



**CAMConnect  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2006**

**In attendance:** Hilary Colbert/CPAC, Joe Myers/Cooper's Ferry, John Hart/Rand Institute, Chris DiCarlo/United Way, Lauren Hill, resident. Staff: Derek Ziegler, Sean Brown.

There were no minutes to approve.

**1. Recap of April 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting was provided:**

- There were not sufficient members present to approve the Board meeting minutes.
- A review of Board members' responsibilities was discussed, including, promoting CAMConnect and meeting attendance. A draft document is in process and will be presented at a later date.
- A discussion concerning the organization's marketing materials focused on the cost related to printing, consideration for options to produce the materials in-house or solicit in-kind support. The member survey confirmed that people knew more about our products than the available services. Hilary will check with someone she is working with to obtain an estimate for CAMConnect materials.
- Membership is up to more than 40, Ann McIntyre of the Bach Foundation signed up her entire unit. Sean Brown noted that the City of Camden would be sending a check in soon for their membership cost.
- An update regarding the Data Manager's position was presented by Derek. The person selected for the position accepted another position and Jeff has been able to get a lot of the work done on cleaning the hospital discharge data. As a result, because of our uncertain future funding allocations it was decided that it would be best to not proceed with hiring a Data Manager at this time.

## 2. Executive Director Update:

- Membership target is 60 members by September 2006. Sean felt confident we will reach our goal. Derek mentioned that our Bylaws restrict the number of individuals from any one organization to be voted on the Executive Committee.
- Derek discussed the Reentry Mapping Network, indicating that Bernadette West at UMDNJ has contacted Nancy Wolff of the Bloustein School to help CAMConnect, we are awaiting a response. Letter to Jake Cowan at The Urban Institute was reviewed.
- Regarding NNIP, a discussion was held regarding the evaluation of how different members measure their impact. CAMConnect has been working on various small mapping projects, these projects are accompanied by organization membership.
- The Camden County Cancer Coalition that Jean Mouch and Hilary Colbert are working on witnessed a good turn out at The Big C Tri-County Regional Cancer event on April 27<sup>th</sup> that presented regional cancer data.
- Municipal Budget information was provided to Councilmen Curtis Jenkins and Angel Fuentes. An update was provided by Derek at the City Council hearing on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Derek is working on arranging a meeting regarding developing common GIS base maps and parcel maps. This effort will unify data sharing opportunities to develop and maintain data maps for sharing. This actually was a result of contact Derek made with Josh Warner from CRA at the Data Fair last fall.
- Derek spoke with Christine Tucker, City of Camden regarding receiving minutes and statistics in a timely manner. Derek indicated that crime statistics to update maps monthly will be provided. John Hart suggested that we be mindful of possible flaws in the projection information due to missing Uniform Crime Record data that is not reported timely.
- Regarding the Health Data, Derek indicated that CAMConnect assist with generating reports, acquiring data, and cleaning data. On June 1, 2006 the

Camden Coalition of Health Providers will conduct their planning meeting. Potential future opportunities include work concerning incidents of Asthma and Emergency Room visits by individuals who visit 10+ times per year.

**3. Members Meeting**

Planning for Members Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> has begun. Perhaps a basic set of indicators on the recover would be good, ambitious, but feasible if we select 5 areas and guide discussion focused on the data obtained. Derek will review the 2003 letter sent to the ERB concerning recovery priorities for possible indicators to draw from. Possible areas are the budget and how ERB has spent funds thus far. John recommended a simple presentation with the details as background information.

**4. CAMConnect Training Opportunites**

Derek reported that he has been awaiting a response from Stephanie Branch at Leap Academy regarding space. John will contact Dr. Gloria Santiago to arrange space in a large computer room at Leap Academy. Derek will provide us with potential training dates for June 2006 and indicated related costs. The training for CAMConnect members would be free. Possible first topic would be an introduction to GIS Mapping.

**5. Outreach Update**

A review of Sean Brown's outreach report was engaged. Hilary asked that the report be shared with the VISTA Supervisor. John recommended that the report presents anticipated outcomes. Hilary asked that the date of the activity/outreach be included in the report for better tracking purposes.

**6. Summer Workplan:**

Based on the members survey and other input the summer workplan will concentrate on creating an updated Camden Facts with Census and other data late summer and early fall; perhaps new neighborhood reports; ranking of Camden

with State and National data; fee for service projects; and request for foundation support.

Chris asked Derek to provide some information regarding the organization's financial position. Derek indicated that Annie E. Casey Foundation has not provided what was originally agreed: they are not matching the funds as agreed to. Follow-up discussions with Casey will be implemented by Derek. Jeff has been speaking with Cooper to determine whether they would pay for the Data Manager position. Derek estimated that the organization's financial situation provides for operational funds for 6 – 12 months. Chris recommended a review of the finances with Hilary, Joe, and Derek that would allow for a more detailed time frame with financial analysis of monthly activity projections. Derek will contact each Executive Committee member to indicate that they should come prepared to provide one suggestion, idea, foundation contact, etc. at our next meeting. Chris also suggested that this review of CAMConnect's fiscal picture become a standing agenda item of importance for the Executive Committee.

**The CAMConnect Members' Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Rand Institute, 411 Cooper Street. (Please note the later start time.)**

Minutes submitted by Lauren Hill