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MEMO

To: CAMConnect Executive Committee
From: Derek Ziegler
Date: May 4, 2006
Re: Executive Director Update

FUND DEVELOPMENT / PROPOSALS

Members – Volunteers of America – Delaware Valley, Virtua Health, Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Camden & Gloucester Counties, Planned Parenthood of Southern New Jersey, Heart of Camden, and the Camden Community Development Association have joined as new members in 2006. We’ve also received several renewals from existing members and continue to pursue these. In the last few weeks, we’ve added the following as members:

Name	Membership Type
Niambi Sims	Resident
BACH Foundation *	Small Organization
Broadway Main Street *	Small Organization
Camden Preparatory Academy *	Small Organization
LaVern Coffey *	Patron
Cynthia Jones *	Resident
Kim Pagan *	Patron
Sarah Walker *	Resident

* Special thanks to Ann McIntyre of the BACH Foundation for recruiting these members.

Foundations – I drafted two templates for letters of interest that can be sent to foundations. After researching the interests of various foundations, I intend to submit letters of interest to the following as a starting point: Annenberg Foundation, Ford Foundation, Campbell Soup Foundation, Kellogg Foundation, PSE&G, Fund for New Jersey, and RWJ Foundation. Any contacts that Board members may have with these organizations would be appreciated.

Reentry Mapping Network – This program is focused on the mapping of issues pertaining to prisoner re-entry and is coordinated by the Urban Institute. One-year funding of \$25,000 is available for successful applicants. I submitted a letter of interest with a focus on the health of released prisoners. Thanks to the suggestion of Bernadette West at UMDNJ School of Public Health, I contacted Nancy Wolff of the Bloustein School, who has done some research in this area and offered to help CAMConnect on this effort.

NNIP – The next conference is May 17-19 in Dallas. Hilary and I will both be unable to attend. I have been participating in an Evaluation work group for NNIP where we are researching how

different partners measure their impact. This work will help contribute to a casebook / guide published by NNIP.

PROJECT UPDATES

Camden Center for Youth Development / CCYSC – Work is continuing on this two-year contract. Next steps include comparing Camden City youth outcomes to those from surrounding municipalities and the state.

Mapping: Various – We worked with Volunteers of America – Delaware Valley, Heart of Camden, the BACH Foundation, and the Camden Community Development Association on mapping projects related to parcels they have been exploring for development. I am presenting information about CAMConnect to the Camden Community Development Association on May 9.

Cancer Coalitions – I worked with Jean Mouch to prepare a summary of the Tri-County Regional Cancer report, which was presented and shared on April 27. Jean is exploring ways to have CAMConnect become the data partner on this effort to help with requests and inquiries.

Budget Report – Per the request of Angel Fuentes, who was interested in our previous report, I presented an update on CAMConnect's municipal budget analysis at the City Council hearing on May 3. I reviewed revenue and expense trends and distributed a short handout, which will be posted on our website.

Public Documents – We've obtained and posted the following: notice of contamination in Camden water supply; Board of Education audit summary; and various redevelopment plans. We welcome ideas from Board members on materials to post.

Abbott Indicators – Education Law Center has funding from the William Penn Foundation for additional work in Camden. There will likely be some funding for CAMConnect to prepare an updated version of the Abbott Indicators Report, including the most recent data and to supervise a consultant to more fully engage Camden residents around public education.

Health Report - Data files have been cross-checked and cleaned, and summary analysis on 2003 data from all three hospitals has been prepared. We also have received 2004 data from Cooper and Virtua which we will begin cleaning. Jeff Brenner has prepared a database to synthesize the data. We still need to refine issues of access and use of the data. CAMConnect has a \$20,000 contract from the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers to manage the data.

Camden Police Department Data – We received a number of maps for January and February 2006. These maps are posted at <http://www.camconnect.org/resources/CrimeMaps.html>. The Police have promised to give us monthly updates of this data. We also have UCR data through March 2006 that will be posted.

CRA – Mapping Discussion – I met with Josh Warner from the CRA to discuss their current mapping resources and the state of GIS resources in the City. We identified the challenge of having common (and updated) base maps for Camden. There are several different parcel maps in use throughout the City, as well as different street files, etc. We have tentatively scheduled a meeting with all of the GIS entities in the City / County to discuss data sharing and procedures for maintaining updated GIS files for June 7 at UMDNJ.

SCHEDULE

May / June Members Meeting – To be determined

CAMConnect Training (GIS or grant evaluation) – To be determined

June Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 1 (10:30 start time)

GIS Coordination Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2-4 p.m. (tentative)

July Board Meeting – Thursday, July 20 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Catholic Charities)