

Partners for an Enriched Community (P.E.C.) Minutes - May 12, 2010

In attendance: A Safe Place: Caprice Killingsworth, **BENNU Legal Services:** Andrew Sagartz, **Benton Township:** Jan Suthard, **CareNet Family Resource Center:** Leah LaBelle, **Compass Christian Counseling:** Kelsie Newbrough, **CREW, Inc.:** Maggie Maxwell, Martha Palmer, **Lake County Adult Learning Connection:** Barbara Babb, Sari Oosta, Laura Sherwood, **Maristella:** Sonia Mares, **Salvation Army:** Captain William Holman, **Vista Medical Center:** Terry Barrett, **YouthBuild Lake County:** Zandra Genous, **YWCA:** Lori Deere, **Zion-Benton Public Library:** Susan Clark, Nann Blaine-Hilyard, **Zion District #6:** Grace Robinson, **Zion Township:** Eunice Bridges, Adriana Ortiz

Maggie Maxwell, Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed guests.

April Minutes: Motion from Susan Clark to approve the minutes from April 14, 2010. Sonia Mares seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Introductions: This month we had five guests attend: Leah LaBelle from **CareNet Family Resource Center**, Barbara Babb, Sari Oosta, Laura Sherwood from **Lake County Adult Learning Connection** and Terry Barrett from **Vista Medical Center**.

Adult Literacy in Lake County: Barbara, Sari and Laura briefly spoke about the programs and services available through the College of Lake County and Waukegan Public Library's literacy program. They also discussed opportunities for tutor training and tutoring programs in the Zion-Benton Community.

One-on-One Tutoring: One-on-one tutoring is available for Lake County residents in need of assistance with reading, writing, math or English. Individuals interested in becoming a tutor OR working with a tutor may contact Barbara Babb at 847-623-2041 x 222.

Classroom Tutoring: Laura Sherwood recruits and trains tutors for classroom settings through the College of Lake County. She can be reached at 847-543-2327.

ESL Tutoring & Family Literacy: Sari Oosta coordinates ESL tutor training for those interested in teaching students English reading and writing skills. In addition, she serves as the Family Literacy coordinator for the College of Lake County. A family literacy class is held at Zion Benton Public Library for parents interested in earning their GED. While parents are working toward their GED, children are in educational childcare. Once a week parents and children participate in a PACT (parent and child together) activity. Families also have an opportunity to enjoy story times with librarians from their community's library. Children must be between the ages of 0-5. Contact Sari Oosta at 847-543-2327.

For more information about the Lake County Adult Learning Connection and all of its programs, visit: www.adultlearningconnection.org.

Book of the Month Club: Maggie mentioned that we will discuss *Rose's Story* at next month's PEC meeting. Contact Maggie at 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 12:45 p.m.

May 2010 PEC Announcements

YouthBuild Lake County: Zandra reported that YouthBuild's 2010 Spring Benefit was a big success. They are currently working on acquiring books for their own YouthBuild library. Contact Zandra at 847-473-3483 if you would like to donate novels for 18-24 year old men and women.

YWCA: Lori announced that a number of workshops will be held as part of National Women's Health Week.

5/22 Spanish "Osteoporosis" workshop 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Waukegan Library

To register please call Elizabeth or Lori at 847-662-4247 ext. 117 or 134. YWCA's annual Women's Health Fair will be held Saturday, June 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Belvidere Mall in Waukegan. The Lake Forest Care Coach will no longer be doing osteoporosis screenings as they are now focusing on smoking cessation.

BENNU: BENNU will be hosting another series of round table discussions.

5/19	"My Employee is Illegal"	7:30 a.m. at BENNU Legal Services, Lake Bluff
5/22	"Immigration Demystified"	10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at BENNU Legal Services, Lake Bluff
6/9	"Immigration Demystified"	7:30 a.m. at BENNU Legal Services, Lake Bluff
6/16	"Aliens Among Us - The Economic Impact of Immigrants"	7:30 a.m. at BENNU Legal Services, Lake Bluff

In addition, they are offering on-site seminars at Zion-Benton Public Library. The next seminar will be June 8 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact BENNU directly at 847-478-8200. Lastly, they are in need of computers for training purposes. Contact Andrew (asagartz@bennulegal.org) if you would like to make a donation.

Zion-Benton Public Library: Nann announced that ZBTHS is hosting Footsteps for Families on Saturday, June 12 from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. All funds raised at this event will benefit Assistance in Healthcare. For more information or to learn how you can participate, visit www.zbths.org, email footsteps@zbths.org or call 847-731-9792. The Library's Partners in Reading campaign is in full swing. To learn more or to donate online, visit www.zblibrary.org. On Wednesday, May 26 the Library will offer a Plant Clinic. Master gardeners from the University of Illinois extension will be available to answer your plant and gardening questions from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Salvation Army: Summer camp will be starting in June for youth ages 5-18. Those who have a medical card may attend camp for free. In addition, the Salvation Army's music camps will offer instrumental and vocal classes. The main office is in the process of expanding its facility by 20,000 square feet. Salvation Army is working on a partnership with the Mexican Consulate to receive additional funding toward these efforts. The new space will have computer labs. Please encourage individuals in need of assistance to call on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Compass Christian Counseling: A variety of workshops are being offered through Compass Christian Counseling. For more information and to register, visit <http://compasschristiancounseling.com/rates.htm> or contact Kelsie at 847-746-5524.

Vista Medical Center: Terry stated that he serves as the community contact for Vista Medical Center West. On June 8 and 9, there will be a state board meeting to discuss plans to build a level two trauma center in the Lake Villa area.

CareNet Family Resource Center: Leah LaBelle is serving as the interim office manager at CareNet. The Annual Walk for Life will be held May 15. This is one of CareNet's largest fundraisers.

Maristella: Sonia announced that the fashion show had a good turnout. One June 12, they will be having their Annual Poker Run. A Chevy Aveo will be raffled. Tickets can be purchased for \$20. On May 26, they will be hosting a small fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese in Vernon Hills on May 26 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sonia at 847-367-5360.

Zion Township: 168 seniors attended the eighth annual Senior Resource Day at Zion Park District's Leisure Center. 48 vendors participated at this year's event. The application deadline for Summer Work Program was Friday, April 30. Interviews will be taking place later this month. The Senior Prom will be held Saturday, May 15 from 5-10:00 p.m. A picnic will follow on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lake County Workforce Development: Job Marketplace will be held May 20. For more information, visit <http://www.lakecountyil.gov/WorkforceDevelopment/Documents/JMP%20Flyer%202010.pdf>

CREW, Inc.: Maggie announced that the Red Cross has an AmeriCorps volunteer who is serving the Zion-Benton community through August 2010. She is able to provide a number of trainings free of charge. CREW is partnering with New Tech to offer CPR certification and first aid to the ZB community. **The next PEC meeting will be held at Zion-Benton Public Library instead of New Tech.**