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Join us, for events on -

TRUST

where we'll explore the complexity and importance of public trust.

NAVIGATING DISTRUST

June 5, 5:30-8:00pm -
MSU College of Human Medicine -
200 E 1st St, Flint, MI 48502 -



BUILDING A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP

June 8, 9:00am-12:00pm -
The Kellogg Center -
219 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing, -
MI 48824

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**ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided -

SESSION 1: NAVIGATING DISTRUST

Location: MSU College of Human Medicine, Flint Campus. 200 E. First St

Times: June 5, 5:30PM-8:00PM

Welcome

- Rex LaMore, Center for Community and Economic Development Director

Voices of Flint: spoken word poetry performance

Facilitated discussion: what is trust?

- Facilitator: Gary Jones, House Representative Dan Kildee's office, Constituency Services Representative -

What happens when trust is broken?

- Mike Zelle, Former Chair of Civil Rights Commission
- Aurora Saucedo, Latinos United for Flint, Community Coordinator
- Dr. Larry Reynolds, former member of the Governor's Flint Water Advisory Task Force and former President of Mott Children's Health Center

Facilitated discussion: Can we make it better?

- Facilitator: Gary Jones, Constituency Services Representative



SESSION 2: BUILDING A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP

Location: Kellogg Center, Rooms 103A & 103B. East Lansing, MI

Times: June 8, 9:00am-12:00pm

Welcome

- Rex LaMore, Center for Community and Economic Development, Director

What is trust and why is it important?

- Ashley Sanders-Jackson, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Assistant Professor
- Laura Schmitt-Olabisi, Department of Community Sustainability, Associate Professor

Voices of Flint: spoken word poetry performance

Strategies to build and maintain trust.

- Harrison McKnight, College of Business, Professor
- Derrick Franke, School of Criminal Justice, Academic Specialist

“Moving Forward” panel discussion

- Agustin Arbulu, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Director
- Patrick McNeal, Metro Community Development, contract consultant

Open discussion and Comments

- Facilitator: Madison Sorsen, Center for Community and Economic Development, Research Assistant

Contemporary Issues Institute: Broken Civic Trust

The MSU Center for Community and Economic Development hosts a Contemporary Issues Institute every few years. The institute focuses on emerging issues in community and economic development. This year, our advisory board consists of MSU faculty and staff from various Flint organizations. The topic we chose to focus on was "Broken Civic Trust."

In an age of increasing distrust between constituents and institutions, we must articulate the importance of trust between the people, and the institutions that serve the people. While our initial goal was discovering how to rebuild broken civic trust, we realized that goal may be unattainable. In order to still make this event useful for Flint residents, we will be having more of a facilitated conversation on the effects of broken trust, how to navigate within that distrust and allow discourse on their view of hope for the future. We will be having a second event geared towards civil servants, stressing the importance of trust and why it is essential to earn the trust of your constituents.

The two events will be in the first week of June and will discuss the complexity and importance of trust between public institutions and the collective public. One will be held in Flint and the other in East Lansing. Both events are open to the public and there will be no fee to attend.

For more questions please contact Madison Sorsen at sorsenma@msu.edu.