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Re: Executive Director Update

REVENUE GENERATION

Members – We have 52 members who have made a contribution since October 1, 2005. Total member contributions (excluding Cooper) in 2006 were \$7,000. I have created a member database in Access that allows for easier tracking and updating of member information.

By Quarter of Last Contribution	
Q4 2005	2
Q1 2006	3
Q2 2006	15
Q3 2006	12
Q4 2006	11
Q1 2007	9

By Rate	
Large Organization (\$500+)	10
Department (\$250)	8
Small Organization (\$100)	18
Patron (\$50)	1
Resident (\$10)	15

ONGOING CONTRACTS

Camden Center for Youth Development / CCYSC – Work is continuing on this two-year contract. 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. The departure of Greg Allen means we will be working with Dr. Horton for the duration of this project.

Duration: 2 years, through June 2007
 Budget: \$18,000
 Through 3/1/07: \$8,025
 Remaining: \$9,975

Health Data - CAMConnect is included in the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers renewal grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for 3 years at \$20,000 annually. We managed the IRB processes at each hospital (we are now approved through fall 2007 at all three hospitals) and data acquisition work. We have acquired probabilistic linkage software to help us clean the database and identify matching patient records. This software will also be useful to CAMConnect in other activities.

Duration: 1 year, through February 2007 (there is a site visit scheduled by RWJF in April)
 Budget: \$20,000
 Through 3/1/07: \$12,696
 Remaining: \$7,303

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 worked with ELC to develop a summary of education and demographic data for distribution.

Duration: 6 months, through March 2007
 Budget: \$5,000
 Through 12/31/06: \$1,277
 Remaining: \$3,723

Camden Cancer Coalition – In addition to administrative fees for handling the main contract, CAMConnect will also receive up to \$3,500 for data management and response to data inquiries. Included in this \$3,500 will be development and analysis of an online survey designed to go to employees of Camden institutions, as well as updating of a six-summary handout of cancer facts.

Budget White Paper – I am working with Cooper's Ferry to develop a white paper on the City budget, building on our previous work. The main objective would be establishing a sound baseline for the City's current structural deficit so that policymakers can operate from a common understanding of the issues. Total budget for this effort is \$3,300.

African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas (AECST) – This is Greg Allen's church in Philadelphia, and he wants CAMConnect to help administer a short survey about the church's community outreach efforts. Total budget is up to ~\$500.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) – RWJF (Diane Hagerman) requested some maps to illustrate the location of their projects throughout New Jersey. I've prepared one map and am waiting to hear back for additional instructions. Total budget is up to ~\$500.

POTENTIAL CONTRACTS / GRANTS

Camden Empowerment Zone – I met with Tyshammie Cooper from the Camden Empowerment Zone. She is interested in several potential projects: 1) Some mapping of Camden City, including parks. 2) A larger community survey of businesses assessing their thoughts on the climate in Camden (in conjunction with the Walter Rand Institute) 3) Possible GIS training for community organizations.

LAEDA – I am meeting with LAEDA on March 1 to discuss a possible partnership and contract for CAMConnect to conduct a survey for LAEDA. More details will follow in next month's update.

Civic Intermediary Capacity – I mentioned an earlier iteration of this in previous 2007 updates. Jeff and I are interested in putting together a grant proposal to create a new civic intermediary capacity in Camden working with Camden Matters. This could involve creating an online blog/magazine about Camden as a subsidiary of Camden. The grant would be used to hire an editor for the blog who would solicit informed commentary from the community and work to professionalize the material. The editor would also work to expand the depth of public documents available on the website and organize several public forums per year. We would like to find a way to tie this to the renewal of the Recovery legislation. Besides securing funding, the biggest issue would be how this new entity should blend with CAMConnect. Several Board members last week mentioned objectivity as an asset for CAMConnect, and starting this type of project may interfere with that.

SCHEDULE

Exec Committee Meetings 2007

First Thursday of each month at Camden Empowerment Zone, starting at 10 a.m.

March 1	August 2
April 5	September 6
May 3	October 4
June 7	November 1
	December 6

Upcoming Board Meetings 2007

May 17 (tentative) – TBD
September 20 (tentative) – TBD

Members Meetings 2007

May 7 (tentative) – TBD
December 7 (tentative) - TBD