

07/18/2017

NEMCSA Policy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tammy Dean, NEMCSA Beth Younk, NEMCSA Arnold Dellar, NEMCSA
Samantha Altman, NEMCSA Ashley Gagon, NEMCSA Carrie Badgero, DHHS
Kelcey Lilley, Hope Shores Alliance, Debbie Wilds, NEMCSA

Meeting began: 10:03 a.m.

TEFAP – Tammy Dean presented. Stated 95-96% of caseload serviced last quarter. Informed that NEMCSA will be doing a pilot program for free produce at the Ogemaw TEFAP distribution on Aug. 8th.

CSFP—Tammy Dean presented. Stated that program is operating at 97%, which is good. Informed that there will be a site change in September in Ogemaw County.

WX—Arnold Dellar presented. Stated that FY2016 program has now ended. They had only planned for 60 homes but were able to complete 78. FY17 Budget will allow for 65-70 homes to be done. There are 394 applicants on the waiting list and they will be sending out applications at the end of July. Arnie and Mark will call clients first to confirm interest in the program before sending. The biggest problem is that client phone numbers will change or get disconnected. (They usually have a 50% return on completed applications, and this will help weed out those that may no longer be interested.) Program is on track once funding is approved. They have sent out new requests for bids for contractors.

Utility Assist, Del. Fuels, Housing Assist.—Beth Younk presented. She stated that she won't spend out Deliverable fuels monies and that there is talk of re-appropriating funds to other agencies. FRP & RRP funds cross over into the next FY. Last year there was a summer fuel program but not for this year. Contracts for Deliverable fuels are out for September.

Housing – Ashley presented. Funding coming for **Step Forward** program. No Tax program for this year, possible for next year.

DHHS-Carrie Badgero presented. Gave some interesting stats from DHHS regarding the number of clients receiving assistance with cash, food, daycare, Medicaid, and Healthy Michigan.

Hope Shores Alliance—Kelcey Lilley presented. Stated that applications are now being accepted for transitional support housing. Passed out brochures and her business card.

Wrap-up: Tammy asked for more members, possible from food banks . Set next PAC for October 24th.
10:50 a.m. meeting adjourned.