

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Monday, August 5, 2024

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Karol Bolton, Kevon Martis, Terry Collins, Kevon Martis, James Van Doren

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Lenawee Community Mental Health Director Kathryn Szewczuk, Captain Laura Lunnam, Captain

Absent: Dawn Bales, Department on Aging Director Cari Rebottaro

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Comm. Bolton.

Comm. Bolton appointed Comm. Collins as a voting member of the committee as Comm. Bales was unable to attend today.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2024

Motion by Martis, seconded by Collins to approve the minutes of June 3, 2024. Motion carried.

III. Presentation- Salvation Army- Cpt. Laura Lunnam

A. PowerPoint

Captain Laura and Bob Knoblauch, the Salvation Army Advisory Board Chairman presented to the Committee from the Lenawee County Salvation Army. It was founded 128 years ago in Lenawee County and is one of the oldest organizations/charities.

A total of nine people staff the Salvation Army and have volunteers to contribute to their services; food service being a large part of their organization. A commonly known service is their Thrift shop, where donated items are sold, and the funding received helps to run other various programs within the organization.

Those who need assistance can visit a social worker at the Salvation Army to receive a confidential voucher to cover the expense of items in the thrift store.

The Salvation Army has various ways of helping the community, including Christmas gifts for

children and adults, Lego Club, Easter Baskets, Ladies' coffee club, and their Emergency Disaster team. The Emergency Disaster mobile unit provides the ability to offer hot meals and drinks in cases of emergency; they can serve all of Lenawee County and have an on-call team to help during emergency events. Out-of-County residents may request assistance from the Emergency Disaster team, with the approval of their County.

Over 10K hot meals were served in 2023. The meals are all made "to-go" after discovering families preferred the to-go meals, over dining in. Due to the requests, the dining room is not open at this time.

Captain Laura shared photos and details about how the ARPA funding was allocated to the Salvation Army. The food pantry is located on the lower level. New flooring was placed to allow for mopping and easy cleaning. Food storage shelving units were purchased that can hold a large amount of food.

The ARPA funds were utilized to purchase a new truck for the Salvation Army. The new truck is used to pick up food from restaurants and grocery stores, that are unable to be sold, but can be distributed to families in need.

Updates to the front entrance at the Salvation Army were done by coordinating the ARPA funding and some of their contingent and capital funds. The front entrance is now ADA accessible with a new sidewalk, ramp, and doors. The renovated entrance doors are now energy efficient, to save on utility bills.

IV. Department Highlights

A. Health Department - Monica Hunt

Health Officer Hunt was present to discuss her department's highlights. The "Infection Prevention Initiative" is currently happening. Lysol wipes and Kleenex are being provided to 16 public schools in the county for a total of \$57,000. Various pop-up clinics are being held in August and September for STI and reproductive health.

Promedica Farms and Lenawee Transportation have partnered to provide transportation for those with food insecurities. Residents who visit the Health Department Clinic and have a need may be eligible to receive transportation tokens and food certificates. With the grant funding, they were able to purchase \$3,000 in transportation tokens and food certificates.

The next back-to-school immunization clinic is being held on 8/23/24.

The summer cookbook was published, and they are collecting recipes for the Fall Cookbook. Renovations are ongoing at the Health Department, possible by the various grant funding officer Hunt obtained.

Hunt gave up an update on the state-wide septic code. She has been informed that drafts 4 and 5 are under review by the state but have not been released to the Counties.

B. Department on Aging - Cari Rebottaro

Director Rebottaoro was unable to attend the meeting. Comm. Bolton shared some highlights from the monthly report in the packet. The Department on Aging has been working with older adults on the mission of "home safety", which focuses on keeping their home safe and sanitary, encouraging them to live with independence and dignity.

Services provided at the Department on Aging also include home care workers who provide light housekeeping tasks like cleaning bathrooms, mopping/vacuuming, dishes, laundry, and cleaning out refrigerators. Clean and organized homes reduce the risk of falls, infections, and allergies. Also, maintaining a tidy space can greatly enhance their mental health, providing a sense of order, safety, and comfort.

The Dept. on Aging also has a Volunteer Driven Chore Program that offers minor home repairs such as bathroom grab bars and other small simple repairs to maintain a secure living environment.

C. Community Development - Francine Zysk

Coordinator Zysk provided an update on her recent activities and initiatives. At the July MAC meeting, she presented the "Lenawee Opioid Action Plan," focusing on this year's theme, "How to Engage the Community," aimed at counties interested in participation.

Zysk, a member of Region K of the MSHDA Regional Housing Partnership Subcommittee for Communication & Education, reported that several grant applications have been submitted for Lenawee County Parks, the community, the MSC kitchen, and the land bank. She is currently awaiting the results of these applications.

Additionally, Zysk is organizing the Day of Hope (Health Ownership, Prevention, and Education) scheduled for August 31, 2024, to honor lives and loved ones lost to overdose.

She continues to provide Narcan training, with the next session set to occur at MSC. By the end of August, a total of 220 individuals from Lenawee County employees and staff will have been trained.

On July 18th, the most recent Community Book Read focused on "Prescription for Pain".

Zysk also remains actively involved with the Land Bank, which has been managing numerous phone inquiries and property issues.

1) MAC presentation

V. Updates & Other Business

A. Lenawee Community Mental Health updates- Kathryn Szewczuk

Director Szewczuk thanks the committee for supporting their stance on Conflict Free Access and planning plans, from the State of MI. Szewczuk is present to further inform the committee what Conflict free access is and how it will impact their organization.

B. SmartDollar

SmartDollar is a financial management tool offered to all County employees. It includes budget tracking tools, video lessons, and "baby step" trackers to assist with tracking user's savings, debt pay-off, or investing.

Since 2019, 45% of County employees have created an account with SmartDollar and the program has assisted in eliminating \$329,385 in user debt and a total savings of \$124,484.

C. September meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting falls on a holiday; after discussion, it will be rescheduled to September 9th.

VI. 2024 Goals

- Visiting Community Organizations - Wells and Septic - Planning for Strategic Plan - Scholarship Fundraising - Attendance at Legislative Meeting

Deputy Elliott informed the committee that the MAC conference is being held 9/24-9/26; Commissioners interested should contact Elliott to sign up.

The November Legislative Dinner is being planned. After discussion, it was decided to hold the annual event on November 13th at the LISD culinary department. A state of the county will be made, in addition to other popular topics to be determined.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Martis, Second by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 AM. Motion carried.