



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

Date: Friday, 12/10/2021
Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Location: **Zoom:**
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Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Clint Brugger, Connie Carroll, Liz Fuss, Audricka Jacob, Collin Keehn, AJ Evans, Angie Shepherd, Pam Byrnes, Alison Prielipp, Misty Shulters, Tami Farnum, Todd Ritzler

II. Review Agenda & Minutes

Clint

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved by consensus. We are transitioning to a more informal consensus-building process for approving the meeting agendas and minutes.

III. Collective Impact Core – Did you take it further?

Clint

This month we checked in to see who did any of the “take it further” practices we’ve shared over the past few months. There was not much feedback about how it went for folks and what support we need to incorporate some of these practices into our own work.

Madeline will send out these Core Concepts to the full-group with the meeting minutes.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Tami

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

The next [Rent Smart class](#) is Monday, December 13th. Folks can earn \$25 per hour for participating in this class. The classes are offered monthly.

V. Ongoing Strategies

A. Blight Remediation

Everyone

1. What is it?

Rock the Block is an event where the community comes together to help repair and refresh homes. Is this Neighborhood Revitalization idea something that we could increase?

There are so many empty lots. They could be turned into community gardens or other community spaces to encourage neighborhood involvement.

Time Banking. Utilizing some of our more informal “neighbors helping neighbors” networks.

We could institute some sort of low/no-interest loans that folks could access to make home repairs.

We need to learn more about what the community’s policies and priorities are when it comes to blight enforcement.

2. What is the need?

Neighborhood revitalization is a priority in the city of Adrian. In many cases, this means strictly enforcing blight policies and possibly evicting folks from their homes. Many folks do not have the resources to make the renovations their homes need though. We could help connect folks to these resources.

3. Who is already working in this space that we can collaborate with or support?

All About Adrian (A3) resident coalition, Habitat for Humanity, the City of Adrian’s Code Enforcement Department, the County’s Landlord Group

4. What are our next steps?

Clint will reach out to Glenn Preston, Adrian’s Code Enforcer, to learn more about Glenn’s role.

Clint will reach out to other communities for their codes and policies for us to review.

Clint will reach out to De’Angelo to see if there’s someone from the A3 Resident Coalition we can work with.

Madeline will reach out to some Time Banking groups to learn more about this model and report back to this group with her findings.

Everyone will do research into what other communities are doing around blight enforcement.

Tami, Alison, and Audricka will be our ambassadors to the Landlord Group. Clint can speak at those meetings as long as there is free breakfast.

B. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

1. What is it

Financial literacy is a lifelong need – there are always more to learn.

Folks have a variety of learning styles in the community.

2. What is the need?

Everybody needs financial literacy!

3. Who is already working in this space that we can collaborate with or support?

Community Action Agency, Huntington Bank (and other community banks), Cradle to Career’s Planning for Success Network (teaching financial literacy to students), Lenawee Health Network (seeking out grant

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funding for community financial literacy)

4. What are our next steps?

Alison and Tami will reach out to local banks to try and recruit more folks to this work.

VI. New Strategies

- A. Any new proposed action items?

Everyone

1. Why is it needed?

Nothing new this month.

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

MI Works! had 20 attendees at their latest expungement fair.

- B. Advocate for our priorities at the Lenawee County Criminal Justice Committee

Clint / Ashley

This does not currently align with our priorities and we will remove it from our agendas for now.

- C. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

If you know of folks that have been negatively impacted by high-interest pay day loan centers, it would be important to for them to testify if any bills go to public comment. Our current understanding of the State's priorities is that they're currently more interested in regulating high-interest pay day loan centers rather than eliminating them all together.

- D. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

There are no Mini-IDAs that need to be approved today.

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E. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

Community Action Agency is the December Hometown Hope award winner through WLEN. WLEN is running promotions encouraging folks to sign-up to volunteer for VITA. 2 people have volunteered through these radio spots so far. We currently have 3 volunteers which is already more than we had last year.

VITA orientation is on December 21st (one in the morning and one at night) via Zoom. Training begins in January. We're currently planning to start trial runs of the program at the end of January.

F. Promote professional development among professionals and community members

Clint

No updates.

VIII. **Announcements**

Everyone

- A. **Huntington Bank** is working with Alison Prielipp on some financial empowerment seminars. We met last week to discuss upcoming opportunities in the new year. We are excited about the partnership!
- B. **Veteran's Affairs** has funding for veterans, surviving spouses, and dependents needing assistance with mortgage, rent, car & house repairs, utility bills, and other items. They submit claims for Military disabilities and death benefits. The VA Adrian clinic now has both their doctors available for appointments.
- C. **Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority** is offering Mental Health First Aid + Motivational Interview Trainings in 2022. [Go to their website to register](#).

IX. **Next Meeting: 01/14/2022**

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