



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

**Date:** Friday, 02/10/2023  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

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

### I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Ashley Vandebusch, Audricka Jacob, Angie Shepherd, Collin Keehn, Ashley Vandebusch, Gay Jones, Dawn Clopton, Todd Ritzler

### 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: Collaboration and Mutuality

We defined the 4<sup>th</sup> principle of trauma-informed care: Collaboration and Mutuality. We shared some examples of this in our work and personal lives including:

- This group! We're all here to collaborate around a shared goal!
- Working with our consumers to identify their needs and how we can support folks in filling those needs.
- Partnerships with other organizations to make sure we're all benefitting from each others' programs.
- All parties need to contribute for mutual support.
- Learning about what our partners do and provide so that we can share those services with others.
- Building one-on-one relationships so that those strong, trusting collaborative networks exist.
- Pooling our resources.
- Embracing that we all have our own missions, so we can work mutually rather than in competition with or duplicating each others' services.
- It's easier to work together than against each other!

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

No updates.

### V. Ongoing Strategies

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

Everyone

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

- Tami has the County Library in Adrian space booked Wednesdays (March 15, 22 and April 19 and 26<sup>th</sup>) in the morning for Financial Education classes.
- Tami and DHHS are working to get something scheduled for their case managers.

- Liz shared information about the TriShare childcare grant.

2. What did we learn?

- Some ideas for sharing information about financial education classes and resources with community members and human services providers include:
  - Posting them in our organizational offices
  - 211 blasts
  - Sharing flyers with our organization’s staff
  - Sharing information on our organization’s Facebook pages (for example, emailing Rebecca at the County will get stuff put on the County’s social media)
  - Posting flyers at food pantries, banks, shelters, libraries...

3. 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.**
- **Clint will talk with Tami about what we’d need to do to develop professional development training for human services staff.**
- **Madeline will share information on financial education programs with food pantries as they’re available.**
- **Everyone will continue sharing information on financial education programs with our networks!**

VI. **New Strategies**

A. Proposed new action items – Any proposals?

Everyone

1. Why is it needed?

None.

2. Does it align with our mission?

None.

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

None.

4. If not, what do we need?

None.

5. What action steps do we need to take?

None.

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## VII. Updates

Everyone

### A. Promote expungement – Clean Slate Initiative

Ashley

Individuals from 2021 are starting to move through their court dates and get records sealed. Legal Services of South Central Michigan wants to do a focus group with folks who have been impacted by this process. There is a \$150 stipend available for participants. Folks with one DUI on their record are now eligible for expungement.

**Share this focus group opportunity with people you know who might benefit from it!**

**Ashley will bring numbers next month!**

### B. Blight Remediation – Funding Opportunities

Clint

None.

### C. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

None.

### D. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

No new applicants at this time.

### E. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

Send folks interested in volunteering to Tami Farnum. Michigan Works! Southeast is sharing office space with VITA volunteers for preparing taxes. Participants in VITA will still go to the River Raisin Room. The team has been busy so far!

## VIII. Announcements

Everyone

### A. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority

- a. Hosting free community Mental Health First Aid trainings. The next training is on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Register on CMH's website: [https://www.lcmha.org/get\\_conftraining.php](https://www.lcmha.org/get_conftraining.php)

### B. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

- a. This is the last month that anyone eligible for extra food assistance will be getting that supplemental support.
- b. In April-May, folks will need to re-assess their Medicaid eligibility. No one has been taken off of the eligibility list since 2020, so there could be some big changes coming.
- c. Clients will now contact a prompt-driven phone number (844-464-3447) to access case workers. This is making it faster for folks to get their questions answered, and has decreased a lot of the demand on staff. This line is available from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

### C. Veteran's Affairs

- a. Hosting an informational session on February 16<sup>th</sup> about the PACT Act and services available to veterans and their survivors who have been impacted by Camp Lejeune. This session will be held at the River Raisin Room at 9:30am, lunch will be provided.

### D. Michigan Works! Southeast

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- a. Collaborating with United Way and other organizations to provide re-employment resources to staff getting laid-off from Intiva Products (17 salary workers and 125 frontline team workers). Businesses have to provide lay-off information to the State before implementing a mass lay-off. MWSE will get notified about this happening and can support rapid response resources.

IX. **Next Meeting: 03/10/2023**

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