

CWYC Group Meeting: 5/19/09 – 10am to 12pm

Joanne Sculli, Kyisha – JRB, New Haven Family Alliance, Catholic Charities – Centro San Jose, AmeriChoice – United Health Care, Amistad Academy Alumni Program, YMCA youth program coordinator, Tai Richardson – Clifford Beers, Peace Jam, Lydia Bordick, Kim Harris – Kids TV, Rosanna – Youth As Leaders, Dwar Wilson – Boys and Girls Club, Sharon – United Teen Connection, Lindsay – Jesus Children Bible Academy, Asia – Higher Heights, Our Kids Family Center on Dixwell, LeShae – YDTRC, Helen Kauder – CLP in the Arts in New Haven

Joanna Destro – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Public Allies Youth Event

- at Hill House – about 100 people come, at least 40 volunteers, workshops on a variety of topics, 8 or 10 performances for youth at Goffe St Park., 15 organizations that serve youth were present and helped to give more info about great programs in the city, also gave awards to 5 youth doing positive things in the New Haven!
- Thanks to all the supporters from CWYC, Board of Ed, Hill House High School, Parks and Rec...etc. Everyone that made it happen!
- Thank you!

**Joanne S – “I Heart New Haven Nonprofits” campaign:** conversation initiated by Mary Lou Aleski – with Arts and Ideas festival, after the budget cuts to nonprofits from Rell’s budget. Realized how important it is for the greater New Haven community understand and really value the work of nonprofits in the New Haven area. Why don’t we do something at the festival in order to promote the idea – guerilla marketing campaign – “I Heart New Haven Nonprofits” stickers – will initiate conversation and inspire little conversations about nonprofits. Will be a tent – any nonprofit that wants to promote themselves pass out documents. Send in an interesting fact about nonprofits for your nonprofit – those cards – passing these cards around the green. Not an action with a measurable outcome other than the experience on the green.

Kyisha – maybe have some of our youth pass out these cards!

**Update on the Youth Walk: Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – registration is from 9:30 to 10:15, then warm up, 10:30 is 11:30 is walk, afterwards there will be lunch and performances – SIGN UP if you want your organization to be a part of it!**

What better way to raise funds for our organizations...

Biking on the rail trail! with BEEEP

T- shirts – sponsors – different levels of support on the back...

Being given out prior to the walk

How do you become a sponsor – see Rachel – will be putting this on an email - \$25

- Use is on the summer time tshirt for the season – for all programs
- savings for organizations
- pay a little extra for your org to have the name on the front – or an organization name or color – will just be a set up cost for you to get tshirts – personalized
- give me suggestions about tshirts to Kim – so we can cut to chase

- we want to solicit your talent – perform – entertain – few minutes on stage – If you have talent please let me (Kim) know.
- What agencies are going to participate?
- we will have a rain plan...by 8am that morning will be on email discussion
- still need help in putting this together –
- meeting at 12 noon – after this meeting, if you want to do some tasks on the side

Website – Rosanna is going to set up **paypal one central location** – will be able to post to youth walk webpage – can send all your donors to! will be able to give money to specific organizations

#### Results Based Accountability for Community Wide Efforts

- Annie E Casey, and State of CT – required to use this process to show what you will be doing and what you have done
- This may expand more broadly across the state.
- Monique – is an official trainer in results based accountability
- we have a tendency to focus on actions and not what changes as a result of the work

#### **Lou Mangini – congressional aid with Rosa Delauro**

- Did introductions...
- going on tour talking about the recovery act to different groups
- there isn't enough money for everybody
- and if you know the specifics of something well – please let me know
- Recovery Bill – economy is terrible, the numbers are going to start improving by this November, but we will not see any job growth until next summer
- the country started to realize that for 8 years we have been starving government – started to do something earlier – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- 500 billion in spending (less than half for infrastructure and rest for programming)
- some tax credits...
- Easier to talk about different parts in the
  - o no infrastructure money to
  - o community development block grants – might be how you use infrastructure
  - o 80% on education, 20% on public safety – state of CT is in such a budget short fall that money is probably going to be plugged in there
  - o Health Stuff – what is there to make communities healthier – HUSKY – state will receive 132 billion dollars in matching funding from Oct 2008 to Oct 2010. Medicaid services...
    - directly from Federal govt – directly into Medicaid program
    - can use the money to fill in the short fall, but should be additional money to expand service – decision going to be made by DSS
  - o Recovery Act – you have to spend it the way you usually do – ended up with things like green energy projects, housing projects, \$\$ education and public safety
  - o Lindsay: Is there money for youth development?

