

## Partners for an Enriched Community (P.E.C.) Minutes - April 14, 2010

**In attendance:** **BENNU Legal Services:** Denisia Ott-Ilies, **Compass Christian Counseling:** Kelsie Newbrough, **CREW, Inc.:** Maggie Maxwell, Martha Palmer, **Lake County Health Department:** Susan Metzger, **Lake County Workforce Development:** Eva Locke, **LOVE INC:** Marlene Compton, Jacqui Franclemont, **Maristella:** Sonia Mares, **Vista Medical Center:** Heather Howard, **YouthBuild Lake County:** Zandra Genous, **YWCA:** Lori Deere, Elizabeth Rosiles, **Zion-Benton Public Library:** Susan Clark, **Zion-Benton Township High School:** Jenny Hoy, **Zion Park District:** Karen McElyea, **Zion Township:** Eunice Bridges, Adriana Ortiz

Maggie Maxwell, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 11:20 AM and welcomed guests.

**Adolescent Skills Program at Vista Health:** Heather Howard provided a brief presentation about the Adolescent Skills Program she runs at Vista Medical Center West in Waukegan. The Adolescent Skills Program is an Intensive Outpatient Program for youth ages 12 - 17 (however, patients as young as 11 and as old as 18 have been admitted). A copy of the material she shared is included with the announcements. For additional information about this program, please visit [www.vistahealth.com](http://www.vistahealth.com) or contact Heather at 847-625-6032.

**March Minutes:** Motion from Karen McElyea to approve the minutes from March 10, 2010. Eunice Bridges seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

**Introductions:** This month we had two guests attend: Heather Howard from **Vista Medical Center West** and Denisia Ott-Ilies from **BENNU Legal Services**.

**PEC Activity:** The group was given the following questions to answer:

1. Name five other PEC members and the agencies they represent (please do not include members from your own agency).
2. Name three PEC member agencies that you could collaborate with to enhance the work you are doing.
3. Name one agency that you would like to see at the meetings more.

Members were given the opportunity to discuss these questions. The following organizations were requested to attend PEC: **Catholic Charities, Zion-Benton Ministerial Association, College of Lake County Adult Education Program, Salvation Army, Department of Human Services, Community Action Partnership, Habitat for Humanity and Zion City of Miracles.** Maggie will be sending invitations to the suggested agencies that are not members of PEC and will reach out to staff from current member organizations.

**Book of the Month Club:** Copies of *Rose's Story* are now available for anyone interested. Contact Maggie at [maggiem@crewinc.org](mailto:maggiem@crewinc.org) or 847-872-2811 if you would like to borrow the book. *Rose's Story* is also available through Interlibrary Loan.

**Announcements are attached. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.**

## **April 2010 PEC Announcements**

**Lake County Health Department:** Susan announced that the Lake County Health Department will be creating school physical flyers. She will bring some to the next PEC meeting.

**Zion Township:** Summer Work Program applications are now available at Zion Township, Zion-Benton Public Library and Zion-Benton Township High School. Applications should be submitted to Zion Township no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The eighth annual Senior Resource Day will be held at Zion Park District's Leisure Center on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Approximately 45 vendors will be there that day to talk with Zion seniors about their programs and services.

**Vista Medical Center:** Heather announced that Vista provides health related programs to the community, many of which are free. For more information, visit Vista's community relations page at: <http://www.vistahealth.com/Community%20Relations/Pages/Community%20Relations.aspx>.

**Compass Christian Counseling:** Kelsie will be offering a workshop on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at North Point Church called "Soul Healing Love." The cost is \$40 per couple. Kay is offering a workshop about coaching kids through anger on April 19<sup>th</sup> at North Point Church from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for individuals or \$15 per couple. For more information about these workshops and to register, contact Kelsie or Kay at 847-746-5524.

**Lake County Workforce Development:** Eva mentioned that the College of Lake County will be hosting its annual Job Marketplace on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Grayslake. Representatives from 75-100 different employers will be there. She also suggested an online event website that makes coordinating invites and RSVPs easier. If the event you are hosting is free, use of the website is also free. For more information visit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/>.

**Zion-Benton Public Library:** Susan announced that the Library will have tax forms available through the month of April. This is National Library Week. Take advantage of all the free programs and services available through the library including free computer classes!

**Zion Park District:** The Park District is offering a free 8 week program for individuals age 60 and up who have arthritis. Participants will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday for an hour and a half with a certified instructor to exercise and learn about the benefits of physical activity. For more information or to sign up, call 847.746.5500.

**Zion-Benton Township High School:** Jenny announced that information about Mama's Run is now available online at: <http://www.zbchc.com/>. The race will be held Saturday, May 8. All proceeds will benefit Coalition for Healthy Communities' Healthy YOUTH. For more information for Footsteps for Families can be found at: <http://www.zbths.org/zbths/cwp/view.asp?A=3&Q=298847>. This race will be held Saturday, June 12 at Zion-Benton Township High School.

**YWCA:** Elizabeth mentioned that she will be hosting an osteoporosis workshop on April 22 and 29 in the Bradbury Room at Waukegan Public Library from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is a free event. Lori announced that their annual Women's Health Fair will be held Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will not be a health fair in October this year. There will be a Medicare workshop at Park Place Senior Center on April 20 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**YouthBuild Lake County:** Staff members are still in need of volunteers to assist with their job readiness mock interview and live speaker series on 5/14 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact Zandra [zgenous@youthbuil lakecounty.org](mailto:zgenous@youthbuil lakecounty.org) if you would like to help. YouthBuild's 2010 Spring Benefit is the *Billy Elliot* musical in Chicago. The event will be held Saturday, May 1. For more information and to purchase musical tickets or raffle tickets, visit: <http://youthbuil lakecounty.org/events.htm>.

**Maristella:** Maristella is hosting a fashion show and silent auction on Saturday, May 1 at Country Squire in Grayslake. For registration information, visit: <http://www.maristella.org/evnt.htm>. If you would like to donate something for the silent auction, please contact Sonia. They are also having an event at Chuck-E-Cheese in Vernon Hills on May 26 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sonia can be reached at 847-367-5360.

**BENNU Legal Services:** BENNU has been working with ZBPL to provide free legal consultations on May 11 and June 8 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at ZBPL. For more information, contact BENNU directly at 847-478-8200.