

CAMConnect Executive Committee Meeting June 7, 2007

Present: Derek Ziegler, Sean Brown, Jean Mouch, Bill Whitlow, Lauren Hill

Excused: John Hart, Hilary Colbert, Jeff Brenner

Derek announced that Sean will be serving as VISTA alum in New Orleans for 10 weeks during the summer.

- Review of minutes from May 17th Board Retreat
 - Sean recommended that we post history of CAMConnect on our website

- Executive Directors Update
 - Juvenile Justice data will be of interest to many stakeholders, parents, students, teachers, youth service organizations, and others
 - Given the leadership transitions at the Camden City Public Schools, we must ensure continued receipt of monthly Superintendent Reports for CAMConnect posting
 - Derek indicated that he would like a similar arrangement to receive and post crime data from the Police Department; as well as health data via Dr. Cho, CAMConnect could request reports electronically once they are released
 - Contact Angel Osorio, Prosecutor's Office regarding web posting of complaints from four districts including follow-up and outcomes
 - Community Bulletin Board – provide an opportunity for community groups who are members to post information; web visitors could add comments and post activities, the content would be screened and monitored by Derek for inclusion/approval
 - Sean's summary of the MRERA Legislation should be completed and ready as we approach possible re-authorization
 - Derek will OPRA signed MOU for MRERA
 - Derek will attend City of Camden Budget hearing tonight at 4PM; may testify with information from Cooper's Ferry report
 - CAMConnect received \$15000 from UMDNJ from 2 years ago thanks to Bernadette West, CAMConnect Board member
 - Derek will process payment to Rutgers in the amount of \$750
 - Jean stressed the importance of identifying the actual value of Cooper's in-kind contributions

- Organizational Strategy (Option 4)
 - Derek will complete revision/add detail regarding Model 4 and forward to all members by July 1; the detailed explanation can be used for grant proposals
 - Bill indicated that we should examine grant writing objective and seek assistance through collaborative support

- Jean indicated that she will assist in fund development activities (review donors lists, identify potential donors)
- Bill indicated that it's easier for institutions to sub-contract with CAMConnect; articulating CAMConnect's services and supports will be key to opportunities for sub-contacting
- Camden Facts Reports
- SJ Regional Leadership Institute
 - Sean provided an overview of his SJ Regional Leadership Institute experience – participants engaged in many profile assessments, Sean indicated that areas for his continued development is enhancing collaboration skills, recognizing the “human factor” human elements of individuals, and he's more likely to practice a softer approach, be more understanding, and more tolerant of individuals; and establish relationships
 - Sean will attempt to maintain a video or other diary of New Orleans experience; Bill recommended that Sean contact Kevin Hickey to identify contacts in New Orleans based on the on-going work of Catholic Charities in the region

Next Steps:

- Update Model 4 and distribute to membership
- Develop CAMConnect Newsletter
- Blend data elements for Neighborhood reports
- Summer Intern Scope of Work
- Determine availability of people with fast data connection; identify initiatives to provide internet access to community; Bill will assist with identifying potential funding sources
- Determine how to manage EC member replacement
 - When committee of one chair is not available, organization chair or vice-chair will review items

Next Meeting August 2, 2007