

ACBC Minutes from Board Meeting January 20th, 2026

Call to Order – 6:04 PM

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call – Present: Brandi C., Fernando R., Kyra M., Scott M., and Mike M.
Absent : Fred E., and Roy T.

Committee Chairs Present: Dan S. (House), and Adam F. (Membership)
Committee Chairs Absent: Lance C. (Fundraising), and Randy O. (ACE)

Board Activity:

Secretary's Report – Minutes from November 2025 were reviewed. Motion: Fernando R. moved to approve; Mike M. seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report –Treasurers Report from December and January were reviewed. Motion: Scott M., moved to approve; Kyra M. seconded; motion approved.

Fernando made a motion to pull funds from the Battle Creek Community Foundation, Organizational Support Fund, to provide general operational support, if needed. Motion: Fernando R. moved to approve; Kyra M. seconded; motion unanimously approved (none opposed).

Funding Opportunities:

Funds Awarded-

- **Allegra-** Footprints Fund- Brandi submitted the grant application requesting \$1,000 for printing and marketing materials in 2026 on August 5, 2025. On January 14, 2026, Brandi received an email stating that we have been approved for \$500 in-house printing services to utilize in 2026.

New Grant Applications Submitted-

- **State of Michigan-** Recovery Support Services Competitive Grant 2026- Brandi and Dan submitted grant on January 20th- \$150,000.

In Process Funding Requests:

- **Consumers Energy Foundation-** Brandi submitted a grant application on September 25th, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café- \$150,000. As of January 20th, no decision has been made regarding this request as listed on their grant portal.
- **MCCU-** Brandi applied on behalf of the Recovery Grounds Café on October 1, 2025, to support the Financial Literacy Program- \$5,000. Brandi has met with and is working with Laura Van Dyke for funding. Last communication was on January 6, 2026.
- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan-** On Dec 9th, BC submitted a concept paper for their Community Health Matching Grant Program (up to \$50,000). Concept Papers will be reviewed in early February and if invited, we will then complete the grant application.

- **Huntington Bank-** Brandi emailed Ms. Franklin-Lindsay (West Michigan Community Executive) to request an invitation to apply on December 9, 2025. I shared info regarding the Recovery Grounds Café and our intent to request \$60,000.
- **Mutual of America Foundation-** Dan submitted the grant application requesting \$75,000 on July 1st, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café Project. We have yet to receive a response for this grant request.
- **Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts-** Dan submitted the grant application requesting \$150,000 (over a 24-month funding period) on July 1st, 2025, for the Recovery Grounds Café Project. We have yet to receive a response for this grant request.
- **Donorbox-** List of Corporate Grant Opportunities. Will be looking more into this; I just have not yet had a chance.

Old Business

- **Miller & Zanetti Foundation-** Brandi completed both final grant reports and submitted them prior to the end of year deadline, on December 9th. These grants were specific to the Recovery Grounds Café and were spent on refurbishing the donated chairs from RSU and purchasing new furniture for the Café.
- **Opioid Settlement Funding/ Outreach Grant Award Update-**
 - ❖ Brandi completed and submitted the December FSR report on January 6th, 2026, reporting \$59,037.81 attributed to the grant funding. This included our first payment for rehabilitation, partial furniture costs and payroll expenses. This full amount was approved and deposited into our checking account on January 14, 2026.
 - ❖ Brandi completed and submitted the Q1 Report on January 8th, 2026.
- **Recovery Grounds Cafe-**
 - The City has approved and issued all necessary permits for the Recovery Grounds Café Project.
 - Schmidtke Builders has begun the renovations, and we hope to have the kitchen completed mid February.
 - Furniture has been purchased from Michigan Office Environments and is awaiting delivery until the completion of the renovation projects.

New Business

- Brandi and Dan are currently working on the MDHHS- Recovery Support Services Competitive Grant application which is due on January 30th. We will be focusing on funding to cover payroll and operational expenses totaling \$150,000. This grant covers the timeframe of March 1, 2026-September 20, 2026.
- Hope Subscription and Recovery Grounds Café- Fundraising & Marketing initiative. Please see attached packet for your review and disbursement.
- Dan has accepted a BSW Intern, Bailee Timm, from Western. She will be on-site 16 hours per week through August. Her official start date was January 13, 2026.
- Brett Sutherland- Board Removal as he no longer meets the eligibility requirements to serve.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Recovery Breakfast- Saturday, February 7th at 10am
- ❖ Super Bowl Party- Sunday, February 8th at 6pm
- ❖ Valentine's Dance (NA Sponsored Event)- Saturday, February 14th
- ❖ Recovery Night- Saturday, February 28th at 6pm

Committee Updates

- **Executive Committee-** Roy Tooke, Board Co-Chair Presenting- No meeting held therefore no presentation (Absent)
- **Finance Committee-** Fernando Rosa, Board Chairperson Presenting- No meeting held therefore no presentation
- **House Committee-** Dan Schell, Committee Chairperson Presenting
- **Membership Committee-** Adam Fox, Committee Chairperson Absent, however board report was submitted for review.
- **ACE Committee-** Randy Owens, Committee Chairperson (Absent)
- **Fundraising Committee-** Lance Crull, Committee Chairperson (Absent)
- **TGAA Steering Committee-** Randy Owens, Committee Chairperson (Absent)

Next Scheduled Meeting- Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, at 6pm

Board meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

Submitted by Brandi Clanton, Board President