

Hunger Free Lenawee

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Family Promise Center 301 S. Tecumseh St. Adrian, Mi.

Lisa Aleobua (CHH) – Liz Seeburger (Blissfield Council of Churches) – Amy Shovals (MSU Ext.) – Vickie Pfeifer (MSU EXT.) De'Angelo Boone (Meal Assistance Program) Diane Herry (SVDP Food Pantry) Spencer Ruffner (TSC) Beth Burkhard Yeary (MAP/FPC) Ann Walker (FPC) Rochelle Bird (MAP/FPC) Cindy Frownfelder (1st. Adrian Presbyterian) Rosemary Hardnett (MAP) Cheri Constable (Fishes & Loaves) Moses Regaldo (Family Promise)

By Zoom Amy Gilhouse & Amanda Burgard (Community Health Navigator -Health Dept)

De'Angelo gave us information on the creation of a community garden on the East side of Adrian where there is a need for fresh food. He introduced us to Wayne who maintains the garden and sees that the produce is available to any resident in the area. He works with the residents to help them understand the importance of a healthy diet. The garden is completely organic, and Wayne captures rainwater to water the garden when necessary.. Wayne even pointed out a Praying Mantis which is a sign that the garden is healthy..The garden contains a variety of tomatoes, hot peppers, pumpkins, chives and self seeded strawberries.

Amy Shovels is our tech. person. We still need a co-chair to help Vickie after Madeline left. Amy S. & Vickie decided on trying the new format for the Agenda no complaints.

The Veggie Mobile is up and running again.

Collective Impact #6 How trama affects people When we generalize about people. “ nobody wants to work anymore” Do we need to have requirements . Spencers list is helpful in listing any requirements for the different pantries. We need to be aware of cultural differences and can we address them in our pantries. Are we suppling healthy foods? Pantries that allow clients to choose their own food. Check 211 to make sure your info is correct on their site. The question was brought up if MAP site has a Spanish version. Spencer lists gluten or sugar free on his site.

The DAV lends out mobility items also the Christian Mobility Center has items.

De"Angelo introduced Moses Regalato from Family Promise of Lenawee. This is a national group that is just getting started in Lenawee Co. It is estimated that there are between 200 – 300 homeless children in Lenawee . The closest shelter for families is in Saginaw. The Neighbors of Hope is trying to open a shelter in Adrian but are facing backlash from the city. Their Tecumseh shelter for women and children has had to close. Adrian is in the top 15 of homeless cities in the nation.

It takes \$150,000 - \$200,000 to operate a shelter for a year.

For September meeting it is moved to Sept. 12 at 2:30 and meeting at Daily Bread. Jim Southard will be our host.