

Partners for an Enriched Community (P.E.C.) Minutes - February 17, 2010

In attendance: A Safe Place: Caprice Killingsworth, **BENNU Legal Services:** Andrew Sagartz, **Benton Township:** Jule Groat, Jan Suthard, **CareNet Family Resource Center:** Brenda Benegas, **Childserv:** Samantha Freeman, **CREW, Inc.:** Dan Juliana, Maggie Maxwell, Martha Palmer, **Executive Service Corps:** Don Nylin, **Lake County Government:** Peter Duggan, **Lake County Health Department:** Irma Acosta, Susan Metzger, **LOVE INC:** Marlene Compton, Jacqui Franclemont, **Teen MOPS:** Darci Green, Jean Studebaker, **YouthBuild Lake County:** Zandra Genous, Priscilla Holliday, **YWCA:** Lori Deere, Elizabeth Rosiles, **Zion-Benton Public Library:** Nann Hilyard, **Zion-Benton Township High School:** Jenny Hoy, **Zion District #6:** Grace Robinson, **Zion Park District:** Karen McElyea, **Zion Township:** Eunice Bridges, Cheri Ditzig, Adriana Ortiz

Maggie Maxwell, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM and welcomed guests.

January Minutes: Motion from Jan Suthard to approve the minutes from January 13, 2010. Jacqui Franclemont seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Introductions: This month we had two guests attend PEC: Martha Palmer, **CREW, Inc.** & Susan Metzger, **Lake County Health Department.**

Where are we going with PEC continued: In January, the group established that Maggie would gather direct contact information for PEC members and distribute a complete list as soon as possible. Maggie passed around a draft for members to add to and revise.

Pearce Campus Update: Cheri explained that the Zion-Benton Workforce Development Training Center has moved out of Pearce Campus. The organization is currently putting grants together to provide services elsewhere. In addition, others from the community have come forward to reinstate partnerships with the Lake County Job Center as well as the College of Lake County. Cheri will continue to update all PEC members regarding these partnerships.

Faith Food Pantry: Faith Food Pantry is now open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. They are no longer open in the evenings. Northern Illinois Food Bank will step in to provide temporary assistance after the current food supply is depleted. Meetings in ZB and LC will be held to discuss the situation.

CCI Update: Members of the CCI pilot group have been participating in conversations to compare CCI's MPOWER database with Lake County's Service Point system. Peter Duggan, Adriana Ortiz and Gail Gloudemans from Zion Township met to discuss how the Service Point system works. Adriana explained that she believes the system enabled better communication and more systematic case management. In addition, using this system instead of CCI's would enable our coalition to be a part of a county wide collaborative social service effort. The group concurred that we indeed need a systematic service network and but is in agreement that whatever is the best system, they will support

PEC Membership: Membership renewal letters were sent to all PEC member agency Executive Directors and members. In addition to membership, agencies are encouraged to consider renting collaborative space at Pearce Community Resource Center. For more information, please contact Cheri or Maggie at 847-872-2811.

Book of the Month Club: In November, we decided to read *Whale Done!* Jenny Hoy discussed the main themes in the book and passed out pins to remind us each to try to catch others doing things right and to praise them for their positive contributions.

Announcements are attached. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

February 2010 PEC Announcements

Zion Benton Public Library: Nann announced that the library's Geek Campaign is in full swing. They recently received funding from a pilot grant to help make people aware of what libraries have to offer. For more information about the grant and related library activities, please visit www.geekthelibrary.org.

Lake County Workforce Development: Maggie announced on Eva's behalf that due to a high volume of traffic, WIA funding (Workforce Investment Act) for the Lake County area is currently limited. Jobseekers who are interested in WIA funding are welcome to attend an information session. However, be advised that there is a significant waiting list for new applicants. Please take advantage of our additional resources for jobseekers including workshops, resume preparation sessions and onsite recruitment. A schedule of all events can be found at www.lakecountyjobcenter.com. Also visit their blog for additional job search tips <http://lccareerstoday.blogspot.com>.

New Tech High School: New Tech High invites you to attend a community partnership breakfast on Wednesday March 10 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. RSVP to Peter Catalano at catalanp@ntzb.org.

