



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

**Date:** Friday, 05/12/2023  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Location:** Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/j/94498392263>

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Meeting ID: 944 9839 2263

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## Meeting Minutes

### I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Audricka Jacob, Stephanie Kuiper, Liz Fuss, Angie Shepherd, Tami Farnum

### II. Review Agenda & Minutes

Clint

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

### III. Collective Impact Core Updates -

Clint

#### A. 6 Principles of Trauma-Informed Care: Empowerment, Voice, and Choice.

We shared the definition of the 6<sup>th</sup> principle of trauma-informed care: Empowerment, Voice, and Choice. This principle is about strengthening people's experience of choice and recognizes that everyone's experience is unique and requires an individualized approach. We build on strengths, rather than perceived deficits. Some examples of this principle that we shared include:

- Client Advisory Councils where clients come to agency board meetings and are involved in the choices our agencies make.
- Families get autonomy to choose childcare providers that meet their needs (location, budget, etc.).
- Working with clients to set goals that are important and meaningful for them.

**We will discuss the final principle – Cultural, historical, and gender issues – next month!**

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

Current balance is 6,884.01. \$3,000 are allocated for mini IDAs. We did spend \$200 this last quarter on Rent Smart. All 4 participants received \$50 each.

### V. Ongoing Strategies

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

Everyone

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

- ProMedica has a space for us to use for financial education classes that will begin later this month (May 23<sup>rd</sup>). 3 total banks are participating in this series.

##### 2. What did we learn?

- No updates.

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

- No updates.

B. Financial Education in Schools

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- The LISD is planning to offer multiple Poverty Simulations. To conduct the simulations we need “staffers” to play the 20 to 30 roles of different community entities. Please volunteer to participate as a staffer by completing the [linked google form by May 19th](#).
  - The first 2 simulations will be in August. Hudson has asked for August 28 or 29 and Madison has requested August 21. These two days will be focused on their staff. In addition, two additional Simulations have been scheduled to focus on students from the county on October 17 and February 21, 2024. These will be in the TECH Center Classrooms 1-3 and will be open to student groups across the county. We anticipate more requests to do the simulation for staff and students at other schools so even if you are not available for the listed dates please complete the form so we can create a pool of people to help with these as they are scheduled.

2. What did we learn?

- No updates.

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

- **Everyone please volunteer to participate as a staffer in the Poverty Simulations by completing the [linked google form by May 19th](#)**

C. Engaging More People In Our Meetings

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- Some ideas we thought of to increase community engagement include:
  - Incorporating a BankOn Coalition into the work that we do. This would make us eligible for funding and technical assistance.
  - Inviting the Chamber of Commerce to participate. The Chamber of Commerce does hold a monthly breakfast that’s open to the community and features presentations from community groups.
  - Creating a poster/flyer for our Coalition that has our name and members on it. We could set this up when we speak at events.

2. What did we learn?

- No updates.

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

- **Stephanie will reach out to the Chamber to see if they’re able to feature us at an upcoming meeting.**

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- **Tami will see if CAA's marketing team can make a flyer for us.**
- **Madeline will send Tami a list of our members.**

VI. **New Strategies**

A. Proposed new action items

Everyone

1. Why is it needed?

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

No updates.

B. Blight Remediation – Funding Opportunities

Clint

No updates.

C. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

No updates.

D. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

No new applicants at this time.

E. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

The 7 AmeriCorps volunteers in March and April really helped increase our capacity. One volunteer said there was a day where they filed the most returns ever! Tax returns are still being filed until the end of September on Tuesdays out of the CAA building. Another round of volunteer recruiting will begin in August.

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## VIII. Announcements

Everyone

- A. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority
  - a. Hosting free community Mental Health First Aid trainings. The next training is on May 17. Register on CMH's website: [https://www.lcmha.org/get\\_conftraining.php](https://www.lcmha.org/get_conftraining.php)
- B. WellWise Services
  - a. An open house for their new building in Brooklyn is happening on June 23<sup>rd</sup>! Everyone is invited to come and see the new space!
- C. Public Health Emergency
  - a. Some emergency funding for veterans is no longer available. We're also back to the old rules we were following from before COVID-19. Let's make sure we're really sharing available resources with each other to make up for some of the gaps we'll be facing.
- D. Lenawee County VA
  - a. Can provide funding for emergent needs like rent or mortgages. This funding cannot pay for cellphones.
- E. Child Care Network
  - a. Get help paying for child care: <https://www.childcarenetwork.org/family-support-program>. Even if there isn't funding available, it's still helpful to submit an interest form. This helps us demonstrate need for more funding in our community.

## IX. **Next Meeting: 06/09/2023**

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