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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes dated 09-07-11 (previously distributed)
5. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson related only to issues contained on the agenda)

6. Educational Public Hearing on Food Systems and Policy
 - Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow (pre-recorded video)
 - Statement from Office of Congressman Sander Levin

Panelists:

 - Dr. Rick Foster, W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair, Food, Society & Sustainability, Michigan State University and Director, Greening Michigan Institute, Michigan State University Extension
 - Cheryl Simon, Coordinator, Detroit Food Policy Council
 - Aaron Martin, TLC Charitable City Garden
 - Susan Goodell, President/CEO, Forgotten Harvest
 - Katherine Benford, Director of the Senior Citizen Nutrition Program, MCCSA
 - Sue Figurski, Food Coordinator for the Macomb Food Program, MCCSA
 - Eileen Haraminac, Extension Educator, Health and Nutrition Institute, Michigan State University Extension
 - Kathe Hale, Extension Educator, Greening Michigan Institute, Michigan State University Extension

7. Adopt a Resolution of Food Systems and Policy **(offered by Moceri)** **(attached)**

8. **Veterans**
Report by Veterans' Services Department **(mailed)**

9. New Business
10. Public Participation (five minutes maximum per speaker or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson)
11. Adjournment

MEMBERS: Moceri-Chair, Flynn-Vice-Chair, Frascchetti, Miller, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

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Sander Levin

12th District, Michigan

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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives**

November 2, 2011

Dear Members of the Macomb County Health and Human Services Committee:

Thank you for holding this important hearing to highlight the painful increase in hunger among Macomb County residents that has accompanied this economic downturn.

As you know, there is new harsh reality that we all must be very mindful of. Today, one in five Michigan residents receives food stamps. In Macomb County, nearly 16 percent of the population, or more than 133,000 people receive food stamps, and nearly 18 percent do have inadequate access to food at some point during the year. Our local food banks, Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners, report serving an estimated 489,700 different people annually.

Last year I visited the Macomb County Food Distribution facility run by the Community Services Agency. They operate with minimal staff and wonderful volunteers. I helped the volunteers load the donated food to send off to some of the 55 local pantries, churches, and soup kitchens across the County. I was so pleased that because of funding from the Recovery Act, they were able to purchase a new 4,000 cubic foot freezer that allowed much more donated meat to be able to get to families in need instead of going to waste.

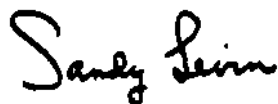
While there is good work being done by great people, we must do more to eliminate hunger in our community. That is why I opposed cuts to food stamp funding last year as part of legislation to reauthorize child nutrition programs. I've also sponsored legislation to improve the tax incentive for businesses to donate food inventory to food banks, and led the effort to improve funding for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which delivers nutritious food to seniors and families.

But we also have to take a holistic view of the problem. We have seen hunger rise in Macomb County in no small part because of the painful economic transformation occurring in our region. In August the unemployment rate in Macomb County was 12.7 percent, representing more than 50,000 workers who were looking for a job.

We need to take additional steps to spur job creation and economic growth, and we need to ensure that extended unemployment insurance benefits continue beyond the end of this year. This is a vital lifeline for workers and their families as the struggle to find work, and we must not allow it to expire.

Again, I thank you for your engagement on these critical issues, and I look forward to continue working with you toward a stronger Macomb County.

Sincerely,



Sander Levin
Member of Congress

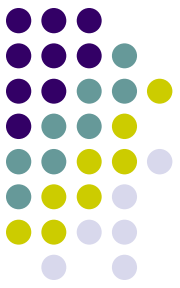
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Macomb County Community Services Agency



- Senior Nutrition Program
 - Presenter: Katherine Benford, Program Director
- Macomb Food Program
 - Presenter: Sue Figurski, Food Coordinator

Senior Nutrition Program: What We Do



- Older Americans Act
 - Disease prevention through nutrition
 - Prevent social isolation
 - Help maintain independence

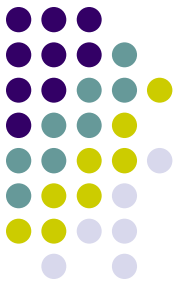


Senior Nutrition Program: What We Do



- MCCSA Senior Nutrition Program provides
 - 1,400 home delivered meals Monday-Friday
 - 1,100 volunteers
 - 425 cafeteria-style meals Monday-Friday
 - Served at 22 locations
- Our community partners
 - 22 locations in community centers, senior centers, and senior living facilities

