

Partners for an Enriched Community (P.E.C.) Minutes - August 11, 2010

In attendance: A Safe Place: Caprice Killingsworth, **BENNU Legal Services:** Andrew Sagartz, **Benton Township:** Jan Suthard, **Catholic Charities:** Terri Denny, **ChildServ:** Samantha Freeman, **Compass Christian Counseling:** Kelsie Newbrough, Kay Swatkowski, **Family Resource Center:** Brenda Benegas, Doug Carlson, Leah LaBelle, **CREW, Inc.:** Rebecca Craig (CREW/Nicasa), Maggie Maxwell, **Lake County Adult Learning Connection:** Laura Sherwood, **Lake County Workforce Development:** Reggie Gaines, **Love INC:** Jacqui Franclemont, **RESPOND:** Luke Mudd, Carmen Patlan, **SER Fair Housing Center:** Celia Benitez, Megan Harrington, **Teen MOPS:** Jean Studebaker, **The CHARMM'D Foundation:** Gene Salvadalena, **YWCA Lake County:** Joy Bah, **Zion-Benton Public Library:** Susan Clark, Nann Hilyard, **ZBTHS:** Jenny Hoy, Mark Stateler, **Zion Park District:** Karen McElyea, **Zion Township:** Eunice Bridges, Adriana Ortiz

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

July Minutes: Motion from Karen McElyea to approve the minutes from July 14, 2010. Jacqui Franclemont seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present.

Introductions: This month we had five guests attend: **Catholic Charities:** Terri Denny, **Most Blessed Trinity/RESPOND:** Luke Mudd, Carmen Patlan, **SER Fair Housing Center:** Celia Benitez, **The CHARMM'D Foundation:** Gene Salvadalena.

RESPOND: Terri Denny from Catholic Charities and Luke Mudd and Carmen Patlan from Most Blessed Trinity spoke briefly about RESPOND (Respecting Every Single Person Through Outreach Networking and Diversity). This group was established in Waukegan but focuses countywide to streamline, collaborate and network social services. Currently, RESPOND is no longer meeting regularly. However, there is interest in establishing coalitions like RESPOND and PEC in other pockets of Lake County.

Zion City of Miracles: Maggie reminded members that the City of Miracles is on Saturday, August 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. A table and chairs will be provided for participants. Organization representatives can meet at the welcome tent before 10:00 a.m. to sign in and receive additional information about the day's schedule of events.

Book of the Month Club: Maggie passed a copy of *Practicing Servant Leadership: Succeeding Through Trust, Bravery and Forgiveness* (Ed. Larry C. Spears and Michele Lawrence) around for members to look through. The group agreed that this was a good choice. Copies are available to checkout through interlibrary loan or for purchase on Amazon.

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

August 2010 PEC Announcements

Family Resource Center: Doug Carlson explained that CareNet has become Family Resource Center effective July 5th. The center is still housed in the same location within Pearce Community Resource Center in Zion. And they have welcomed back Brenda Benegas as center director. Leah LaBelle volunteers as office administrator. They are having an open house on Friday, August 27th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ZBTHS: Jenny introduced Mark Stateler, Division Chair for Alternative Programming at the High School. The hallway across from CREW, Inc. within Pearce now houses the Zion Alternative Program (ZAP). There are approximately 100 students in all three of the High School's alternative programs.

The CHARMM'D Foundation: Gene Salvadalena introduced himself and distributed fliers for an upcoming community event at ZB Public Library on September 22nd. An Evening With Grace Lichenstein (Part 2) is an adult focused dialogue where community members can learn how to enhance their communication skills. The Foundation offers free resources to communities in an effort to build social and emotional skill sets. There are a number of opportunities for continuing education and discussion groups. For details about their September 22nd event visit www.charmmdfoundation.org.

ZBPL: The Library will be sending out its newsletter after Labor Day. They will be having their tenth annual celebration of Librarypolooza on September 25th from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The newsletter highlights their upcoming book sale, craft show and book discussion series.

ChildServ: Samantha announced that they are in need of foster parents. Those interested can attend an informational meeting on October 7 or December 9. For details, email Samantha at sfreeman@childserv.org.

SER Fair Housing: Megan stated that she and her staff have been conducting several investigations of fair housing violations in the area. They have also been doing a number of outreach presentations. If you are interested in having them do one for your organization, contact Megan at mharrington@serlake.org.

BENNU: Andrew announced that BENNU has launched a new look to rebrand their organization, thanks to the help of their dedicated volunteers! They had a volunteer appreciation event on August 10th. Visit their website: www.bennulegal.org for details about upcoming events. BENNU is in need of laptops for their volunteers. If you would like to donate one, contact Andrew at asagartz@bennulegal.org.

Love INC: Jacqui stated that there have been several rumors that Love INC is closed. She assured the group that they are still open. She and Spark are now staffing the agency. The agency's name will change to **Love INC Lake County Northeast**. There is a Love INC Lake County Southwest that will be serving from Round Lake to the border and Mundelein to the border. They will begin operation September 9. If a family in need contacts us from that area, we have the ability to forward the call to the new Love INC affiliate. Also, there is a planned back to school clothing distribution day. Verified clients from Love INC will need to call our help center for details and available times. This will be sponsored by one of our churches. Please have families contact Love INC's help center between 10:00am and 1:00pm Monday through Friday for further details. **This clothing distribution day will be for Zion/Benton Township families only at the present time.**

Compass Christian Counseling: Kelsie will be offering Recovering From Grief and Loss in September. For details, contact her at kelsie@compasschristiancounseling.com.

Zion Park District: Karen announced that the park district newsletter is now available. Upcoming events include a 5K and bike race on September 5th. For details, visit www.zionparkdistrict.com.

CREW/Nicasa: Rebecca explained CREW and Nicasa's partnership to provide anger management evaluations and classes. For details, contact CREW at 847-872-2830.

Lake County Adult Learning Connection: Registration for Family Literacy is now taking place. This program is offered at the Library to parents who have children ages 0 - 5. Families who are interested can contact the College of Lake County's Adult Education department at 847-543-2024. Waukegan Public Library is now offering free open lab on Wednesdays in the literacy suite. On October 2nd, LCALLC will have its annual Walk for Literacy at Van Patten woods. For information, visit www.adultlearningconnection.org.

Zion Township: The Summer Work Program is now over. This year 93 youth participated. Of that group, 90 kids successfully completed the program. A picnic was held on July 30th to celebration program completion. On August 25th at ZBPL, seniors can participate in the Secretary of State's Mobile Driving Services event. To register, contact the Township at 847-872-2811.

YWCA: Joy stated that the Y will be hosting a Race Against Racism on September 11th at Independence Grove. The Parent Services department will be offering a life skills workshop at Waukegan Public Library on September 9th. A positive parenting class will be held at the YWCA on September 7th. On Thursday, August 19th at 9:30 a.m. cancer survivors can participate in a Day of Sharing. The YWCA provides referrals on a sliding fee for families in need of care providers. For information on all of these programs visit: <http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=6dKIWNtEnG&b=255251>.

Benton Township: Jan announced that the Township will offer vaccines for flue and pneumonia on September 16th from 8:30-3:30. Call 847-746-2100 to sign up. Flu shots are \$24.99. Pneumonia vaccines cost \$49.99. The Lake Forest Care Coach will be at the Township for screenings from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on October 13th.

Lake County Workforce Development: Reggie announced that WE CARE Senior Caregiver Services, Inc. is recruiting at the Waukegan Job Center on August 20th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact Eva 847-377-3456 for details.