



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

Date: Friday, 06/09/2023
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

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

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Meeting ID: 944 9839 2263

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Clint Brugger, Frank Nagle, Gay Jones, Liz Fuss, Angie Shepherd, Audricka Jacob, Sonja Howell, Todd Ritzler

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: Cultural, historical, and gender issues.

We discussed the final principle of trauma-informed care: Cultural, historical, and gender issues. We've learned that trauma can be generational – passed on from one generation to another. We need to be aware of this in order to be truly trauma informed. This is why it's important to consider diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism in our trauma-informed practices. If you look at cultural or historical trauma with respect to someone's financial stability, we can see the impacts of intergenerational poverty. There is a concept called the Pair of ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences + Adverse Community Experiences. This calls for us to remove the inequities in the systems we interact with.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

No update.

V. Ongoing Strategies

A. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- The financial education series started at the Comstock Building a few weeks ago. 3 sessions have been held so far. Participants are mostly attending virtually due to road construction and the new location.
- Frank is meeting with Nate Parker to see if we can rent out classroom space from Adrian Public Schools for hosting trainings like this.

2. What did we learn?

- Training facilitators communicate very regularly with participants + folks who have previously been a part of financial empowerment workshops.
- Adrian Ebeid Neighborhood Promise will have a process where people can stay connected to resources.
- Alison Prielipp (aprielipp@caajlh.org) is the contact for connecting folks with financial empowerment courses at Community Action Agency.

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

- **Send information about financial stability we'd like to share with community members/organization to Frank and the All About Adrian Resident Coalition (a3coalition.chair@gmail.com).**
- **Frank will share our next meeting dates with community members and invite them to participate.**

B. Financial Education in Schools

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- Clint has been working with school personnel to come up with a list of offerings to teach high school students about financial empowerment. These offerings would help meet the new graduation requirements from the State of Michigan.

2. What did we learn?

- We're still waiting to hear about the high school financial education requirements from the State.

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

- **Folks involved in these planning meetings with the schools will report out on how the planning is going.**
- **Everyone please volunteer to participate as a staffer in the Poverty Simulations by completing the [linked google form](#).**

C. Engaging More People In Our Meetings

Everyone

1. What has happened since our last meeting?

- Clint suggested that it might make sense for this group to become connected to the Lenawee Essential Needs Council (LENC). Financial stability is an essential need, and this could help coordinate across the other essential needs organizations. We also had some concerns about the fit. Other groups in LENC focus on meeting immediate basic needs. We see financial stability as more of a preventive factor. We are interested in talking more with LENC about this idea though

2. What did we learn?

- No updates.

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

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- **Clint will talk to LENC about our idea of connecting the LFSC to LENC.**
- **Stephanie will reach out to the Chamber to see if they're able to feature us at an upcoming meeting.**
- **Tami will see if CAA's marketing team can make a flyer for us.**

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

This process is now automatic. Qualifying offenses will be automatically expunged after 7 years.

B. Blight Remediation – Funding Opportunities

Clint

The City of Adrian has money available for low-interest home repair loans that residents can use to restore blighted homes.

C. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

No updates.

D. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

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No new applicants at this time. This is a program designed to help folks save money for expenses like putting a down payment on a house or buying a home. Interested folks can inquire about this program at Community Action Agency.

E. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

No updates.

VIII. **Announcements**

Everyone

A. Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority

- a. This is Madeline's last meeting with the group. She has accepted a new job at the University of Michigan and her last day at LCMHA is June 23rd.

IX. **Next Meeting: 07/14/2023**

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