No Minutes from December meeting

Introductions and Agency Announcments:

Homeless Angels has added 40 beds to their shelter and has opened an additional adjoining hotel room which will allow them to house a family of up to 10 members.

Salvation Army has a new director starting and still has open case management positions to fill

Davies Project is looking for additional drivers to add to their fleet of dedicated volunteers

Brenda - Disability Appeals introduced herself to the network for the second month. She is anxious to provide assistance to community members in need of support with filing disability and appeals

Lansing Housing Commission will be opening their housing wait list: January 28, 2018 12:0 a.m. – February 3, 2018 11:59 p.m.

Salvation Army - Emergency Shelter Program encouraged Network members to review MDHHS webinar regarding the HEP A outbreak. The outbreak is continuing to spread to new counties and it’s important to educate community members, especially our most vulnerable and those professionals in close contact to get vaccinated.

GLHN is hosting an exciting event at Craig Mitchell Glassworks, $25

Child and Family Charities is starting a new program Housing Young Families, seeking partners to help with supplies like diapers and other baby and infant basic needs.

Justin Reed Church of Greater Lansing prayer team is looking for ways to be supportive to the community in prayer and active service.

Matthew Schoenherr, Levaire is seeking opportunites to assist network members with media and communications services. Working with some of our partners in a probono project called Grace….org

Dream Center had a very successful event, thanking the community for the great support.

Helping victims of elder abuse (55+\_ Financial exploitation, physical and emotional abuse, authority members of category. Broadly categorized as age 55 if you are unsure please contact LSSCM

Ingham, Eaton CLintion shiawasee or Livingston

IF you go to any additional meetings you’ll hear more.

Exploitation work includes helping to recoup, divorce and personal protection are also areas of civil legal need coverage. We don’t do criminal work, APS or Police should sill be called for criminal issues.

Folks who call, her client is the elder individual, she will not be able to help anyone who doesn’t want help. The elder needs an attorney but wont listen, she cannot advocate on their behalf without their permission. Confidentiality is a priority, if the client does not want to provide updates she cannot break that confidenialit privilege.   
  
Prioritizes low income clients, does not have an income level requirement.

Referral Process: Get the referral sheet from Liza and Fliers.

Just because Alicia has a full caseload doesn’t mean other attorneys cant help. Please call. As elder law is one of the five areas of service.

Veterans Numbers – PIT Count in Hazlett was higher, it seems to be lowering in trends.

THE Veterans dollars are greater than any other program there should bepriority.

Currently 25 working with agencies.

Adam Michgan Veterans Homeless Affairs,

Mobile Food pantry St. Gerards church – bus stransport from Bus station will be available. Will deliver food boxes to seniors who are not mobile. Encourage community members to call and will go to Saginaw but may go to other stops to pick up community members

St. Thomas of East Lansing next month.

New mayor says hello, will stop in at some point.

1.25% of general fund for department grants (1.6 million this year)

Report of Death of 40-ish SUD affected individual (24 our agencies do know the most about these homeless community members)

Mom with babies in a stroller at 11pm, when you see something please say something.

Utility (Kathy St Vincent De Paul is a gift to community with their ehlp with utility and basic needs assistance) our policyis people must first apply to DHHS, changes in policies are creating more difficulty. The asitanace they are providing is with water shut-off. Community membes must follow through, if tey do not they mut wait 2 years. City is paying back bills, (10 yrs old in someone elses name). MDHHS can pay up to 850 but there are stipulations. A number of community members have vouchers but this is the barrier.

Frustration is that some of the rules (Denied deposits, homeless) has been o CRM, Loaves and Fishes, denied based on non-homeless status. Shelter verification is required. VOA accommodated, but DHHS said it wasn’t enough. HE had a place at Friendship, he was going to lose his voucher, City interviened.

Weekend Day Shelter – Advent house is open; CRM Michigna Avenue when temperature 10 or below; VOA open at 6:00 p.m. Transport is a huge challenge, cityhas been giving out tolkens, unshoveled sidewalks (need for proper shoes) clean and gently used winter wear needs to be provided on the weekneds, sometimes cabs are available through this ministry.

DHHS

Does not have funds for furnishings. Will e-mail when funds become available. No beds and mattresses, is it a PS referral when they don’t have furnishings? CPS may be able to find money in their budget (advocates be aware)

Application process is overwhelming, there is a process in place to simplify the process, more information will be communicated.   
  
Food assistance, letter to all clients 18-49 system doesn’t say working or disabled they must find work and work a minimum of 20 hours per week to maintain food assistance; including self employment – paystubs and signed and dated employers on letter head; this came into play in 1996; Physcial/mental disability must have written statement or DHHS has forms for their dr to fill out. Michigan works letter sent 300 sent, 20 showed up, 10 asked for. SUD treatment will be deferred for the period fo time for program. Victory Clinic info?

Joe McDOnald – 2nd chance housing, multiple evictions cannot get landlors to rent, landlords are engaged to provide a second chance if the client participates I the program.

Child under 18 deffered, pregnant deffered, caretaker for child or elder deferred, in school at least ½ time; unemployment benefit deffered, disability benefit deferred.

People will need resources to get food. IF they are not working for one countable month and second month comes around 3 months will be cut off for three years.   
  
Can call Case worker w questions, or contact Michigan works. These pograms will count towared 20 hours per week. Volunteer time may count.

License Registration for SSVF program, Legal services may be abel to assis.

MICA works on state policy work, thre is a community that works on state policy on this level. This started in this county last year

There is no data yet regarding these results.

RRH and Prevention dollars, MCHDA pulled 20 names yesterday.

Rose NOFA youth homelessness demonstration program (TC has this) serious permanent difference for homeless families.

Looking for different approach, group of people coming together to look at nofa and coordinate to maek this happen. Doubled up shelter system. Find their own shelter doubling up because they don’t qualify as homeless. The minimum grant is 1 mil, 43 mil – 11 providers – scattered site doubled up to support families case management to support them; look at everything and come up with a plan to do this. People from LHC, second time around, DHHS, Homeless angels at the table (hotel support could be a match) Restorative Justice, Unacommpanied homeless youth (drop in center) after hours support.   
  
Need a fiscal agent; bring ideas to the table (skirt hud definitions to assist); cant be a silo, 1000 homeless kids in the county April deadline