

PAC Meeting Minutes

4.16.19

Taken by: Katrina Kendall-Thompson @ 10:00 AM

Attendees: April Travis, Michael Gardner, Stacie Nielsen, Sabrina McGirr, Victoria Purvis, Ashley Gagnon, Nikki Amrich, Doug Tallant, Bonny Gauthier

TEFAP- CSFP Presented by Bonnie

- TEFAP will be starting end of April and May
- List of the food that TEFAP will be receiving
- In the process of taking over the food ordering for the co-op
 - We weren't happy with what was in the last few packages; want to be able to order what we know our people need
- Started the robo call system for reminders for CSFP
 - 200 packages up with robo calls- possibly due to the weather as well; or the DHHS releasing food stamp money early.
 - Robo calls will also be calling to remind seniors of the snow day cancellation and rescheduling
- Needs assistance with TEFAP
 - Need a volunteer for each item- will be setting this giveaway up like produce giveaways
- Produce giveaways
 - Lewiston- wants to do the second Tuesday of every month
 - Ossineke- will be trying to have a couple at the Methodist church

WX- Presented by Doug/Sabrina

- July 1st end of funding year
- Completed about 50 homes- 47 more to go to meet the goal of 100 homes
- Has sent out 200 applications since July 1st 2018
- Down to an 18-24 month waiting list
- Received funding for the water heater replacement plan- only applicable to Alpena Power customers- will also be helping with other home repairs
- 40-50 people left from 2017 applications

H/U- Presented by Katrina/Nikki

- MEAP funds have been depleted
- Have some warm hearts funds left
- Also have a program for CE customers- income eligibility required

Housing- Presented by Victoria

- 167% increase in just Cheboygan county- have been the access point for about 18 months now
- Money is split between programs- funding is secure as of right now for all the programs
- Only two case workers covering the 11 counties at this time

- Other agencies have stepped up to assist with the applications with clients
- Ashley is going to clients homes and doing budgeting classes
- A lot of areas are working on building more shelters and homes
 - Otsego is working on building 500 homes- starting in August

Financial Empowerment- Presented by Ashley

- 5 people left in the IDA program- technically 4 one client is working on buying a house
 - Program is ending September
 - This program comes from Northwest Community Action Agency
- 31 people in the FSS program
- Get about half of the foreclosure/property tax applications back that she sends out
 - Suggests calling their county treasurer to set up a payment plan
 - Turn-around time is at least 2 months – depending on how quickly the paperwork is received back by us
- Started to doing classes on the first Tuesday of every month in losco county

St. Vincent de Paul- April/Travis

- Getting calls regarding CE mostly
- Mostly receiving calls for food assistance
 - Produce giveaways
 - Goal is to do one each month this summer June, July, August, and possibly October.

Next meeting:

July 16th Annex 10AM-11AM