



Mission: To increase the number of families and individuals who are financially stable

Date: Friday, 08/12/2021
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: **Zoom:**
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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Jackie Bradley, Clint Brugger, Todd Ritzler, Frank Nagle, AJ Evans, Angie Shepherd, Ashley Vandenbusche, Alison Prielipp, Dawn Clopton, Tami Farnum

II. Review Agenda & Minutes

Clint

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

III. Collective Impact Core Updates -

Clint

B. 6 Principles of Trauma-Informed Care: Trustworthiness and Transparency

We introduced the second principle of Trauma-Informed Care: Trustworthiness and Transparency. This principle is about using transparency when we're making decisions, communicating with one another, and when we're working with consumers. Some questions we can be asking when we do this work are:

- What strategies are we using to reduce power differentials between ourselves and the residents that we work with? Do our consumers know why we're making the decisions that we're making?
- How are we keeping people informed of rules, procedures, activities, schedules, etc., being mindful of all the different ways people process information?

EVERYONE will bring an example of what Trustworthiness and Transparency looks like in their work to share at the next meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

There are no changes. No mini IDAs have gone through since our last meeting.

V. Ongoing Strategies

A. Blight Remediation

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- Leslie Love continues to prepare for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program with the hope that the City of Adrian will apply for the grant.
- There is a grant opportunity through MSHDA called MI HOPE (Michigan Housing Opportunities Promoting Energy-Efficiency) for neighborhood revitalization. Community Action Agency will be applying for this grant – the application is due on Monday. The grant will be for \$1 million split across the counties CAA works in. CAA has a team that does lead remediation in homes, and would use

this construction crew to do other home repairs in the community. Hopefully this existing capacity will strengthen CAA's application!

2. What did we learn?

- No updates.

3. What are our next steps? Who will take them and by when?

- **FRANK will forward a map to Clint of the opportunity zones identified for the Ebeid Neighborhood Promise.**

B. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- There is a meeting this fall with all the counselors, principals, Lenawee Now, and other interested agencies to discuss career preparation in schools. The goal is to emphasize that community resources already exist to provide the curriculum for schools.
- Homebuyer Education courses in-person started in Jackson. These courses will start in Lenawee County in September.
- We are still waiting for dates to get the Eastside Education program going, with the goal of starting in September.
- Val Herr from Goodwill is transitioning to a new role, putting the Goodwill Education Series on hold.

2. What did we learn?

- We need to clarify which entities are able to provide education for students.
- If the church isn't available for the Eastside Education program, we can also use the Comstock Building. CAA is also an option to host.
- The Ebeid Neighborhood Project is summarizing all the results from the planning sessions that happened this summer, and are working to set an advisory committee that can start meeting in September. The group is also working to secure a location for the center.

3. What are our next steps? Who will take them and by when?

- **FRANK will connect with De'Angelo about setting dates, as well as talking to the A3 Resident Coalition about securing the church.**
- **ALISON will set a meeting with all the financial institutions to finalize the content and logistics for the education series.**
- **ASHLEY will offer up our financial education services to the meeting with counselors and principals this fall.**

VI. **New Strategies**

A. Any new proposed action items?

Everyone

1. Why is it needed?

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N/A

2. Does it align with our mission?

N/A

3. Do we currently have the capacity to implement it?

N/A

4. If not, what do we need?

N/A

5. What action steps do we need to take?

N/A

VII. **Updates**

Everyone

A. Promote expungement – Clean Slate Initiative

Ashley

There is an expungement fair coming up through Legal Services. MI Works! officially has 6 folks that have had their record sealed to date. There are probably 10-12 more that are just pending their court date.

B. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

N/A

C. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

No new applicants at this time. There are two folks we're waiting to get bank statements from in order to move forward with them in the program.

D. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

VITA will have two sites in mid-September to process home-heating credits. Consumers Energy will send out a notice to all their clients that are eligible for the home-heating credit that expires on September 30th. VITA will also help spread the word for folks who aren't Consumers Energy clients.

- **EVERYONE who is interested in volunteering should contact Tami Farnum.**

E. Promote professional development among professionals and community members

Clint

N/A

VIII. **Announcements**

Everyone

A. MI Works!

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- a. BRES (Barrier Removal Employment Success) funding has been renewed through the next year. This funding can be used for employment-related needs – transportation, new boots, etc.

B. Riverview Terrace Apartments

- a. There were 200 residents displaced. As of this meeting, 75 of them are being moved to different hotels (Adrian Inn, Super 8, Tecumseh Inn...). Most residents do not have long-term plans for housing right now. Many residents were living on a fixed income and are now struggling to find housing outside of their low-income apartment building. We'll want to continue thinking about how we can support residents in a trauma-informed way.
- b. **EVERYONE connect residents to Alison for budget counseling and other financial resources.**
- c. **EVERYONE brainstorm other ways we can support residents.**

IX. **Next Meeting: 09/09/2022**

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