



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

**Date:** Friday, 01/13/2023  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Location:** **Zoom:**  
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## Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Ashley Vandebusch, Frank Nagle, Clint Brugger, Todd Ritzler, Liz Fuss, Angie Shepherd, Audricka Jacob, Alison Prielipp, Gay Jones,

### 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 & Mutual Self-Help

We shared examples of how the third principle of Trauma-Informed Care: Peer Support and Mutual Self-Help shows up in our own lives. This is the support we give to ourselves and one another to work through trauma. Here are some of the examples that were shared:

- Not judging the financial choices of folks during the holidays and supporting folks in making the best choices they can for their families.
- Helping consumers work through the decisions they've made to find the best possible outcome, as our consumers define that outcome for themselves.
- Supporting our co-workers through their secondary or vicarious trauma. For example, having staff designated to provide self-care opportunities for the organization each quarter (yoga, art classes...) or providing access to counselling services.
- Active listening and being present. Focusing on supporting individuals rather than solving someone else's problems for them.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

No report this morning.

### V. Ongoing Strategies

#### A. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

##### 1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- Tami and Allison are working to finalize the location of the next financial education series. They will also be reaching out to banks about presenting again. Right now, the tentative goal is to hold the trainings in March-April.

- The Ebeid Neighborhood Promise recently submitted a second-round grant application that would support financial coaching in East Adrian, preventative health services, food insecurity initiatives, and a partnership with the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Frank is looking for a temporary site for the Ebeid Neighborhood Promise that we could use to offer programs to the neighborhood.
- Liz shared information about the Tri-Share grant with Michigan Works! CAA did a staff survey to see if folks were interested in taking part in this program. We are still waiting for the results of this survey. This program reduces the childcare cost for families so that families only pay 1/3 of the cost, employers pay 1/3, and the program pays 1/3.

2. What did we learn?

- We are still waiting to hear if there will be funding for IDAs.
- Michigan Works! has meeting space for classes.
- Employers in all 8 counties are participating in the Tri-Share grant program.

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

- Some ideas for promoting existing financial education resources included:
  - Professional development opportunities for human services folks (DHHS, childcare, etc.) around financial education. Different providers around the county can come in and share about the financial education resources that are available.
  - Including flyers with food distribution packages or forwarding them to food pantries.
  - Being face-to-face at locations like the Daily Bread, Salvation Army... to share information with folks.
  - Posting information in libraries.
- We will keep financial education for high school students on the backburner for now.

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

- Alison will explore the Adrian Inn or Lenawee District Library as a potential location.
- 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](#) for everyone to take back to their employers in they're interested.
- Everyone come with ideas for how to share information about financial education classes and resources with community members and human services providers.
- Clint will talk with Tami about what we'd need to do to develop professional development training for human services staff.

## VI. New Strategies

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

1. Why is it needed?

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This is currently on hold until we have more capacity within our group.

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

As of November, Lenawee County had seen 6. The number is likely higher than this now. Clean Slate funding is still there but not renewed, so the focus is on helping current applicants get through the program.

B. Blight Remediation – Funding Opportunities

Clint

None.

C. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

None. We will see if new state legislators bring any changes on this front.

D. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

No new applicants at this time. The program is struggling with self-sufficiency for clients in terms of finding and maintaining employment. Mini-IDAs can be used for things like a down payment on a house! Contact Alison Prielipp (aprielipp@caajlh.org).

E. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

CAA got 9 AmeriCorps volunteers to help with VITA this year! Taxes cannot be filed just yet because legislation is still coming through that could impact 2022 taxes. VITA is for families or individuals that make less than \$60,000 per year. Farmers, business owners, or landlords are not eligible. [MyFreeTaxes.com](https://www.myfreetaxes.com) is available for folks/families who make up to \$73,000 per year.

F. Promote professional development among professionals and community members

Clint

N/A

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VIII. **Announcements**

Everyone

A. Childcare Network

- a. Part of a team that is applying for a childcare grant. Wish them luck on their upcoming interview!

IX. **Next Meeting: 02/10/2023**

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