

## Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board Wednesday, September 15, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting



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## MINUTES

### Community Advisory Board

Members Attending: 8/17 (47%)

James Avery

Flint and Genesee Group

Kenyetta Dotson

Michigan State University

Ashley Everhart

Neighborhood Engagement Hub

Lauren Holaly-Zembo

Crim Fitness Foundation

Tauzzari Robinson

Boys and Girls Club of Flint

Dan Russell

Genesee Health System

Kirk Smith

Greater Flint Health Coalition

Verona Terry

Flint and Genesee Job Corps Center

### Community Advisory Board

Members Not Attending: 9/17 (53%)

Shardae Davis

G.C.C.A.R.D.

Lottie Ferguson (Chair)

City of Flint

Debra Furr-Holden, Ph.D.

Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center

Sandra Johnson

Hamilton Community Health Network

Sandra Jones

Greater Holy Temple

Steven Kramer

Michigan State Police

Keiona Murphy

Flint Community Schools

Rafael Turner

Consumers Energy

Jamie-Lee Venable

United Way of Genesee County

Guests: (2)

**Richard Sadler, Ph.D.**  
Michigan State University

**Laney Rupp**  
University of Michigan

Staff: (3)

**Cierra Hessbrook**  
Greater Flint Health Coalition

**Afton Shavers**  
Greater Flint Health Coalition

**Nichole Smith-Anderson**  
Greater Flint Health Coalition

## **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Kirk Smith, Greater Flint Health Coalition (GFHC), called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021**

Mr. Smith requested a motion approving the minutes of the August 18, 2021, meeting as distributed.

**On a motion duly made and seconded, it was**

**VOTED** to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board meeting as distributed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Presentation: Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center**

Laney Rupp, University of Michigan, provided a presentation on the Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center (MI-YVPC). MI-YVPC, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been present in the Flint community over the past six years via a partnership with the Genesee County Land Bank. Ms. Rupp shared that the project's focus is community engagement and the revitalization of vacant lots. The MI-YVPC is guided by the busy streets' theory, which states that improved physical spaces, along with engaged residents, leads to a reduction in violence and crime while improving social resources and overall well-being. Ms. Rupp shared the findings and stated that greening efforts have been noticed to be increasingly protective, noting that greened neighborhoods shown a decrease in both childhood maltreatment and firearm violence.

Ms. Rupp shared information about the Genesee County Land Bank and stated that it receives the most vulnerable properties within the community. Ms. Rupp shared that there are two forms of stewardship practiced by the Land Bank: basic care and community-engaged stewardship. Ms. Rupp shared that over three years, any form of stewardship was associated with a decrease in violent crimes and violent crimes involving youth. However, community-engaged stewardship saw an additional decrease in firearm violence. In response to that finding, Ms. Rupp shared that the MI-YVPC has created a "Keys to Success" toolkit to share with others who to effectively green vacant spaces.

Discussion ensued in which Ms. Rupp stated that the MI-YVPC is wrapping up work in Flint and will be moving to Muskegon for their next funding cycle. Additionally, Ms. Rupp shared that MI-YVPC shares other involvement in Flint where they look at the relationship between environmental design and community health, as well as how illegal dumping impacts crime and violence. Ms. Rupp's slideshow will be shared with the Flint ReCAST Community Advisory Board.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **Update: Community Advisory Task Force to the Flint Police Department**

Members shared that the Task Force has not met in multiple months. The Task Force is scheduled to meet tomorrow, but no communication has been made at this time to determine if the meeting will take place. Discussion ensued with members agreeing Flint ReCAST should reach out to the Task Force Chair to offer support in convening the meetings moving forward if this effort is still viable and supported by city leadership.

### **Update: CASPER Survey**

Dr. Richard Sadler, Michigan State University (MSU), provided an update regarding the Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) survey. Dr. Sadler stated that he has access to data collectors who can support the distribution of the CASPER survey into the community. Discussion ensued around methods for distribution of the survey and a request was made that members share the survey with their networks to reach as many individuals as possible.

### **Update: ReCAST 2.0 Project Launch**

Afton Shavers, GFHC, stated that a press release went out on August 17, 2021 regarding Flint ReCAST's new funding cycle. Additionally, Ms. Shavers shared that ABC 12 interviewed herself and Lottie Ferguson, City of Flint, regarding plans for the new project. Ms. Shavers stated that ABC 12 anticipates following the new project and helping to spread the word in the community for future initiatives.

Ms. Shavers shared that the initial grant has been approved by the city council and the next step includes putting together key partner contracts and having them approved by the city council. Ms. Shavers stated that carryover funding is being used to launch the new project's communication plan, which includes a new website set to go live on October 1, 2021. The new website will include public reports, downloadable resources, archived Talk About It Tuesday videos, and ways for the community to connect with Flint ReCAST.

## **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Update: Community Mini-Grant Program**

Cierra Hessbrook, GFHC, provided an update regarding the 2021 Mini-Grant program. Ms. Hessbrook shared the 2021 Flint ReCAST Mini-Grant program is in its final stages and nearing completion. Ms. Hessbrook shared that mini grantees will meet for a final cohort meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Additionally, the final grant report has been shared with mini-grantees and is due back no later than Friday, October 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Hessbrook stated that once final outreach and impact numbers are received via the final report, such information will be shared with the ReCAST Community Advisory Board.

### **September Implementation Report**

Ms. Shavers provided an update on September's implementation report, sharing that 95% of indicator goals for year five have been achieved as of August 2021. The indicators for partnership and collaboration as well as workforce development have been doubled.

Meanwhile, the training indicator is six people shy of the goal and the indicator for targets of practice is 24 people away from reaching the goal. All indicator goals are on track to be met or exceeded by the close of the grant cycle.

Ms. Shavers shared that a new indicator, awareness, will be utilized throughout Flint ReCAST's new funding cycle. Ms. Shavers stated that the addition of awareness as an indicator goal will create space that is necessary for changing the narrative surrounding mental health in the community.

Ms. Hessbrook shared that community Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training continues to take place on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Dan Dulin of Mott Children's Health Center will be offering the final ACE training of September on Tuesday the 21. Ms. Hessbrook stated that ReCAST Community Advisory Board members who have not yet attended this training are encouraged to do so. Contact Ms. Hessbrook via email at [chessbrook@flint.org](mailto:chessbrook@flint.org) for more information and to get signed up.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.