

PAC Meeting

10.15.19

Attendance: Nikki Amrich, Tammy Dean, Stacy Szczukowski, Kari Johns, Linda Zielinski, Ashley Gagnon, Sabrina McGirr, Chelsey Cloft, Karen Godi, April Travis, Carrie Badgero, Melissa Fuhrman, and Katrina Kendall-Thompson

Meeting started @ 10:00 AM

TEFAP/CSFP: Tammy Dean

TEFAP

- Took the ordering of the food for TEFAP
- Hoping to get their numbers up with these new orders; will be able to make more meals with the food provided.
- Added a new site in Skidway Lake; 120 people to begin with. Will give them the food and let the people go through and shop.
- Bought covers for palates of the frozen food
- There is a pantry in Ossineke office

CSFP

- Down to 4,070 from 5,000
- Skidway Lake and Roger City sites
- Rogers City will add at least 45 households
- Plant based proteins; meat products; 8 cans of veggies; potatoes; trying to switch up the cereals and other foods to change things up
- Added 10 feet to the packing line
- Volunteers are always needed
- Purchased a box crusher and wrapped trucks

WX: Sabrina

- 75 applications sent out; 30 applications sent out
- 10 projects completed 11 in progress
- Alpena Power program ending- 1 or 2 more units left
- Hoping to renew the program in January of 2020

Heat and Utility: Katrina and Nikki

- Less funding this year- will possibly be helping clients once with each commodity
- Will possibly be doing on assist per commodity- same as DHHS
- If clients are denied by DHHS then they are also denied by NEMCSA

Housing: Chelsey

- Spent almost all of ESG (Emergency Services Grant)
- RRH focuses on homeless families

- RRP focuses on homeless individuals
- ESG is split into prevention and literally homeless

Financial Empowerment: Ashley

- IDA is done
- FSS has 33 people in it; works in coordination with Housing Choice Voucher
- Foreclosure assistance- 91 people did intake
- Homebuyer education 21 classes 15 financial literacy classes
- Adding more classes this year; Fair Housing presentations, rental housing presentations, scam prevention class, homeless prevention class and post purchase class.
- SFM program is still open until December 1st; will have to come through NEMCSA and complete the application with Ashley, will not be able to apply online after that date.

SOAR: Nikki

- SSI/SSDI- for homeless and at risk of homelessness
- Cannot work due to mental/physical disability
- Will be partnering with the housing program
- Helping them through the application process
- Will be a faster turnaround in hopes of getting an approval the first time around rather than getting several denials
- 30 day turnaround
- \$10,000 grant from Huntington Bank
- We have 3 SOAR certified employees- Nikki, Katrina and Rosemarie

Linda: St. Vincent De Paul Alpena

- Has funds to assist with motels stays; assisted with paying for a tent
- Big Bear Motel will not take motel vouchers
- Partnering with DHHS for the Thanksgiving giveaway

April: St. Vincent De Paul Alcona County

- Does not have much funding for housing
- Needs volunteers to work the food truck to distribute food
 - Would like to do one next month if she gets enough volunteers
- Will be doing a giveaway for Christmas

Carrie/Melissa: DHHS Alpena & Montmorency/ Alcona & Iosco

- Number of homeless individuals increased
- Referring everyone through NEMCSA first
- Will be partnering with agencies to do a Thanksgiving basket giveaway- will be open to all four counties (Carrie)
- New Hope in Tawas- 500 baskets for Thanksgiving; will deliver them to everyone. Just needs to call and sign up. Will deliver to Alcona but will meet in between Iosco and Alcona. (Melissa)
- Christmas lists have tripled since last year (Melissa).

- Energy meeting with energy providers- will email when a date has been decided (Carrie)
- The Green book for grant/funding numbers; for all programs (Carrie)

Chelsey:

- Food truck this Saturday in Alpena at East Campus 1PM-3PM
- Anyone can come to this event- required zip code

Stacy: Hope Shores

- October is domestic violence month
- Paws in the park- dog park down by the post office October 19th
- Huron Humane Society will also be doing a bottle drive

Next meeting: January 14th, 2020

As we get nearer to the winter months please remember that if schools are closed the meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date

