Minutes

**Members Present:** Gary Ashley (UM-Flint Staff), Annette Patterson (UM-Flint Staff), Collette Kelly (UM-Flint Student/BNCP Intern), Geri Clark (BNCP resident), Noah Patton (Joy Tabernacle), Dewauln Robinson (URC/Habitat for Humanity), Vincent Slocum (Habitat for Humanity), Joyce Wilson (Hasselbring/Neighbors United), Crystal Cordes (UM-Flint Staff), Paula Nas (UM-Flint Faculty), Sara McDonnell (UM-Flint Staff), Becky Pettengill (UM-Flint Staff), David Merot (Flint & Genesee Chamber), Nakshidil Sadia (UM-Flint Alumni), Bethany Collins (BNCP), Kye Bright (UM-Flint Outreach)

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Members introduced themselves to the group. Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and submitted.

Paula Nas discussed the work with the community partners and entrepreneurs regarding service gaps in the community and how the IN could assist the community. She introduced a grant opportunity from Ruth Mott Foundation Applewood that could potentially benefit the community. Becky Pettengill provided a map and detailed information on the grant proposal and application. $15,000 is available from this grant opportunity from Ruth Mott Applewood Foundation. Discussion ensued regarding the grant process and deadlines for applying for grant funding.

Paula Nas requested information from the group regarding a need for entrepreneurial and business workshops in the community. The group agreed that there is a need for these types of services and proposed Hasselbring Senior Center or Oak Business Center as possible locations in the community for such events. It was recommended contacting LaToya Jenkins, program director for Hasselbring for more information about using the center’s space to provide workshops to benefit area businesses. It was recommended to place this item on the next meeting agenda for further discussion about community needs and entrepreneur assistance.

It was recommended that future business workshops be planned for Friday evenings in the community for better attendance and availability. The next economic development meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Holmes Stem Academy.
Gary Ashley discussed using Google drive to upload documents from the Impact Circle that community members can use to provide updates on goals and activities. The framework chart will be uploaded so that members can enter information as work occurs.

Two groups were formed to review progress of each goal for URC and BNCP. It was determined that if there are other needs of the community (i.e. helping the community members with job searches and opportunities) they need to be reviewed and perhaps added to the framework. Each month the group will include action items for members to follow up on to keep the goals and work moving in a forward manner.

Gary Ashely discussed rotating the location of each Impact Circle meeting to different areas in the community. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12th at 1:30 p.m. Hasselbring Community Center may be able to host the next meeting.