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Date: June 1, 2006
Re: Executive Director Update

NEW REVENUE GENERATION

Members – We’ve received several renewals from existing members and continue to pursue these. In the last few weeks, we’ve added the following as new members:

Name	Membership Type
The Work Group, Inc.	Small Organization
Frank J. Fulbrook	Resident
Camden Community Connections	Small Organization

We are now up to over 40 active paid members. On June 1, 2005, we had 11 members who were up to date on their dues.

Foundations – I drafted two templates for letters of interest that can be sent to foundations. In the past month, I submitted letters of interest to the following: Annenberg Foundation, Ford Foundation, Campbell Soup Foundation, and St. Lawrence Cement. In the next month, I intend to submit letters to the Kellogg Foundation, PSE&G, and Fund for New Jersey. I will continue to explore possibilities for funding from William Penn and RWJ. 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. We did not receive one-year funding of \$25,000.

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). Next steps include comparing Camden City youth outcomes to those from surrounding municipalities and the state.

Health Data - The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers has awarded a \$20,000 contract with CAMConnect to manage the health data. Initial work on this contract has involved preparing materials for the health planning conference on June 1. Other work will include managing the IRB processes at each hospital and data acquisition work. We still need to refine issues of access and use of the data.

Abbott Indicators –Education Law Center has funding for additional work in Camden. The scope of the work is still evolving, but at this point it appears CAMConnect will be funded to prepare short data summaries as needed by a new ELC branch / advocate in Camden. Lauren Hill has been retained by ELC to assist in this effort. ELC is drafting a contract with CAMConnect for this work. Their main concern is CAMConnect’s ability, in the absence of a Data Manager, to respond quickly to requests for data at a time when we have other commitments. Possible solutions to this issue include identifying consultants in advance who could potentially help in a pinch.

Mapping: Various – I presented information about CAMConnect to the Camden Community Development Association on May 9. CCDA was very happy with the parcel mapping work we did for them on short notice, and we are following up on memberships for several of the CCDA member organizations.

Camden City Health Needs Assessment – The County Health Department has approached CAMConnect about preparing a health needs summary for Camden City. The scope and budget are to be determined.

OTHER PROJECTS

Camden Rankings – Sean and I have been working on preparing a one page (two side) summary of data that he is asked about in the community. We anticipate this handout will include data on how Camden compares with other municipalities on demographics, crime, and health data. This work will be shared with the Data Chair before it is distributed.

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 Camden City from the American Community Survey will be included once this data is available.

Budget Report – Per the request of Angel Fuentes, 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 is posted on our website.

NNIP – The spring meeting took place May 17-19 in Dallas. Unfortunately, no one from CAMConnect was able to attend, although an update on our activities was included in the materials distributed. The next meeting is scheduled for fall 2006. 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.

Public Documents – We've posted (or would like to post) the following: letter from Camden School Superintendent outlining budget request, summary of Camden's school facilities plan, and Cramer Hill Tomorrow plan. We sent a letter to the City Business Administrator asking about setting up a relationship so that CAMConnect would be able to post documents (such as meeting minutes) in a more timely fashion. This request was denied, so we will continue to use the OPRA process where appropriate.

Camden Police Department Data – We received updated UCR data by Police District from the Police through April 2006 and have updated our website accordingly to feature this data. These maps are posted at <http://www.camconnect.org/resources/CrimeMaps.html>. The Police have promised to give us monthly updates of this data.

CRA – Mapping Discussion – We have 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 from 2 to 4 p.m. at UMDNJ.

Legal Checkup for Nonprofits – I am planning to attend a half-day free "Legal Checkup for Nonprofits" sponsored by the Pro Bono Partnership on June 8 in New Brunswick

SCHEDULE

June Members Meeting – To be determined

CAMConnect Training (GIS) – To be determined, pending availability of LEAP Academy facility

GIS Coordination Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2-4 p.m. at UMDNJ, 401 Haddon Ave

July Executive Committee – Thursday, July 6 (10 a.m., Camden Empowerment Zone)

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