



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

**Date:** Friday, 10/8/2021  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Location:** Zoom  
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## Meeting Minutes

### **I. Welcome / Introductions**

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Clint Brugger, Connie Brugger, Angie Shepherd, Liz Fuss, Ashley Vandenbusche, Amy Sweinhagen

### **II. Review Agenda & Minutes**

The minutes from last month's meeting have not been shared with the group yet.

### **III. Collective Impact Core**

This month we talked about using a [resiliency frame](#). This concept is about framing things around adding a positive rather than reducing a negative. Take it further in your work by:

- Looking at the goals for your organization or program. Are they eliminating a negative or creating a positive? How can they be re-framed with "plus one" thinking and resilience?

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

Our current bank balance is \$7,184.01. We have allocated \$2,700.00. This results in a remaining balance of \$4,484.01.

### **V. Activities –**

#### **A. Advocate for and Organize around the decriminalization of poverty in Lenawee County**

##### **1. Clean Slate Program**

MI Works! is hosting an info session on Tuesday (10/12) to talk about the Clean Slate initiative. They're also hosting an expungement fair on November 12<sup>th</sup> (flyer to be released soon). They have received a mini-grant from the Community Foundation to help with application fees (\$50/offense getting expunged). So far, 25-30 applications have been submitted in Lenawee County through MI Works! All the legal fees will be pro bono to clients.

MI Works! will think about the best way to track expungement data.

The United Way still has funding available through their COVID-19 vaccine grant. Trunk-or-Treat would be a great opportunity to spend some of this money!

**Connie and the UWMLC will reach out to the Health Department about providing COVID vaccines at Trunk-or-Treat.**

**Please keep promoting the Clean Slate initiative!**

2. Lenawee County Criminal Justice Committee

Clint was at yesterday's meeting and ready to go! But then the meeting got cancelled. The next meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am and we will be there!

3. Bail Reform

No updates.

**B. End systems perpetuating "poverty taxes" in Lenawee County and build financial resilience among community members.**

1. Blight Action Committee

\*On hold due to coalition membership changes\*

2. End high-interest pay day loans

No updates.

3. Establish a local micro-loan program

\*On Hold due to COVID\*

4. Increase the number of participants for existing Financial Education

CAA has rebranded their classes! The 5-part series has been dissolved and folks can now attend any of the classes that they're interested in as stand-alone courses without being obligated to attend the others in the series. They're also offering more seasonal classes such as Holiday Budgeting and Saving. Classes are still being offered online.

5. Mini IDA Committee

No mini IDAs are currently in progress. CAA does have money for the regular IDAs. In this program, for every dollar an enrolled participant saves, CAA matches \$3 up to \$1000 (\$3,000 matched).

6. VITA

We're currently in the "don't have to think about VITA month". Next month, we'll begin capacity building and recruiting volunteers.

**C. Increase awareness of financial resources among professionals and the general public in Lenawee County Support and/or partner with the LISD to host Poverty Simulations (2 per year)**

1. Support and/or partner with the LISD to host Poverty Simulations

\*On Hold due to COVID\*

2. Sponsor Bridges Out of Poverty for Lenawee County (2 per year)

We would prefer to hold this training in-person rather than virtual.

3. Host professional development seminars (2 per year)

\*On Hold due to COVID\*

**D. Improve representation at the LFSC meetings from diverse sectors**

Inviting representatives from banks would be great! Perhaps we can do more to keep folks engaged in projects when they start attending our meetings besides just asking them to come to our meetings. Madeline suggested framing recruitment around a specific topic we need support working on and then focusing the next meeting on that topic so that folks get engaged in and committed to a project.

**Madeline and Clint will connect about increasing membership.**

**Connie will reach out to her bank connections and Linda Needham and invite folks.**

**Please bring a friend to next month's meeting – Residents count!**

**E. Build landlord/tenant relations and resources**

1. Rent For Success

No updates.

2. Landlord Group

No updates.

**VI. Other Issues**

**A. Mobility Manager –**

1. Please encourage folks to call (517) 257-9845 if they are in need of transportation. Misty Pope, the Mobility Manager, does not provide

transportation services, but can help connect folks to existing resources in Lenawee County.

**B. Drug Take-Back Day –**

1. [October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm](#) at ProMedica Hickman Hospital (follow the signs for COVID testing). This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of your unused, unwanted, or expired medications + sharps. There will also be goody bags and a chance to enter into a sweepstakes through WLEN!

**C. Child Care Network**

1. If you know of any funding available for childcare, please reach out to Liz Fuss.

**VII. Next Meeting: 11/12/2021**