Senior Nutrition Program: Our Strengths



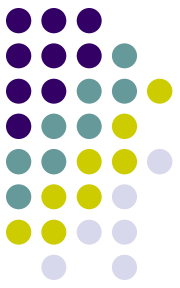
Safe Food

- 7 local kitchens prepare meals
- 22 locations monitored and licensed by the Health Department
- Staff trained in proper food handling

Healthy Food

- Meals are friendly to most dietary restrictions or preferences
- Meals are rich in:
 - Fruits and vegetables
 - Whole grains
 - Low fat dairy

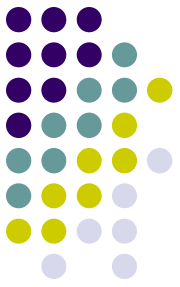
Senior Nutrition Program: Gaps Identified



- Access to food
 - Indicate not having enough money to buy food they need
 - 37 percent of congregate participants
 - 35 percent of home delivered meal participants
 - Indicate no access to healthy, fresh food on weekends
 - 26 percent of congregate participants
 - 22 percent of home delivered meal participants
- Senior Nutrition Program meals are primary source of fresh foods



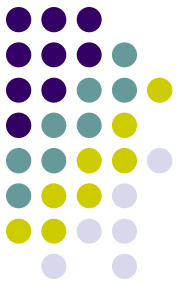
Macomb Food Program: What We Do



- Mission is to feed the hungry in Macomb County
- Started in 1975
- Operate warehouse
 - Accept food donations
 - Process and distribute emergency food
 - Store and distribute non-emergency food

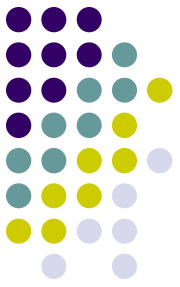


Macomb Food Program: What We Do



- Network of 55 pantry distribution sites
- Provided pantry sites with 1.9 million pounds of food at no cost to the pantry
 - Canned and boxed food products
 - Frozen protein items
 - Dairy foods
 - Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Distributed food boxes to over 150,000 individuals

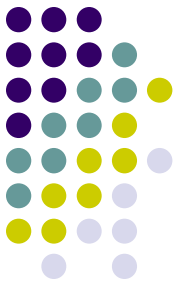
Macomb Food Program: Our Strengths



- 80,000 hours of volunteer service
 - Volunteers in warehouse and pantry network
- Overseen by a 16 member advisory board of directors
- Community Partners
 - Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan
 - Forgotten Harvest



Macomb Food Program: Our Strengths



- Non-emergency/commodity food distribution
 - TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program)
 - Distributed 950,000 pounds of food
 - Serve approximately 4,500 households per month
 - Focus: HOPE (Commodity Supplemental Food Program/CSFP)
 - Distributed 150,000 pounds of food
 - Serve approximately 300 households per month

Macomb Food Program: Gaps Identified



- 45 percent reduction in FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter funding
- Majority of food distributed is canned or boxed items
- Nutritional value of donated food
- Fresh food availability is limited seasonally



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Macomb County Board of Commissioners Health and Human Services Committee

Educational Public Hearing on Food Systems and Policy

MSU EXTENSION NUTRITION

USDA Funded

Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program

- Provides Nutrition Education to families with children
- 87% of EFNEP participants who reported income are at or below 100% of poverty, earning \$22,050 year or less
- Provides Nutrition Education to families with children
- Group setting in community outreach

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- Reaches low income seniors (60 +)
- Developmentally Disabled
- Youth (in eligible schools and afterschool programs**) free and reduced lunch eligibility
- Group setting in community

