loaves Pantry) Spencer Ruffner (Tecumseh Service Club)

Nancy Bishop retired in Dec. and Lisa Millyard will be taking her place.

Cheri Constable from Fishes & Loaves gave us an overview of their pantry and how it is run. It is a “clients choice” operation. Each client is allowed 20# of product once a month. They choose what product they want and then everything is weighed and packaged. They carry some perishable products and receive many donations from the public. 4H donates pork from their fair animals and they receive a lot of product from Adrian Steel. They do have an emergency option for people who are in dire conditions. The pantry accepts produce from growers and 3rd Day Farm also supplies in season produce.

Cari R. made the motion to accept the March minutes. Seconded and passed.

Working on the fourth Principles of Trama -Informed Care “Collaboration & Mutuality”. Discussion followed. We need to share our pantry info. When we are open– what our requirements are -. Important that we share our info with

Spencer so he can keep the Pantry list up to date. Fishes & Loaves corrected their info. They are open M-W-F from 10-3 and Sat. from 10-12 by appointment.

The Clinton Pantry is small but are working on getting their info out to the public. They are growing by hosting the Fresh Food Distribution.

To continue growing HFL needs to get more formal. As in having a Mission Statement and how we interact with clients. Heather P. mentioned that SMFB has training available also training documents available.

Comments were shared about receiving “odd” food and how to deal with out dated food. Also getting recipes for food they we have on hand frequently. Fishes & Loaves still has a large amount of ham shanks to give out . We can check food websites for recipes and MSU Ext. has classes for low cost meals.

City of Refuge is in need personal care items. SMFB doesn't often have these items available. Dept. on Aging carries some personal care items.

April 22 is Drug Take Back Day from 10-2 at Hickman Hospital. Including Sharps.

Next meeting is May 2 at I-92 105 Sand Creek Hwy.Adrian.