



## June 28, 2009 Executive Director Update for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board Meetings & Contacts

- I have received no news or meeting date for the city's **NSPII application working group** or other stimulus grant activity in which CAMConnect had been asked to participate.
- On Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> I met with Dave Foster of Greater Camden Partnership to discuss a **jointly produced CAMConnect & GCP branded annual report**. The report would form the core of the keynote presentation at GCP's annual fundraising event. The report would be available for a fee for non-CAMConnect members, though the data would still be available free of charge on CAMConnect website. CAMConnect would receive some as yet undetermined portion of the ticket proceeds from the event as well.
- Summer intern Aaron Truchil and I attended the latest **CCDA Stabilizing Neighborhoods by Addressing Abandoned Properties (SNAAP)** working group and briefly presented progress on the creation of an abandoned properties master list for the city (see item 1 under "Projects"). We also learned at this meeting that CRA/Planning Director Sandy Johnson's neighborhood prioritization of CBD, North Camden, Gateway, Cooper/Lanning, & Cramer Hill has apparently not yet been officially approved by council and so is still in flux.

## Projects

- In pursuit of a better accounting of **abandoned property**, we have processed 12 of 20 data sources including over 12 thousand property records. The end product will be the most current and comprehensive abandoned property list that all interested parties can use as a common starting point (the County Prosecutor's Office has already expressed interest and shared their data). The number looks like it will hit the 8,000 to 9,000 range, though it is not yet clear if that will include vacant land.
- Production of The Community Development Network of NJ 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual report is again delayed for internal reasons, but I confirmed with Executive Director Dianne Sterner that the organization is still interested in proceeding.
- Aaron has made great progress working on **GIS data cleaning, a new interactive data catalogue, paper records filing, patient address geocoding improvements**, and has completed human subjects research training in preparation for work with the patient database.
- My capital equipment request for a **new PC and new backup drive** is finally submitted to Cooper IT, though approval will take an unknown amount of time.
- I met with LEAP superintendant Dr. Deanna Burney. She has reformulated LEAP's initial interest in having CAMConnect develop a performance analysis database as a desire to have CAMConnect's services on retainer to perform **ongoing data analysis and reporting** of all sorts. I am developing a monthly flat fee plus "over-time" hours contract.
- Using the recent mapping and analysis performed for LEAP as a sample, we are developing a **mapping services marketing packet** to promote similar services to other institutions, including but not limited to other charter schools. The packet should be ready within a week.

## New Data & Sources

- In the process of updating a 2 page compendium of **recent data** Sean Brown has obtained **labor force, employment, and unemployment rates and counts, part 1 crime counts for the past 3 years, STD rate data**, and is pursuing **public housing, school**

**enrollment and drop outs and election data** among other items. If we do obtain it, one of the most novel items would be **address level arrest data** which we have received only once before for reporting year 2001.

- We have successfully obtained Camden **cancer screening data** from NJ Health & Senior Services although the initial grant application for which it was to be used was not approved.
- The **patient data** for the citywide health database for the second half of 2008 has been received from Cooper (already received from Lourdes & Virtua). MPH student Danielle Sciorra and I will be cleaning importing the data starting this week. I am also pursuing an agreement between the 3 hospitals that would streamline our data access in the future.
- A Philadelphia Inquirer reporter has agreed to purchase several years worth of **Camden property tax and sales data** for our use. This would allow detailed analysis of changes (including geographic changes) in the Camden tax base, property sales prices, and volume going back to 1998. It could be a useful enhancement to the annual city budget report. It can also be used to assess tax equity, property ownership, land vacancy, and (to a lesser extent) land use.

Funding

- CAMConnect submitted a letter of support for LEAP Academy's NIH **stimulus grant** application for school based community driven obesity research and intervention. CAMConnect will be named as a subcontractor in the grant for data management.
- CAMConnect submitted a letter of support for CPAC's co-application with the Rutgers School of Social Work for a **HHS non-profit capacity building grant** of which CAMConnect could be a sub-recipient through an RFP process.
- LEAP Academy charter school has **paid for the completed work & membership**.
- As of Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> CAMConnect has discounted access to the **GrantStation grants database**, grant research and application using the database will now be a part of my regular weekly schedule. Aaron has expressed interest in helping to start this process.
- In the past month I have spent at least a week's worth of time organizing and reconciling our internal book keeping with the records kept by the Cooper Foundation. While the effort has been incredibly time consuming and will continue to be over the next few weeks, I have found a sizable discrepancy in our favor. To ensure consistency and clearer reporting going forward I have purchase QuickBooks Nonprofit professional **accounting software**.

Board Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

- Thursday, November 5, 2009
- Thursday, February 4, 2010
- Thursday, June 3, 2010
- Thursday, October 7, 2010

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