STAFF DELIVERING PROGRAM

MACOMB-MSUE Nutrition

4 programming staff, 1 Supervising Educator

Macomb Population 831,427

10.9%= 90,626 persons in poverty

3%= 2719 MSUE Nutrition reach

New in 2011- Addressing the need-

**7 Community Nutrition Volunteers programming
in Macomb Schools**

MACOMB-MSU EXTENSION NUTRITION

- **TOTAL EFFORT**

- **EFNEP 2009-2011 Adults (families) 600**

- **SNAP 2009-2011 Adults 400**

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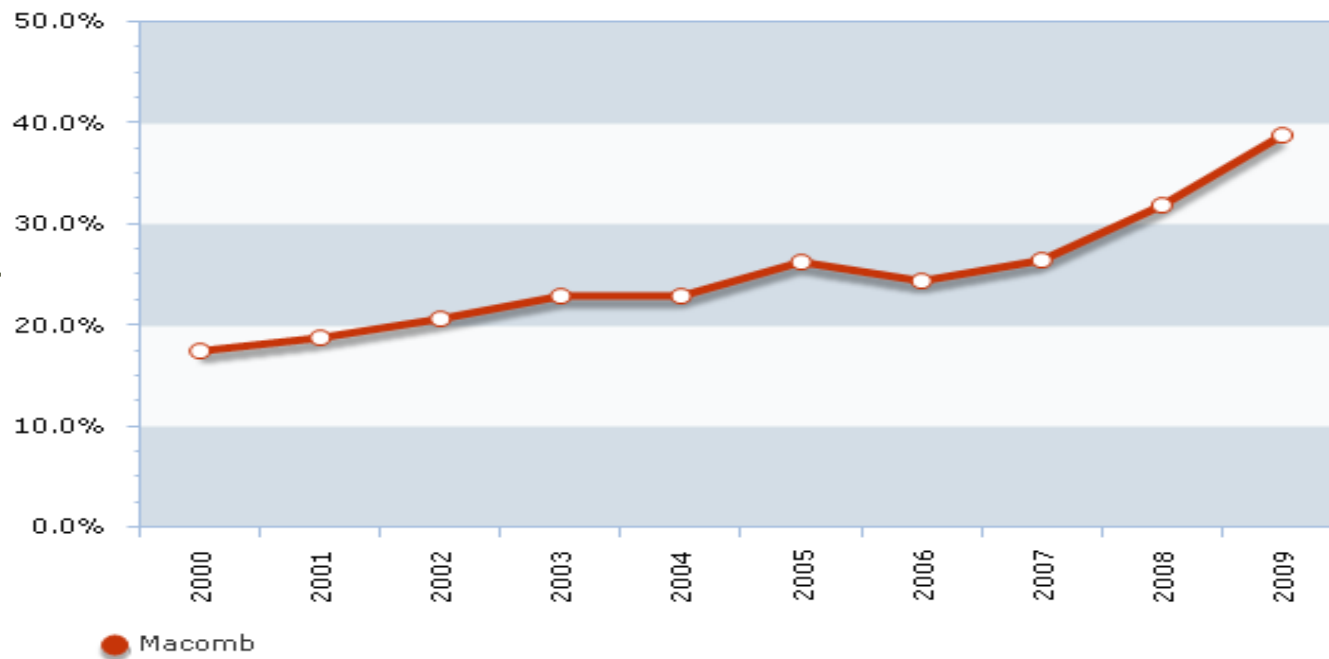
Not typical of programming

coverage- Restructuring years (2010-11) **2141**

Nutrition Services: Performed by Extension Educator

- **Food Preservation Classes; Food Safety Presentations; Community Collaborator-Partner**

