

Power of We Consortium
Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2011

I. Welcome, introductions, announcements (10 minutes)

II. Dialogue for Collective Impact

Defining Prosperity (90 minutes)

As we work to develop and sustain a prosperous region, it is critical that we step back to think about what constitutes a prosperous region. **What is prosperity? Who has it? How do we know when we have it?**

We will engage in dialogue with a panel of individuals invited to provide a variety of perspectives on these questions. Panelists include:

- **Jacquelynne Borden-Conyers** - Principal, Quincy & Associates Inc.
- **Tim Daman** - President & CEO, Lansing Regional Chamber
<http://www.lansingchamber.org/>
- **John Melcher** - Assoc. Dir., MSU's Center for Community and Economic Development
<http://www.ced.msu.edu/>
- **Simon Perazza** - Director of Strategic Communications, ArtServe Michigan
<http://www.artservemichigan.org/>
- **Tremaine Phillips** - Chief Program Officer, Prima Civitas Foundation
<http://www.primacivitas.org/>

The *Power of We Consortium* is committed to dialogue as a means to explore various perspectives on topics that impact our community. These dialogues:

- Provide a forum for persons to learn from and about others with whom they might not otherwise share the same space
- Are not meant to assure a specific outcome but rather to stimulate and improve the quality of conversations around the topic
- Provide potential talking points as our members engage in conversation with policy makers
- Help to expose what we know, and don't know, around a topic
- Develop partnerships that empower organizations that may not have thought to collaborate in the past.

III. Action (10 minutes)

Ad Hoc Committee on *Power of We Consortium* financial campaign

In the fall of 2010, the *Power of We Consortium* membership discussed our changing financial environment and the need to consider a more sustainable plan to support the infrastructure of the Consortium. At its October, 2010 meeting, Consortium members voted to initiate a voluntary member-supported financial contribution campaign. Brad Patterson will lead a conversation regarding the outcome of that campaign. Member volunteers possessing some experience with campaigns will be asked to serve on an ad hoc committee to explore a format for, and provide leadership to, the 2011 campaign.

Next meeting of the *Power of We Consortium*: Friday, October 21, 2011
@ Foster Community Center