Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017

Present: Leo, Tom, Marcie, Tammy, Katrina, Sam, Nikki, Linda, Beth, Valerie, Kelcey, Christina

Next Meeting: July 18th, 2017, 10:00am, Location TBD

Agenda Discussion:

1. TEFAP
   a. Meeting case load
   b. Want to offer distributions at different locations to meet and exceed case load
      i. Have more TEFAP Distributions

2. CSFP
   a. Income level increase of $20
   b. Put the monthly schedule on the website

3. Weatherization
   a. Looking into getting EO rebates
   b. Need to complete 78 jobs by June per DOE
   c. This program is on the chopping block → Government funding is going to be cut
   d. Goes by need- there are 5 priority points (ex: age)
   e. Discussion:
      i. This program is not being advertised enough by our COCs

4. Utility Programs and Housing
   a. Had to Supplement LCA with MCA because of the new cap amount
      i. No more large deliveries of firewood- went from 15 cord to how much they need for a month (3-5), so they have to reapply each time they need more. This is why LCA had to be supplemented with MCA funds.
   b. No funding left in MCA as of 4/7/2017
   c. If clients cap out at one agency then they cap out at all agencies (True North, Salvation Army)
   d. If agency runs out of funds the client can go to another agency to receive assistance.
   e. ESG- up to 6 months of payments, FRP and RRP- up to 18 months of payments
      i. Northeast has a portion of funding spent out

5. Outreach
   a. Partnering with Goodwill/ Patriot Place for Outreach events
      i. Doing Outreach events at Walmart, Sava-a-Lot, Meijer, etc.

6. Community Development
   a. Property taxes and Mortgage foreclosure assistance- Step Forward Michigan Program
   b. Home Buyer Education Program- Teaches new home buyers the mortgage process and what to expect when buying a new home
i. Once clients take this class they are entitled to meeting with either Sam or Ashley for more counseling (pulling and reading credit scores, going through paperwork, etc.)

ii. Class is also available online and there are coupons available

c. Financial Capabilities
   i. Goes over money management, budgeting, insurance, banking basics, insurance, etc.
      1. Held every Friday at Alpena MI Works 9am-12pm
      2. Held every Monday at Cheboygan MI Works from 1pm-4pm
      3. Held every Wednesday at Grayling MI Works
      4. Going to be held every Wednesday in Gaylord at Northwind Apartment Complex 1pm-4pm

d. Family Self Sufficiency (FSS)
   i. Available to HCV or PBV holders
   ii. If rent goes up due to employment, the difference goes into an account
      1. The client is able to get this money out of the account at the end of the program ($2000-$7000).
   iii. Phone number- (989) 358-4627

e. Individual Development Account (IDA)
   i. Matched Savings Account
      1. For any age
      2. Income guidelines 200%
      3. Up to $1000 in the account and can be matched 3:1 (home buyer) or 2:1 (education or small business).

f. Youth IDA
   i. Save $200 in an account and match with $600 to put towards a laptop for college.
   ii. Also pushing regular IDA program if applicable.

7. Updates:
   a. Leo- Increase in food distribution
   b. Linda- tried new approach with clients→ asking them to only take what they need, seems to be working for some.
   c. Kelcey- Deb Suszek is in a new position; Movie Screening April 20th at ACC theater
   d. Christina- Funding available for one item in the home- ex. Furnace will be one loan; emergency full rehab- Alpena County only, and single family homes only.
   e. Tom- Currently have 23 Veterans at Patriot Place; 88-90% of Veterans are permanently housed when they leave Patriot Place; Resident meeting is the 1st Monday of every month.