We’re continuing to work to help you fulfill your mission and create strong, vibrant communities across Michigan. I encourage you to get involved wherever you’re able and to provide feedback in order for us to create the strongest programs and trainings possible. If you see a gap we can fill or resources we can provide, please let us know. You help your community; we help you.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care,

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Real Estate Development Boot Camp
Real estate development is a powerful tool for community-based economic development, leveraging organizations to transform communities and creating a sense of place. Whether you are new to the industry or could use a refresher in current trends and standards, learning the fundamentals of this complex industry can play a major role in the success of a project.

June 5-8 | Tustin | $899/Members; $1,500/Nonmembers
Register online: cedam.info/development

Destination: Vibrant Communities
Join us for two full days of interactive workshops designed to advance the community development industry. Learn best practices, innovative ideas and network with peers while you choose the content that best suits your interests and organization’s needs. This year’s conference will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Financial Empowerment Summit.

November 14-15 | Detroit
Learn more: cedam.info/destination

Connect & Share: Lunchtime Webinar Series
Connect & Share is a monthly lunchtime webinar series that focuses on a variety of topics related to community economic development. These webinars are FREE for CEDAM members. Visit cedam.info/connect-share to see the schedule and to register.

Online Resources
CEDAM has a variety of online resources available including copies of publications and toolkits. Some include:

- Marketing and Communications Toolkit
- Funding Resources
- Media and Press Kit

The full list is available at cedam.info/resources/library
The Michigan Vacant Property Campaign provides practical, hands-on information and technical assistance to individuals and communities through several avenues. The website, michiganvacantproperty.org, showcases important reference documents dealing with issues of blight and vacancy, and invites interested parties to join the Google Group for periodic email updates. The website also allows community stakeholders to submit “requests for assistance” for consideration and follow up by the MVPC partners.

Technical Assistance
CEDAM provides one-on-one technical assistance to help our members build financial capability programs like free financial coaching or child savings initiatives. Contact us to learn more.

Michigan Financial Empowerment Summit
The Michigan Financial Empowerment Summit is the premier event for practitioners and advocates helping Michigan residents build financial stability. Held annually, the Summit features experts from across the nation, highlighting innovative program models and opportunities to build your organization’s capacity to deliver effective financial empowerment programs. This year the Summit will be held in conjunction with Destination: Vibrant Communities for a jam-packed training opportunity.

November 14-15 | Detroit
Learn more: mcfe.cedam.info/annual-summit

Show Me the Money Day
It was a banner year for Show Me the Money Day, with 32 events across Michigan during January and February. Show Me the Money Day helps consumers better their finances at tax time events held across the state. See the statistics from the events this year to the right.

You can become a host site for 2018 or join the planning committee for an event that already exists. Planning will begin in August 2017. Visit ShowMetheMoneyDay.org/plan to learn more.

Michigan Economic Impact Coalition (MEIC)
The Michigan Economic Impact Coalition (MEIC) works collaboratively with state leaders, practitioners, advocates and clients to help Michigan families increase financial stability both at tax time and throughout the year. These training and networking opportunities share best practices and seek innovations like Virtual VITA to help improve client access to services. To learn how you can help families in your community gain access to these services, or to attend one of the MEIC’s events, contact Ross Yednock or visit meic.cedam.info. To help ensure your clients know about the available services, promote MichiganFreeTaxHelp.org.

Save the Date: Annual Learning Exchange on June 16 in Lansing
The MEIC will convene its annual Learning Exchange on June 16 and will host its third annual State & City tax training in November.

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Blight Elimination Guidebook
Michigan municipal leaders interested in developing a strategy to more effectively address blight with limited resources should begin with this guidebook. Visit miblightguidebook.org.
CEDAM Staff with Congressman Dan Kildee following a CEDAM breakfast program at the Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.

Policy Committee and Legislative Luncheons
The policy committee is open to all CEDAM members. Join us and help guide CEDAM advocacy and policy priorities.

Legislative luncheons are free for CEDAM members to attend and immediately follow the policy committee meetings. State legislators are invited to the lunches to talk to CEDAM members about the work they are doing, give updates of what is happening in the state legislature and learn how they can serve their CEDAM constituents.

