



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

**Date:** Friday, 05/13/2021  
**Time:** 9:00 – 10:30 am

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

### I. Welcome / Introductions

In Attendance: Madeline DeMarco, Clint Brugger, Liz Fuss, Connie Carroll, Audricka Jacob, Jackie Bradely, Tami Farnum, Angie Shepherd, AJ Evans, Todd Ritzler, Ashley Vandebusch, Alison Prielipp

### II. Review Agenda & Minutes

Clint

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

### III. Collective Impact Core Updates -

Clint

#### A. Core Concept - [Using a Resiliency Frame](#)

Clint

Take it further 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?

The group has also committed to use a trauma-informed decision-making lens. This includes asking ourselves “Will this decision cause someone to feel helpless or hopeless?” when we make decisions. Doing so helps to avoid re-traumatizing folks inadvertently. All of the subgroups of the Core have committed to doing this to further our common agenda.

**Angie Shepherd will talk with her team about becoming a member of the Collective Impact Core in order to represent older adults.**

### IV. Treasurer's Report

Tami

Our current bank balance is \$7,184.01. We spent \$100 on Rent for Success classes. We have allocated \$2,700.00 for mini-IDAs. This results in a remaining balance of \$4,384.01.

### V. Ongoing Strategies

#### A. [Blight Remediation](#)

Everyone

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

- Steve briefly presented the concept of time banking to the All About Adrian Resident Coalition's (A3) Board.
- Clint talked to Toby at CAA about community development grants.

- Clint talked with De'Angelo about capacity. This group remains one of De'Angelo's priorities.

## 2. What did we learn?

- The A3 Board is favorable to the idea of time banking and agrees that this is something that would benefit the community. They would like more information about time banking. Getting word out about a potential program and creating buy-in would be critical for success.
- Steve is willing to represent the LFSC at A3 meetings.
- There is a grant opportunity through MSHDA called the [Neighborhood Enhancement Program](#). This is an initiative where communities can apply for grants for things like blight remediation. The Round 8 window for this is anticipated to open in the Fall of 2022. We can begin to prepare for this grant opportunity now. Fundable grant applications need to be implementation ready.

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

- **EVERYONE will learn about the [Neighborhood Enhancement Program](#) so that we can start preparing an application for Round 8.**
- **CLINT will reach out to Leslie Love to make sure she's aware of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program opportunity.**
- **MADELINE will report out about her Time Banking meeting with the Community Foundation.**

## B. Increase Participation in Financial Education Programs

Everyone

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

- Financial Education classes have been scheduled. They'll start on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00pm and will be every Tuesday, offered in a hybrid model. If these times don't work, we can offer another set of courses.

## 2. What did we learn?

- We've had good community interest in the classes so far!
- The summer will be a better time for launching initiatives with the Planning for Success network. The group wants to connect graduating high school seniors with financial education resources, especially if they don't have post-graduation plans.
- American 1 Credit Union is a Community Development Funding Institution (CDFI). They received grant funding to bring programs to their communities to help low income folks. They developed a wellness loan program where participants go to referring agencies (like CAA) and get referred to work with a financial coach. The financial coach builds a banking relationship with participants. There is a wellness auto loan to get lower interest rates, a wellness consolidation loan, and a wellness personal loan for eviction prevention. Two people have already been referred over for payday loans.

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

- **ALISON, TAMI, and DE'ANGELO will confirm an in-person location for the financial education classes.**
- **TAMI and ALISON will reach-out to Huntington about participating in the financial education**

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classes.

- Next meeting we will discuss offering financial education programs in partnership with Goodwill.

## VI. New Strategies

A. Any new proposed 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

There is still funding available for expungement application fees through MI Works!. Everyone who has needed that assistance has received funding so far. Not everyone needs to work with Legal Services. We're hoping for numbers soon!

**EVERYONE continue referring folks to MI Works! for expungement services.**

B. End high-interest pay day loans

Clint

No updates.

C. Approve Mini-IDA applications

Tami

We pre-approved one Mini-IDA today with the condition that the applicant will first be referred to MI Works! If that doesn't work out, we will use the Mini-IDA funds for this applicant.

D. Recruit volunteers for VITA

Tami

One volunteer has retired and we have two volunteers that will continue through September. VITA will be at CAA every Tuesday for now. A push for the home-heating credit will begin soon. VITA is recruiting

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volunteers for that program right now.

**Ashley and Tami will connect about using the mobile unit as a great way to reach homebound folks.**

Tami presented to the Kiwanis group and gained one volunteer!

VITA is well on their way to meet their numbers this year for the first time in the last 5-years!

- E. Promote professional development among professionals and community members

Clint

There are some free community Bridges Out of Poverty trainings [available for sign-up online](#).

**EVERYONE reach out to Madeline if your organization is interested in co-hosting a Bridges out of Poverty training with LCMHA.**

## VIII. Announcements

Everyone

### a. **United Way of Monroe/Lenawee Counties –**

UWMLC is partnering with ProMedica to bring back Health Check on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 12:00pm in St. Mary's Activity Center. This is an opportunity for folks to get their blood drawn and tested for over 20 different markers: cholesterol, blood pressure, etc. Test results will be mailed to your home. Community organizations like 211 and Family Medical Center will also be there. Coupons for free testing are available for folks in need.

Celebrate Connie's retirement on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 6:00pm at Local 671 Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall on Detroit Avenue in Monroe.

## IX. **Next Meeting: 06/10/2022 – Ashley will be facilitating this meeting!**

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