

## Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

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

Next Meeting: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.