Jessica AcMoody
Senior Policy Specialist & Rural Council Coordinator

Mark Your Calendar With the 2017 Schedule:
Apr. 24 in Troy  Oct. 23 Conference Call
Jun. 19 in Detroit  Dec. 18 Conference Call
Aug. 28 in Grand Rapids

Rural Community Grants
This program offers grants of up to $800 to organizations engaged in rural community development work. The grants are awarded twice a year. Learn more at http://rural.cedam.info/communityawards.

Rural Community Assessments
This is a process available to small and rural communities across the state of Michigan. It offers an affordable opportunity to assess a community’s problems and challenges, and to define issues to be addressed. More information on our assessments can be found rural.cedam.info/community-assessments.

Small Town and Rural Development Conference
Each year, the Michigan Rural Council welcomes regional, national and international speakers and presenters to the Small Town & Rural Development Conference whose expertise and passion make this event the premier conference for rural community development in Michigan. Our annual conference provides an opportunity to share, learn and connect with leaders across Michigan working to support and promote vibrant rural communities. The conference is geared toward those working in and on behalf of small or rural communities in Michigan and is hosted by the Michigan Rural Council. The 2017 conference took place April 10-12 at Crystal Mountain. Contact Jessica AcMoody to be placed on a mailing list for next year’s conference or to suggest sessions.

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National Service with AmeriCorps
CEDAM hosts the Michigan Financial Opportunity Corps (MFOC) and the Rural Opportunity VISTA Program. Both AmeriCorps programs are designed to build capacity and bring economic stability to communities. In summer 2017, we’ll be looking for 30 service-minded individuals to fill positions across the state. AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, education award and a variety of professional development experiences in exchange for helping to improve their community! Help us find awesome individuals at americorps.cedam.info.

Bring a Poverty Simulation to Your Organization
CEDAM hosts unique and interactive experiences of what it’s like to live in poverty. Participants will leave with a better understanding of poverty and its effect on people and communities. Learn more at edam.info/resources/poverty-simulation.
2017 Calendar

February
LIHTC Workshop
February 9 | Lansing
cedam.info

March
MCDA Spring Technical
Assistance Conference
March 14 | Lansing
mcdahome.org

April
Small Town & Rural
Development Conference
April 10-12 | Thompsonville
rural.cedam.info
Policy Committee &
Legislative Luncheon
April 24 | Troy
policy.cedam.info

May
Building Michigan Communities
Conference (BMCC)
May 1-3 | Lansing
buildingmcomunities.org
CEDAM/CDAD Annual
Membership Event
May 2 (during the BMCC) | Lansing
cedam.info/annual-event
People & Places Conference
May 31-June 2 | Arlington, Virginia
peopleplaces.topi.com

June
Detroit Chamber Mackinac Policy
Conference: CEDAM Breakfast
June 1 | Mackinac Island
Real Estate Development
Boot Camp
June 5-8 | Tustin
cedam.info/development
MEIC Learning Exchange
June 16 | Lansing
meic.cedam.info
Policy Committee &
Legislative Luncheon
June 19 | Detroit
policy.cedam.info

August
Policy Committee &
Legislative Luncheon
August 28 | Grand Rapids
policy.cedam.info

September
University of Affordability
September 20-21 | Lansing
cinnaire.com
Show Me the Money Day
Host Site Training
September | Lansing
showmethemoneyday.org

October
Policy Committee
October 23 | Conference Call
policy.cedam.info
MCDA Fall Technical
Assistance Conference
October 5-6 | Detroit
mcdahome.org
Our Common Future
Conference
October 25-27 | Detroit
commonfuture2017.org

November
Destination: Vibrant Communities*
November 14-15 | Detroit
cedam.info/destination
Financial Empowerment Summit*
November 14-15 | Detroit
mcfe.cedam.info
State & City Tax Training
November | Lansing
meic.cedam.info

December
Policy Committee
December 18 | Conference Call
policy.cedam.info
MCDA Winter Technical
Assistance Conference
December | Lansing
mcdahome.org

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Please visit cedam.info for more
webinars and other opportunities as
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