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICED LUNCH



Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch (Percent) – 2000 to 2009

Michigan League for Human Services

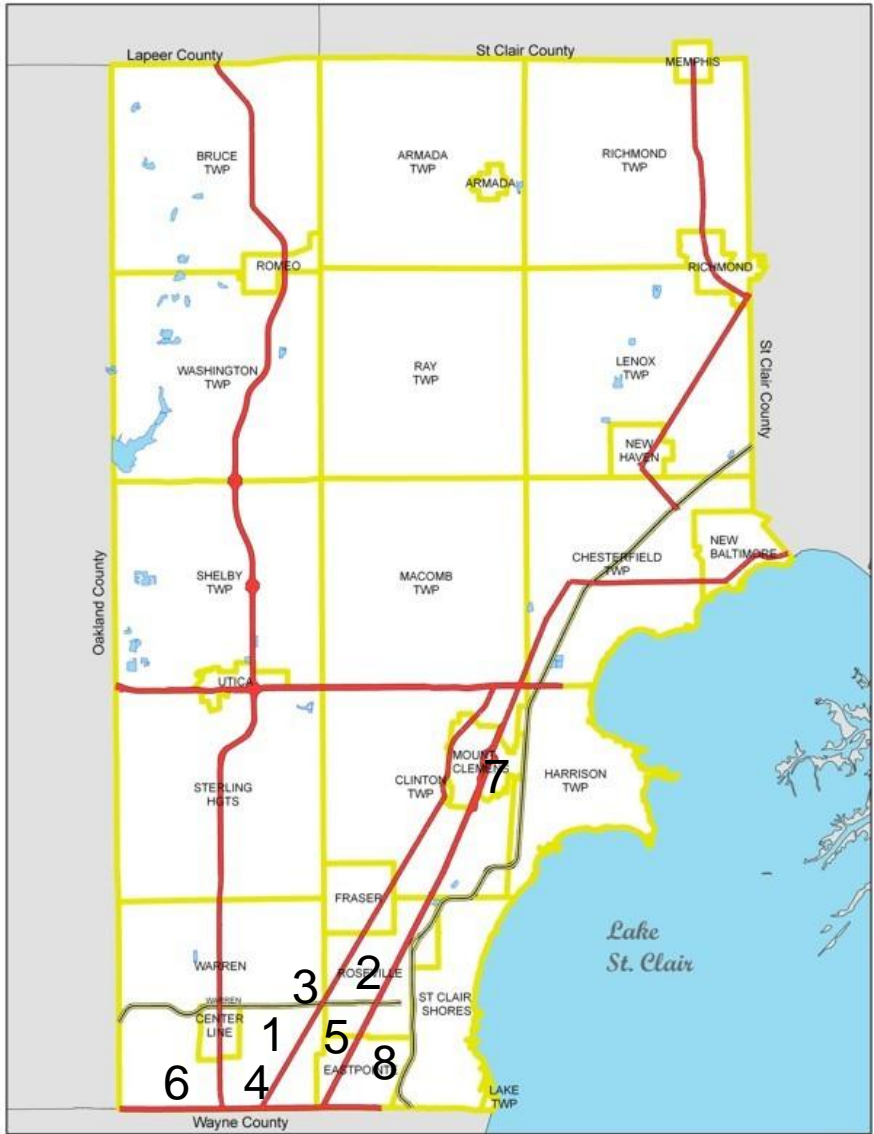
KIDS COUNT Data Center, www.kidscount.org/datacenter

A Project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Macomb County Priority School Districts % Free/Reduced Lunch

Eligible for MSUE Nutrition @ 50% +

- 1. Academy of Warren **98.61**
- 2. Ben Ross Public School Academy **92.02**
- 3. Global Preparatory Academy **89.94**
- 4. Van Dyke **84.57**
- 5. Conner Creek Academy **81.32**
- 6. Fitzgerald **78.68**
- 7. Mt. Clemens **78.45**
- 8. East Detroit **74.47**



Partnerships

Macomb County Food Program
MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine-
S(P)artner's Program Mt. Clemen Schools
Programming in Macomb County Schools

Solid Ground, FYI, Abigayle Ministries, Compassion
Pregnancy, Senior housing sites ,CSDD, Developmental
housing sites, Priority Health, DHS, WIC

Item #7

Health & Human Services
11-2-11

Official Resolution
Of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan

Food Systems and Policy

Commissioner Toni Mocerì,
On Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Resolution:

Whereas, food is a basic human need and all residents of Macomb County should have access to nutritious, affordable, local and sustainably grown food; and

Whereas, our regional food system significantly affects the public health, land use, economy and quality of life in our community; and

Whereas, a comprehensive food system develops strategies in the areas of production, processing, distribution, consumption, retail and waste; and

Whereas, we recognize the work of the Macomb County Community Food Assessment Team as an important step towards the creation of the Macomb County Food Policy Council, which would provide ongoing data collection, analysis and recommendations to local governments regarding policies, programs, operations and land use rulings related to local food issues; and

Whereas, agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan and northern Macomb County is largely agricultural with 30 percent of land actively utilized as farmland; and

Whereas, if consumers spent more of their at-home food budget on locally grown and produced foods, those sales would have significant economic benefit; and

Whereas, community supported agriculture and community gardens create community enthusiasm and cohesion while supporting the local economy; and

Whereas, many individuals and families in the county confront a diverse and extensive range of barriers in their procurement of adequate food such as financial constraints associated with income and job loss, the high cost of nutritious diet and limited access to stores with variety and low prices; and

