

SAGE Coalition Meeting
Friday, March 18, 2016
1-3pm

MSU-Extension
605 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502

- Present: Carrie Baugher (Disability Network); Adrian (Disability Network); Tina Sanchez (AmeriCorp Planning Development Office for CoF); Adam Moore (CoF); Eric Honard (CoF); Sarah Duncan (CFF); Sam Farah (CoF); Elaine Tiptan (Master Gardner's class; avid cyclist; CoF resident); Estcher Nicols; Amelia Schmidt (CFF)
- Review Meeting Notes
- Approval of Vision & Mission Statement
 - Roach presented the revised statements to the group.
 - Roach presented the committees to the group
 - Policy Committee: Ali, Greg, Rick, Cade, Nicole meeting 2pm to 3pm at Good Beans Cafe on Friday, March 25
 - Moore informed the group that SAGE members can attend the Transportation Improvement Program meetings for the CoF
 - Outreach & Communications: Adrian Howe from the Disability Network would like to join the Membership committee
- Playful Cities USA
 - Schmidt presented the Kaboom! Playful Cities USA application. The application allows cities the opportunity to gage a city's playability. The application is broken down into three sections (SRTS, Sports in Flint Community Schools, and biking initiatives in the CoF). Schmidt requested that if SAGE members would like to contribute to a section of the application to contact her. Moore informed Schmidt that Sanchez and Honard can assist with the parks update. A video will also need to be created that captures activities (ex: yoga in Flint Schools). Contact Schmidt at aschmid@crim.org. If the designation is received, recipients receive higher priority with other grant funding. Moore said there are possibilities for matching funds as well.
- Iron Belle Trail Update: Nancy Krupriarz was unable to attend the SAGE meeting, however SAGE members are encouraged to view trail information and the map here: <http://www.michigantrails.org/michigans-iron-belle-trail>
- Choice Neighborhoods Project: Moore informed the group that Choice Neighborhoods is HUD's #1 annual planning grant (\$500,000). The focus will be on Atherton east's neighborhoods (south Flint community plan; south of I-69 and east of 475; Thread Lake area). One of the main focuses of the grant is "What to do with Atherton East?" It is one of the two housing commissions sites that is recommended to close and relocate. Options to connect residents to city services are being explored. It has a history of non-inclusive practices (i.e segregation). To get involved, join a working group and attend meetings to

create objectives (working group include education and youth, health and safety, jobs and workforce training). An April Community meeting will be held. Kristen Stevenson can be reached for more details on how to be involved. Cities awarded Choice grants can have access to a funding specifically for implementation.

- The Health & Safety work group is meeting Monday, 1:30pm at 3600 S. Dort Hwy.

- Committee Reports

- Policy group will be meeting Friday, March 25, 2pm at Good Beans Cafe
- Policy: Cade Surface will be implementing SRTS walking audits on April 15 and April 16 at Brownell and Holmes STEM Academies and other Flint schools. Contact Cade at csurface@crim.org for more information or to assist with an audit. The walking assessment focuses on noting debris, cracks in sidewalks, quality of infrastructure, etc.
 - \$500 stipends will be provided to 40 CoF community groups to conduct walking audits
- Outreach Committee: Farah informed the group that her and Roach discussed gaps in SAGE communications. The committee would like to create a kit that SAGE members can provide to potential members and communities. Nichols informed the group that the Better Health Together in Flint Coalition offers workshops every 2nd Thursday in the Flint Public Library, 1pm-2:30pm to discuss health, awareness, safety (ex: fire safety, etc.). Nichols recommended a SAGE member present at the next BHTC Flint meeting. Nichols also recommended connecting SAGE with WOW.
- Advocacy & Events:
 - Roach provided information on the SPROUT advocacy training. The group is planning for a May 20 training to focus on advocacy for children's health. They were interested in having a segment on Safe Routes to School, specifically led by SAGE.
 - Harris informed the group that the committee is discussing potential dates for the Legislative Town Hall meeting (early fall) and an additional advocacy training focused on bicycle advocacy and safe sidewalk infrastructure also in the fall. In addition, the committee would like to host a bike ride fundraiser in the fall (potentially during National trails week). The committee also discussed ways to encourage biking and trail use throughout the CoF. Options include joining the Social Cycling club weekly night rides in downtown Flint, or a host a "Bike & Brunch" ride on a weekend.

