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**Date: November 9, 2006**  
**Re: Executive Director Update**

## **REQUESTS**

Sean Brown Leadership Training – The Executive Committee authorized subsidizing \$1,000 of the cost for Sean Brown to attend the South Jersey Regional Leadership Institute, pending documentation provided by Sean as to the costs. Sean began the training last week.

Conferences – The next NNIP meeting is in Washington, January 17-19. There is also a Community Indicators Conference in Jacksonville in early March that I am interested in attending. As we will probably not have an Exec Committee before January 2007, I would like to request authorization to attend these conferences, at a cost not to exceed \$500 for the Washington conference and \$1,000 for the Jacksonville conference.

## **NEW REVENUE GENERATION**

Members – We've received several renewals from existing members and continue to pursue these. We are now up to over 40 members. This has greatly expanded the number of potential Board and Executive Committee members for 2007.

Foundations –A Casey consultant informed me that the Foundation had decided to release the remaining \$20,000 match, pending documentation of CAMConnect expenses for the past year. I submitted the necessary documentation a few weeks ago and I will follow up to make sure everything is set.

## **ONGOING AND POTENTIAL CONTRACTS / FEE FOR SERVICES**

Camden Center for Youth Development / CCYSC – Work is continuing on this two-year contract (Total amount for 2 years is \$18,000). We have been working on investigating dispositional outcomes in the criminal justice system for crimes committed in Camden City. Other proposed work includes comparing Camden City youth outcomes to those from surrounding municipalities and the state and developing a report card for Camden's youth.

Health Data - The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers has awarded a \$20,000 contract with CAMConnect to manage the health data. These funds are included in the Coalition's renewal grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Other work has included managing the IRB processes at each hospital (we are now approved through fall 2007 at Lourdes and Cooper) and data acquisition work. More information is available on the Members Section of the website.

Abbott Indicators –Education Law Center has funding for additional work in Camden. ELC has signed a contract with CAMConnect for work including preparation short data summaries as needed by a new ELC branch / advocate in Camden (Lauren Hill). I am working with ELC to develop a summary of education and demographic data for distribution.

## OTHER PROJECTS

Camden Numbers & Data – Sean and I have completed a one page (two side) summary of data that he is asked about in the community. This handout includes data on how Camden compares with other municipalities on demographics, crime, and health data and is designed for a general audience. Sean will update this data before he leaves.

Camden Facts 2006 – Based on the feedback from the Members Survey, updating the Camden Facts: Camden City report is a top priority. Some work prepared for the health planning conference on June 1 will form the foundation of this report. Updated Census information for the City of Camden from the American Community Survey will be included. I hope to release this report in conjunction with the 2006 Data Open House.

Poverty Data – I've done some analysis of the poverty data in the American Community Survey that were released in August. As you are aware, Camden appears to be the most impoverished city in the country (based on median household income and percent of people living in poverty) The ACS is based on a very small sample (approximately 3%) of Camden's households, so the margins of error at this point are quite large. I prepared a Camden QuickFacts handout on this data with more information.

MRERA Summary – In advance of Randy Primas' 4 year report, Sean has been working on preparing a summary of the MRERA legislation and the City's work to date. This handout will be shared with John Hart and others before it is distributed.

Know Your City poster – Prepared by Sean, one page summary of Camden City data.

## SCHEDULE

Data Open House 2006 – Friday, December 1 (tentative, depending on format) Members breakfast will precede this event.

Data Open House schedule:

HCDNNJ has agreed to present their report comparing New Jersey cities "Cities in Transition: An Urban Paradox" at this event. I was also thinking that I could give a presentation on the latest poverty data and why Camden is considered the poorest city in the country. I've invited the Poverty Research Institute (Legal Services of NJ) to join me for this; I haven't heard back from them.

Please feel free to suggest other presenters or give a presentation yourself. I've already confirmed presentations from Hopeworks, UMDNJ School of Public Health on Camden City health assessment, etc.

### 2007 CAMConnect Board Election

Ballots Due – November 13

30 votes so far using online tool