**Recap NEWC Meeting**

 June 18, 2020

* Welcome warm-up: What are we doing to foster our mental health during these uncertain times?
* Elianna Bootzin reported that we have begun meeting with Grand Rapids African American Health Institute to determine how our respective organizations align. We agreed to make a list of needs and interests for exchanging at our next meeting. NEWC determined our needs as follows:
1. Identifying our complicity in structural cultural bias and steps to eradicate it.
2. Engaging the underserved population in NEWC’s work.
3. Determining how we might collaborate on promoting good nutrition in the North End
4. Exploring how we might engage GRAAHI’s programming in the North End
5. Collaborating on promoting mental health
* Mental Health Foundation delivered basic be nice training to the Creston Business Community on June 3. The training was attended by 20 participants. The Mental Health Foundation is restructuring some of its programming to a “train the trainer” model. The foundation is offering overviews of this program on a series of dates:

June 24, July 22, August, 26, September 23, October 28.

* Three GVSU Masters of Public Health students including Ariel Verbrugge provided Covid 19 screening at the neighborhood planting of the bio retention islands on May 19. We thank them for their service and for taking the risk.
* NEWC has achieved many of its original goals. It is time to refresh our goals and set new ones, especiallt given the context in which we are now living. We will do a brief assessment of satisfaction in July in lieu of a meeting. In August we will engage in extensive strategizing to create NEWC 2.0. We need your input for both. Please share your honest feedback to strengthen the NEWC of the future.