



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

Date: Friday, 12/09/2022
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: **Zoom:**
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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Liz Fuss, Clint Brugger, AJ Evans, Frank Nagle, Alison Prielipp, Steve Kuiper, Leslie Love, Todd Ritzler, 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: Peer Support & Mutuality

We shared the definition of the third principle of Trauma-Informed Care: Peer Support and Mutuality. **Please think about examples of how this principle shows up in your own life and be ready to share them at our next meeting.**

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

Our current balance is \$7,084.01. \$3,000 are allocated for mini IDA participants, meaning that our remaining balance would be \$4,084.01. We will have a \$150 deduction from Rent Smart classes next month.

V. Ongoing Strategies

A. Blight Remediation

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- The MI Hope grant Community Action Agency (CAA) was awarded was declined. The grant involved a lot of work from staff and was unable to do a lot of the things CAA intended to do with it.
- There are state funds available through the land bank.
- Residents have been making progress through the lead abatement program.

2. What did we learn?

- The Land Bank is managed by the County.
- It would be great to have access to funding for roof repairs. Most funds are for renovating or tearing down older buildings.
- We could use someone from Habitat for Humanity in these meetings!

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

- **CAA will continue to look for and share funding sources that can be used for blight remediation.**

B. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- We completed our financial empowerment series at City of Refugee. We had 4 attendees in person + virtual attendees for a consistent attendance of 10-12 people. Everyone that attended loved it. Huntington definitely brought their A game!

2. What did we learn?

- We were able to get such good attendance through targeted community outreach efforts. Participants loved having the banks involved. The convenience of a hybrid model was also helpful.
- We applied for some IDA funding. This funding would also come with housing counseling. We'll learn about the results of the application on December 19th.
- Childcare Network's scholarship program can bridge the gap when families paying for childcare are waiting for determinations or paying down other bills. Interest forms are on their website: <https://www.childcarenetwork.org/family-support-program>.
- Childcare Network is a recipient of the Tri-Share Grant. This is a partnership between state employers and childcare providers to help reduce the cost of childcare to families. The state pays 1/3 of childcare costs, the employer pays 1/3, and then the family only pays 1/3. Funding for this program needs to be spent!

3. What is the next proposed action item for financial education?

Possible ideas included:

- Expanding the mini IDA program
- Connecting with DHHS case workers to increase awareness of local financial education resources. This training could also be shared with the Childcare Network.
- Expanding attendance for the Financial Empowerment series by involving Riverview Terrace residents. Contact Nataki Johnson (johnsonn5@michigan.gov) to get connected.
- Collaborating with Cradle to Career's Planning for Success Network to provide required financial education for high school students. We're waiting from state guidance about what this education would include. In the meantime, we can collect information about what resources are already available. This is definitely something we can do!

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

- **Tami will reach out to Mark Murray about incorporating IDA funding into the Murray's small business launch program.**
- **Tami will connect with AJ Evans (evansa10@michigan.gov) about collaborating with DHHS case workers.**
- **Liz will share information about the Tri-Share Grant with Ashley Vandenbusche at Michigan Works!**

2021 Meeting Dates:

1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 12/9

- **Everyone will think about our possible ideas and come to our next meeting prepared to prioritize this list and start creating an action plan!**

VI. **New Strategies**

- A. Proposed new action items - What is our next goal after blight remediation? Everyone

We will look into this for next meeting. Please encourage your network to attend and guide our new priorities!

VII. **Updates** **Everyone**

- A. Promote expungement – Clean Slate Initiative Ashley

N/A

- B. How can we support residents of Riverview Terrace? Satellite Financial Education

N/A

- C. End high-interest pay day loans Clint

N/A

- D. Approve Mini-IDA applications Tami

No new applicants at this time. The two applications we had on hold had issues with employment.

- E. Recruit volunteers for VITA Tami

Orientation is on December 15th. We have two new volunteers from Lenawee this year. VITA is also looking for a new site this year, hopefully in the County Building still. Ashley is trying to find space, and if that doesn't pan out, VITA will be in the River Raisin Room. Next year, VITA hopes to be at the library, giving volunteers a year to let participants know about the change. Consider being gracious with VITA if you host a meeting in the River Raisin Room during this time ☺

- F. Promote professional development among professionals and community members Clint

N/A

VIII. **Announcements** **Everyone**

No announcements.

IX. **Next Meeting: 01/13/2023**