- SAGE Communications

- HealthPlus Tour de Crim: SAGE members are welcome to attend and educate attendants on SAGE and other active living initiatives throughout Genesee County. The event will take place Saturday, May 14, 11am to 2pm in downtown Flint. Contact aharris@crim.org or call 810-600-5788 to volunteer.
- Earth Day Celebration: Roach and members of the FoodCorps will be representing SAGE, Crim Fitness Foundation, and FoodCorps during the Earth Day Celebration at the UM-Flint University Center bldg on Saturday, April 16 10am to 3pm. SAGE members are encouraged to provide Harris or Roach with handouts

for the SAGE table. SAGE members are also encouraged to participate. Contact Roach at troach@crim.org or 810-235-7894 to participate.

- Flint Master Plan Updates
 - Moore provided handouts on:
 - Neighborhood Resource and Care Guide (which is broken down into different sections according to seasons).
 - City of Flint (CoF) will host a Public Needs meeting on Thursday, March 24 to all CoF residents, public agencies, non-profits orgs to provide input on housing, community development, economic development, supportive service needs, and emergency shelter. The meeting will be held at Brenna Community Center (1301 Pingree Ave Flint, MI 48503).
 - Annual Master Plan Update "Celebration of the Steering Committee" will be at the FIA on Tuesday, March 29 at 5:30pm. Attendants will get updates on how the CoF had updated the Master Plan and what the CoF plans on doing in the future.

- Recognition Letters
 - None at this time.

- Successes/Announcements
 - Disability Network is hiring for a Youth Ambassador who will work with youth to help transition from school to living on their own.
 - Person with disability highly encouraged to apply
 - Facebook page has more details (Flint DDA)
facebook.com/thedisabilitynetwork
 - Contact lukez@disnetwork.org
 - Adrienne Howe is the Disability Network's Community Educator and health worker. She informed the group of the upcoming "The Cinco K," (assisting communities members with Spanish translation) on Saturday, May 7 at 11:30am.
 - Moore informed the group that they are looking for two new AmeriCorps Vistas (a year of service). One will focus on Master Plan implementation and the other on Parks & Open Spaces.
 - Duncan informed SAGE members of Crim Youth events:
 - Saturday, June 4 is the Marti Austin Crim Kids Classic at the Flint Cultural Center for ages 0-12 years old.
 - Diaper Dash, Toddler Race, 1/4 mile race, and 1/2 mile race. Local vendors are also at the event providing information.
 - Summer Running Clubs \$5; receive nutrition and exercise 10-12 weeks, 1-2/week, and get to run a race at the event.
 - Crim Youth will also be at the ABC12 Family Expo.
 - Girls on the Run is now in Flint. The Crim is supporting the program at Potter, DTM, and Brownell-Holmes. Coaches will be at each site to sign up girls 3rd-8th grade. It is a fitness-based curriculum to empower girls and improve self-esteem through fitness.
 - Edible Flint: Farah informed the group of the Edible Flint happenings:

- Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, March 31, 5pm to 8pm, at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Hunger Solutions Centers. Dinner will be available. Speakers will discuss positive happenings focused on access to healthy/nutritious food throughout the community.
- MSU's Volunteer Day is Saturday, April 16. Attendants will help at the Demo Garden. Farah would like Flint residents to also volunteer to connect with MSU students and educate them of the positive things happening in the area.
- Garden Kits are for sale for \$15 to Genesee County residents. Services are also available (compost, tilling, water lead filters for garden hose, soil testing) for CoF residents.
- Tipton lives near Romona Parks and she would like to beautify the area from the park to the Grand Traverse corner. The neighborhood is seeing a lot of dumping. Moore recommended she get in contact with CoF AmeriCorps members.
- Nichols informed Roach that some dates need to be corrected for the Enhance Fitness classes.
- Roach:
 - Contact troach@crim.org or call 810-235-7894 to host a SAGE meeting.
 - Roach encouraged SAGE members to attend the Neighbors Working Together event on Saturday, March 26, 8:30am to 1:00pm.
 - Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee meets monthly.
 - Roach is working on the SAGE website and newsletter and making updates based on SAGE member's feedback. Visit activegenesee.org to see the page and provide Roach updates.
 - The Crim Fitness Foundation is having a press conference at 10am on Wednesday, March 23 at the First Merit Bank in downtown Flint.