

PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: October 9, 2018

Attendees: Leo Marciniak, April Travis, Nikki Amrich, Ashley Gagnon, Bonny Gauthier, Katrina Kendall-Thompson

Meeting brought to order: 10:00 AM

Program Reports:

Bonny: TEFAP, CSFP, and Produce Giveaways

- TEFAP
 - NEMCSA is now packing the boxes for the Alpena TEFAP distribution, so the time for the distribution may be changing to 1PM or later.
- 3 more Produce Giveaways coming up:
 - Lewiston 10/9/18
 - Cheboygan 10/10/18
 - West Branch 10/16/18

Nikki: Weatherization

- 94 jobs were completed by the end of September 2018
- There will be a new training center located in Michigan
- Waiting on LIHEAP funding to come through, currently the only funding for WX is DOE

Katrina/Nikki: Heat and Utility

- We have our contract now, just waiting for the final go-ahead
- All clients are required to go to DHHS for their first round of assistance for each commodity

Nikki: Housing

- Approved for ESG extension
- FRP has been replaced with RRH- geared more towards individuals rather than just families
- Housing took a \$250,000 cut which lead to staffing changes

Ashley: Financial Programs

- Most of her applications are coming from Alpena County and Crawford County
 - Local Treasurers have been including her paperwork with delinquent property tax notices
- Homebuyer education classes are up, and most of them are being done online
- Financial capability classes are down; not able to make good connections with local MI Works to gain more clients
- FSS has 33 spots that can be filled; the only eligibility requirement for this program is to be a participant in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)
 - Had 4 new clients that came from the HCV program

- IDA is currently full, and will not be accepting any more applications because the program will be ending September 2019.

Leo/ April:

- Haven't had many people in for help with utilities; if they did the clients had very large bills and they were unable to help
- Have had several people come in for help with food
 - Recently received between 2,000-2,500 pounds of food from the state police
 - Also received their food from Foodbank
- Will be holding a produce giveaway on October 25, 2018
- Each employee will be picking families to buy Thanksgiving baskets for
- They will be holding their Christmas giveaway in December; will be able to feed at least 192 families

Next meeting: January 15th @ 10 AM

Location: NEMCSA Annex building in Alpena

Minutes taken by: Katrina Kendall-Thompson