



Executive Director Update March 15, 2010

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Agenda: 3/15/2010

1. Minutes
2. Update - below
3. Budget
4. New Board
5. Executive Director Annual Review

Meetings and Proposals

I submitted a finalized **Eds & Meds Data management proposal** which was circulated at the most recent Taskforce meeting this past Friday (the prior month's meeting, in which the proposal was intended to be discussed, was canceled). I have not heard any confirmation that the proposal was accepted, but I was contacted by Andy Bush at Cooper for advice about how to request the data from Cooper HR, which is a good sign. I will be following up on the status this week.

A new date for the **Data Fair** has yet to be confirmed. We tried several dates with the Rutgers' Events Department, and none of them have worked so far. The new date will likely take place sometime in mid-April. We are considering having it on a day other than Friday to maximize the potential availability of the Multi-Purpose Room.

The initial **HOC Fourth Station Stop** Presentation to Mayor Redd was successful, as Mayor Redd got on board with the idea and set up a meeting with DRPA. Because of a conflict in Helene Pierson's schedule, I gave the presentation to CEO *John Matheussen* and company. Though no definitive answer was given, Matheussen was pleased by the level of organization and work that had been done by the group and pledged to continue discussions with the group as the planning continues.

Census Complete Count work, presentation to CCDA, messaging, banners, posters, presentation to Camden City Chamber of commerce on Census

Donna Siminski

Josh Sevin Director of Projects at the Greater Philadelphia Economy League. Looking to expand into South Jersey and possibly partner on some projects- I see it among other things as an opportunity to bring more regional comparison to our work

I have a meeting this Tuesday with *Andrew Selighson*, recently appointed Director of Civic Engagement at Rutgers. I have already provided him with some data and pitched the idea of a **Community Research Archive**.

I gave a **presentation on data sources for community assessment** to *Atnre Alleyne's* graduate Research Methods course.

Meeting with Scot McCray to talk about working together. Meeting to start mapping the data flow around housing.

Peter Shane, the Executive Director of the Knight Foundation Committee on the Information needs of Communities,

contacted me about putting together a collection of **case studies of "information stories"** where information access has made a difference in a community and with a population not usually thought of as data-centric. CamConnect will provide at least one of those case studies.

Still trying to meet with Andy Johnson of William Penn

Projects

We have received all the organizational ties data from Rand and have begun the initial **network analysis** of Trenton-based social service organizations. I met with *Kristen Curtis* to demonstrate some of the capabilities of the software and will be continuing to provide some analysis of the data.

Rand's economic indicator report

We have released a number of **Quickfacts** to both our members and distribution list. Subjects have included Business Patterns in Camden, Voter Participation, Census Hard to Count, Employment and Wage Trends, Is Camden the Most Dangerous City, and Census Participation Rates.

Dashboard of topline stats

Hilda Razzaghi, a PhD student working for the Coalition, has been working on creating a data dictionary for the **Health Database**. Once that has been completed, we will integrate the latest batch of patient data.

We have been working out some of the logistics and technical components of a **Camden News Update** website.

Data

FCC Broadband Connection Data

PATCO ridership to and from the 3 Camden stations

want to get a baseline on the various economic and service sectors in the city-

Iraida Afanador claims to have a list of all businesses in the city. I have occasion to talk to her this week about Census issues, so I'll be asking about it.

Phone tag on the registered non-profits list from the state

Logistics

Still need an intern PC. Waiting to order a new one for new version of GIS software & USB 3 will be ordered as a bundle.

Have a summer intern (dates?) Space is critical.