Whereas, 1 in 6 individuals in the United States are food insecure, meaning they do not always know if they will have access to an adequate meal. 2009 data indicate that 18.2 percent of individuals in Michigan are food insecure while the percentage increases to 25.4 percent of Michigan children. In Macomb County, 17.7 percent of individuals are food insecure and 25.4 percent of children; and

Whereas, in Macomb County, food distribution provided 65 percent more meals in 2009 than the year before resulting in 3.8 million pounds of food distributed; and

Whereas, over the last decade, Macomb County experienced a four-fold increase in the number of residents receiving food assistance with 115,081 residents receiving assistance in 2009. Recent studies done on hunger in Michigan, reveal nearly 50 percent of those served are children and seniors; and

Whereas, 38 percent of Macomb County children received free or reduced lunch in 2009; and

Whereas, Macomb County has the potential to utilize the growing interest in local sustainability to support the increased development of local food markets as an economic generator for the County, while ensuring best practices in responding to the well-being of our residents.

Distributed

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Board Of Commissioners, Speaking For And On Behalf Of All County Citizens As Follows:

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Be it resolved, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical need to develop a comprehensive food system in Macomb County and calls on Macomb County elected officials at all levels to support food-related policy initiatives and advocate for the necessary resources to realize those initiatives. Moreover, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners recognizes the upcoming Food Policy Summit as a critical step in the development of Macomb County's food system and urges all stakeholders to support and participate in the Summit.

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Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this adopted resolution be transmitted to the relevant elected officials.

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE: _____

FULL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

ITEM: _____

MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION TO Receive and file Monthly Status Report for September 2011,
as submitted by Kermit Harris, Director of Veterans Services

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Mocerri, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee

COMMITTEE / MEETING DATE

Health and Human Services
November 2, 2011

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Status Report for September 2011**

Veterans Services Commission Members:

Pat Daniels, Chairman
Fred Warner, Vice Chairman
Therese Wrobel, Secretary
Natalie McPherson, Member at Large
Andy Knapp, Member at Large

After review by the Veterans Services Commission 30 county burial applications were approved for September. There were no marker reimbursement applications for September.

| STATUS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2011 | | | <u>2011</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | | (SEP) | (2011) | (SEP) |
| 1. | Personal Contacts with Veterans | | 550 | 5343 | 526 |
| | | <u>WWII</u> | | | |
| | | 110 | | | |
| | | <u>Korea</u> | | | |
| | | 71 | | | |
| | | <u>Vietnam</u> | | | |
| | | 260 | | | |
| | | <u>Persian</u> | | | |
| | | 53 | | | |
| | | <u>Iraq</u> | | | |
| | | 28 | | | |
| | | <u>Peacetime</u> | | | |
| | | 28 | | | |
| 2. | Claims (New/On-Going): Compensation, Pension, DIC, Widows Death Pension | | 267 | 2892 | 252 |
| 3. | Federal Burial Allowance | | 8 | 117 | 13 |
| 4. | County Burial Allowance | | 30 | 314 | 30 |
| 5. | County Burial – Excess Net Worth | | 15 | 133 | 16 |
| 6. | Government Markers | | 0 | 32 | 3 |
| 7. | Flag Display Cases | | 40 | 397 | 44 |
| 8. | Financial Assistance (MVTF) | | 13 | 145 | 15 |
| 9. | Veterans Relief Fund (VRF) | | 19 | 178 | 16 |

**AMOUNT OF DOLLARS BROUGHT IN
MACOMB COUNTY FROM VA FOR THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2011**

Total Amount of One Time
Payment of Retro
\$986,785

Total Amount of
Recurring Monthly
\$77,530

Kermit E. Harris, Lt Col USAF (ret)
 Director, Veterans Services

KEH/tlb

Unofficial Casualty List of US Military Personnel (Operation Enduring Freedom)

| Name | Age | Service | Rank | Unit | Home | Cause of Death | Date of Death |
|------------------------|-----|---------|----------------|--|---------|---|--------------------|
| Nicholas A. Sprovtsoff | 28 | USMC | Staff Sergeant | 1 st Marine Special Operations Battalion, US Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Pendleton, California | Davison | Died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom | September 28, 2011 |