



CAMConnect Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2005

In Attendance: Gregory Allen/CCYD/CCYSC, Jeffrey Brenner/Cooper Health System, Hilary Colbert/CPAC, Carol Dann/Consumer, Chris DiCarlo/United Way of Camden County, Jerome Harris/The Harris Organization, Kevin Hickey/Catholic Charities, Alice Markey/Our Lady of Lourdes, Jean Mouch/Medical Mission Sisters, Darrell Staton/Camden Empowerment Zone Corp., Bill Whitlow/Rutgers University, Derek Ziegler/Executive Director CAMConnect.

1. **Minutes:** In the absence of the Chair (who will be arriving late) and Vice Chair, Hilary Colbert called the meeting to order. ***Motion by Hicker, second Brenner, for approval of the July 21, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes*** was passed unanimously.

2. **Executive Director Update:** Derek Ziegler reviewed his written update. Derek will attend the VISTA Supervisor Training in November. Sean Brown from Camden will be attending VISTA Volunteer training in November before coming on board November 21st.

3. **Update on Current Activities** –

Health Report Card: Derek shared a 2 page summary from the Camden Health Report Card. Derek will be reporting on the results of the Report Card work at the Camden Healthy Futures meeting later today and sharing the 2 page summary. There is a comment page in the full report that Derek hopes to fill with comments from a small committee reviewing the report and from the Healthy Futures meeting.

Data Open House: Friday, December 2nd is the tentative date for the next data open house which will have emphasis on the health reports completed over the summer. Bill Whitlow recommended that the Abbott Indicators data should be included. Other data sources will be contacted regarding their participation including Jean for the cancer work she and Hilary are doing and CPAC for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) that the City homeless providers are involved with and CPAC helps coordinate

Abbott Indicators: Jerry Harris reported that CAMConnect's involvement with Abbott Indicators data has already triggered some change. Trenton's Community Change Task Force was formed as a result of the indicators. This shows how people are beginning to look at how to present and use data to influence change. Jerry noted that we should pursue working with the parent councils in Camden City. He also noted that there may be some money available for data maintenance for the Abbott data and for outreach.

Board Elections: Derek reported that ballots will be accepted until November 4th. Only one name was submitted for each officer position; there were 13 names submitted for 11 board member slots.

- 4. Proposal for new CAMConnect Staff Member/Budget** – Derek reviewed the Proposal for New Data Manager Position that was discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting. A review of the budget for 2005 accompanied this discussion. ***A motion to hire a Data Manager was made by Harris, second by DiCarlo and approved by those present.***

Chris DiCarlo will work with the Treasurer next year on a new format for the CAMConnect budget which is at times confusing. As we discuss bringing on new staff, Jeff Brenner reported that he had spoken with the Dean at UMDNJ and the Dean had approved CAMConnect getting some additional space on the first floor of the E & R Building which is very visible and is part of the computer lab; the space is shared with some outreach project staff but could provide additional space for our Data Manager and VISTA Volunteer.

- 5. Upcoming Work and Board Member Updates:** Jean Mouch arrived to take over chairing the meeting. Upcoming work for CAMConnect is also included in Derek's project updates. Much of the work is technical assistance work such as survey and evaluation creation.

Rutgers Expo: CAMConnect was requested to participate in the Rutgers Expo on January 11th. The Expo is geared towards 8th graders learning about allied health careers.

City GIS Role: Jerry Harris noted that the City is increasing its GIS capacity. In our role to get data out he questioned whether we should be encouraging the City to use our data. Jerry questions whether we can work on building capacity to use data within the neighborhoods and further, if this outreach work is something we can add to our work plan once the Data Manager is hired. It was agreed that this was a good idea for our future work.

Camden Special Services District (CSSD): Darrell Staton will forward information to CAMConnect regarding the CSSD. Darrell would like to explore how CAMConnect can work with CSSD in helping them use data to determine where best to utilize their resources.

Employment Report: Derek reported that this report is on CAMConnect's website in the Members Section.

Camden Cancer Coalition: Jean shared a Camden Cancer Fact Sheet compiled from the Camden County Cancer Needs and Capacity Assessment report. Jean also reported that the American Cancer Society will have an Urban Initiatives project in Camden City. She has been part of the initial planning meetings for this initiative.

Camden Center for Youth Development (CCYD): Greg Allen reported that CCYD has information on their website (www.ccysc.net) on youth data and programs. The information is self reported by youth serving agencies.

Purple Book: Carol Dann reported that Camden Neighborhood Renaissance is finalizing its update of “the Purple Book” resource which will be completed by the end of December 2005 or early January 2006. Carol is providing technical assistance to Renaissance on this project.

Opinion Leaders Survey: Jeff Brenner reminded members to get their mailing lists to Derek so that the Camden City Opinion Leaders Survey can move forward. This survey will provide an update on how various City leaders feel the City is doing in its recovery efforts.

Outreach to Foundations: Derek will work on a matrix of what area agencies are funding for our next meeting.

Youth Court: City Council President Angel Fuentes is holding a forum to discuss having a Youth Court in Camden. It is hoped that Derek can supply some information to City Council that may assist them in their decision.

Catholic Charities Thrift Shop: Kevin Hickey reported that the Thrift Shop is now open and accepting both donations and shoppers.

2001 Gubernatorial Election Fact Sheet: Derek shared a fact sheet prepared using data from the 2001 Gubernatorial Elections.

- 6. Fall Meeting:** It was decided that the fall meeting should be held much like last year’s fall meeting – in conjunction with the Data Fair. Derek is going to do a flyer or informational sheet about the Data Fair and meeting by next week and forward same to the CAMConnect Board. The meeting will be an occasion to celebrate new board members and officers as well as sharing some of the work that has been done over the course of the year. It was decided by those present that a breakfast meeting would be preferred to a lunch meeting and that Derek and Bill would look into whether parking would be available.

Proposed agenda for the meeting:

- Introduction of new Board members and new CAMConnect staff
- New Reports Update
- Committee Member Recruitment Update
- Marketing Update
- Member Benefits discussion
- Review of policy for documents

Next Meetings: Fall Member Meeting/ Data Open House - Friday December 2, 2005
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon at Rutgers Camden Campus Center

Executive Committee Meeting – November 3, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon at CEZC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Minutes submitted by Hilary Colbert.