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Date: September 7, 2006
Re: Executive Director Update

REQUESTS

Color Laser Printer – Our existing color laser printer has been invaluable in the 2 ½ years we've had it. However, the ongoing replacement of supplies is expensive. At this point, we are faced with ordering a \$175 imaging drum or, alternatively, buying a new printer that would allow for significantly faster printing. There are some models in the \$600 - \$1,200 range that should serve our needs quite well.

REQUEST: Authorize the Executive Director to buy a new color laser printer, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.

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 (see attached). This should greatly expand the number of potential Board and Executive Committee members for 2007.

Foundations – NNIP (Tom Kingsley) contacted Jim Gibson who is a consultant to the Casey Foundation and lobbied on our behalf. I sent Jim some information which he will share with Roger Williams (our program officer). In the meantime, I submitted our annual report to Casey several weeks ago.

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 conferences on June 1 and September 14. 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, working with a health data committee. This committee has met twice and continues to meet monthly. 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 attended a meeting last week in Newark to learn more about the ELC's new data management system, and I will be attending additional meetings over the next few months. I am working with ELC to develop parent toolkits with data from each school.

Take a Loved One for a Checkup Survey – We received \$1,100 to complete analysis of this survey, which we helped AHEC and Cooper (among others) develop and administer last fall.

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.

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 am working on preparing a Camden QuickFacts handout on this data with more information.

SCHEDULE

September Executive Committee – Thursday, September 7 (10 a.m., Camden Empowerment Zone)
October Executive Committee – Thursday, October 5 (10 a.m., Camden Empowerment Zone)
October Board meeting – Thursday, October 19 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Catholic Charities)
Data Open House 2006 – Friday, December 1 (tentative, depending on format)

2007 CAMConnect Board Election

Nominations Open – October 1
Nominations Due – October 15
Ballot Distributed – October 20
Ballots Due – October 31