CREW: Martha Palmer announced that the Alcoholics Anonymous beginners group is now co-ed. Anyone interested in attending is invited to meet each Friday from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Pearce Campus in Valor Faith Ministries' space. She hopes to start an AA group for teens in the future. For more information, contact Martha at 847-872-2830. Dan reported that CREW's client numbers have been steadily increasing. There are now 50 clients in treatment as well as an adolescent group of 10. If you know someone in need of substance abuse counseling or anger management services, please have them contact CREW at 847-872-2830 or encourage them to stop by 1632 23rd Street, Zion. Cheri announced there will be a PIT CREW meeting at 9:00 a.m. at New Tech on February 18.

BENNU Legal Services: Andrew invited members to attend BENNU's educational seminars and round table discussions. Upcoming events include: Round Table Discussions - Weds. 3/17 Multicultural Marketing & Immigration Demystified Saturday March 20 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All events will be held at BENNU Legal 28835 N. Herky Dr., Suite 104 Lake Bluff. For more information and to RSVP call 847-478-8200 x 208.

Zion Park District: The Park District has several activities for seniors. On Mondays, seniors are invited to the Walk-N-Breakfast Club at the Leisure Center Sports Arena starting at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. Every Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. at Shiloh Center seniors are welcome to come and enjoy dinner followed by line dancing. Senior Computing is offered at 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at Shiloh Center. Please call the Park District at 847-746-5500 to pre-register. Visit www.zionparkdistrict.com for details.

Zion District 6: Grace announced that students will be participating in ISAT testing. She is looking for social skills groups for young adolescents. If you know of any opportunities, please contact her at grobenson@zion.k12.il.us. The Positive Behavior Intervention & Support meeting will be held March 3 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Contact Grace for more information.

CareNet Family Resource Center: CareNet's Walk For Life will be May 15th. Details to follow at the next PEC meeting.

TeenMOPS: TeenMOPS meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the ZB Library at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. Currently, the group is in need of transportation assistance. If you know

someone who can help, please contact Jean Studebaker at gramastu@comcast.net or Darci Green at dgreen@rdrrtraining.com.

LOVE, INC: LOVE, INC is having a fundraiser on Saturday, February 20 at Rink Side Sports in Gurnee. The event will run all day. Contact Marlene at marlenec@loveinclakecty.net for more information and to receive a form for the event.

YWCA: Lori announced that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in partnership with YWCA Lake County will be sponsoring Census Awareness Day on Saturday, February 27 at Belvidere Mall (2133 Belvidere Road, Waukegan). The event is from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call Sabrina King at 847-830-5279. The YWCA is hosting a seminar at North Chicago Park District on Saturday March 6 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. called Cut The Cancer. For more information call 847-662-4247 and ask for the Women and Girls Health Dept. Elizabeth announced that she will be doing a workshop on stress at Waukegan Public Library on March 9 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. To sign up or for more information, call 847-662-4247 x 117. The Come Sign with Me program will be offered again in May and June. To register call 847-662-4247 - space is limited. YWCA Lake County offers free educational presentations and free or low cost mammograms. For information call 847-662-4247.

A Safe Place: Caprice announced that A Safe Place was approved to build its new housing site across from the transitional housing site this fall. Parenting classes are offered on Fridays in Zion at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Caprice at ckillingsworth@asafeplaceforhelp.org.

YouthBuild Lake County: YouthBuild built its first energy efficient home in North Chicago. Staff members are in need of volunteers to assist with their job readiness mock interview and live speaker series on 3/12, 4/9 and 5/14 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact Zandra zgenous@youthbuildlakecounty.org for more information or to assist with either series.

ChildServ: ChildServ is seeking a part-time bilingual healthy fit coordinator in Waukegan to provide health, nutrition and fitness information to the 175 children served by Lake County's programs and their parents and siblings. Resumes should be submitted to Bebe Bermudez at bbermudez@childserv.org or call 773-867-7326. ChildServ is expanding its foster care program and will be having an informational meeting on March 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 1105 W. Greenwood, Waukegan. RSVP to Jeanne Becker at 773-867-7386.

Zion Township: The Summer Work Program hotline has been open since February 1 and has taken calls for youth ages 14-15 who live in Zion or Benton Township and would like to participate in the program this summer. The number is 847-377-3443. Zion youth ages 14-15 who are interested in participating may pick up an application on April 1 at Zion Township.

Benton Township: Jan announced that the Lake Forest Care Coach will be at Benton Township in April. Flyers to come.