

One Lenawee is...a collaboration of concerned people dedicated to the **Vision of making Lenawee County a Great Place to live, work, learn, worship, play, and invest.**

*We bring attention and action to important community issues.*

*Uniting and Connecting* partners and committed people, we identify, support, and develop initiatives and projects that optimize community resources to **The Vision.**



## 2019 Objectives

**Strategic Vision and Action Plan for Lenawee-nine priority areas, and all of them active.**

**Kiwanis Trail – OL will support the completion and finish signage.**

**OL-Organization structure and succession plan**

## Steering Committee Notes April 16, 2019

### Present:

Sue Lewis, Mark Haag, Jackie Bradley, Lynne Punnett, Don Taylor, Joe Williams, Randy Yagiela

### Strategic Plan:

Joe is checking with Marty regarding our information on the county web site and how to get it updated. We are suggesting one point person. Communications priority group should take part in this process. More to come.

If you have any changes to your Priority group's objectives, please send them to Dave.

### Priority Areas Reports:

#### Lifestyle Choices:

Sue first explained the role the Lenawee Health Network (LHN) regarding this Priority Group and how the two objectives are integrated into the LHN strategic plan. She distributed a handout with updates on their two objectives. Regarding increasing awareness in the growing need to improve the quality of life for seniors, she explained most of the action steps are focused on awareness. They work closely with Region 2 Area Agency on Aging and the Lenawee County Department on Aging since both are represented on the LHN. Presentations and roundtable discussions have taken place at LHN meetings. They are engaging senior centers with ProMedica Farms on healthy eating and physical activity modules. Several fitness classes and health screens have been provided with very good participation during the first quarter of 2019.

Their second objective is to establish an Opioid Task Force. There are three active work groups in this task force and all three have short term goals of addressing gaps in service areas and processes. The Safety Work Group is working to establish a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in the jail that also includes a continuum of service during community re-entry and thereafter. Lenawee Community Mental Health (LCMH) and Family Medical Center (FMC) are both actively involved in establishing this process to ensure a smooth transition. The psychiatrist at the jail is now

able to prescribe Vivitrol and monitor a limited number of Suboxone cases. Funding has also been secured for the laboratory testing for MAT patients.

The Prevention Work Group has been working on establishing an initiative for Hospice to dispose of medications. A bill has made its way through the legislature and new rules and protocols are expected to be introduced very soon by LARA (Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs).

Their second objective is to improve the capacity for early identification and referral for substance abuse services for Lenawee County Youth. Meetings have taken place with various schools and key people at each school district have been identified who are currently dealing with these issues. The Lenawee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is prepared to be of assistance. They are now working on their next steps.

The Treatment, Recovery and Medical Workgroup is working to establish recovery and re-entry services for individuals re-entering the community due to jail release, hospital/E.D. discharge, and inpatient treatment discharge. The group is currently exploring several models utilizing Peer Supports, identifying who are Peer Supports in Lenawee County and what training do they have or need. They are also researching the role of ProMedica's "care navigators" and how they may be helpful in working with Peer Supports, for example in the hospital's E.D.

The second goal of this work group is to increase access to MAT and Addiction Detox Services. They are still in the first stages trying to get area physicians enrolled and trained. This has been slow going because many physicians feel they don't have the capacity to take on what they sense is a very specialized service. The group will try to help them in this challenging situation by offering support in identifying if their patient has a substance use disorder and helping with the assessment process. Next steps involve establishing a protocol and partnership to get their patients the services they need. There are currently four physicians at FMC enrolled in the MAT Program.

## **Entrepreneurship – No report**

### **Workforce/Talent:**

Randy reflected on the seven key points from Eric's summary report. LCAN is doing well in exploring partnerships with the Tech Center to offer programs during the summer and in the evening. Regarding marketing, this group is working with Lenawee Now and utilizing the community calendar. Mark shared how government funding was cut on My Bright Future, which is an issue since Lenawee County already had invested in a program that intersects with this. My Bright Future is software used to explore careers, where students can navigate their future, however the problem was, they never put people in the trenches (boots on the ground) to assist the students. Other things going on right now include the Marshall Plan which is a state funded program where employers meet with the schools. They have reapplied for funding since it is coming to an end. Included in the Marshall Plan is working with navigators in the schools. Mark reported that initially the two colleges were not interested in anything less than a four-year degree, but recently they (especially Siena Heights) has made a big move in considering something less, such as a certification in working with the ISD. Randy wrote a grant for the Launch Lenawee Kitchen incubator project. He also applied to have Purdue University come in to speak about the economy and how we educate students to prepare.

**Collaboration/Communication:**

The following is the Daily Telegram article schedule for the next few months:

April – Dan Swallow

May – Mark Haag

June – Don Taylor

July – Sue Lewis

WLEN – Don said this is on hold for right now.

Logo – Lynne and Dave will get with Brandi regarding how to use the logo.

**Connecting Lenawee:**

Joe reported that Kiwanis would like to see their trail connect with the future ProMedica fitness trails and to Tecumseh. Mark said there is real hope for funding on the pedestrian bridge from the Tech Center to Planewave and even a future connection of Planewave to Heritage Park. The Connecting Lenawee group has shifted their focus to the River Raisin.

**Note:** There was discussion about changing up the meeting agenda considering decreased attendance the past few months. Joe will talk with Dave about rescheduling the May meeting because several people are unavailable for the next regular scheduled meeting.

**Next meeting – Date TBD at the William Ross building. Facilitator – Joe**