- Money for education – youth worker training – youth employment – workforce development
- Workforce Investment Act – funds – difficult to get – many criteria...
- Does it make sense for a coalition like us and (CT afterschool network) – if you are listed as a qualified entity on the RFP – yes a coalition could take the money and distribute it.
- Employment Training services for youth – 11 million dollars – CT Dept of Labor, CT Training Commission – the groups that have had the most success have been communicating directly with the CT Dept of Labor – may come up a point where they have additional funds these are program they've worked with in the past...
- Difficult – because a lot of organizations that need the money the most can't have access to it.
- Money for Childwelfare...?? Not sure
- Deb: arts activities Commission on Culture and Tourism – may be some arts and youth development – small creative programming there...
- Childcare and Development block grant – subsidized childcare services... careforkids, Terry: They just closed applications to any new working families?? – Lou not sure where this went. – not sure how this money is going to be passed out.
- Green Energy – solar panels, CT Dept of Energy – we don't have one, so figuring out how to do this, DSS usually does the weatherization projects...but a 66 million increase is too difficult...
- suggest we create a Development Committee – Paul – please call a meeting...do it!
- Deb: Education money – the improvement fund – 40% have to go to middle school and high school youth initiatives – piece of funding going to education. Don't know if all in school? after school? programming or existing programming?
- 443.5 million – stabilization funds – governor submits her proposal about where and how this money goes – higher ed modernization...some school construction, public safety. These plans should be out there. Can supplant existing dollars.
- Education for the disadvantaged...supplemental funding in high 97 million – CT Dept of Education is the local administrator of this funding. Lots that can go to Headstart and Early Headstart – 5 million state wide – unclear if its supplanting already existing funds
- **Tips on how to access:** State of CT – has already been allocation 541 million dollars for the – 275 for medical assistance program – title 1 grants, Homelessness prevention Act...
  - **as of May 11<sup>th</sup>** – already given out unemployment insurance – dist. 33 million additional, SNAP program – 10 million dollars, Community Health Center – 3.7 million dollars, lead hazard reeducation grants, already has notice additional section 8 housing –

44 million – unclear how many are project based or scattered  
voucher – not sure if feeling this affect.

- **Deb:** there is nothing that is really addressing the needs of youth – ages 14 to 25. Not really anything there for them...there were private – early childhood education piece is organized and was able to push their agenda – great, but this piece for 14 to 25 year olds is missing.
- Public Safety monies – state fiscal stabilization fund – emergency response program, 21.1 million dollars – policy and management criminal justice programs...JRB – competitive burn grants – **NEED TO talk to chief of police and community liaison** – need to ask is the City of New Haven applying for money for these justice programs...then
- Lou will email Rachel – the 40 page document about how CT agencies are
- [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) – great for general information
  - need to go to specific Federal Agency Website
    - if youth training – need to go to US Dept Labor website/recovery
    - if dept justice – need US Dept Justice/recovery website
  - [www.basicgrants.gov](http://www.basicgrants.gov) – clearing house
  - Transportation – state already having system set up to receive this funding by Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – so it worked
  - certain agencies are not ready to handle this funding – apply pressure through whatever means you can – is can be our congressional office
  - call DSS, and ask how they are administering the funding... “this is what we do” can we execute a contract or make it happen
- Deb: How can Rosa Delauro’s office help us as advocates to address these issues of youth in our city?
  - we could formally reach out to the governors office – say we have heard that this money is not flowing yet
  - **Lou: I would suggest setting up meetings with agency people – much more affective than trying to meet with govt etc. CT Dept Labor, CT Dept Education, DSS – if we could set something up with them!**
  - Would it be useful to have some Community Action Agency? still have difficulty – could be the channel for DSS dollars
  - **Rachel:** So many of the funds that impact youth are in silos – pregnancy prevention – only in healthy – youth development addresses all these issues but we do it holistically but the money is silo’d.
  - Lou: One of my concerns is that the money is distributed in such a way that it does not trickle down to where it is needed in the community directly. “We haven’t seen a dime yet.”
  - Rachel: Lack of user level transparency...
  - Some competitive money is National – difficult and we have to work together
  - Gateway Community College – wants to create a sustainability energy center...they are the leading organization.
  - Could this entity could come together with a collective goal or programming that could effect youth collectively – and apply for

competitive grants – could possibly get this information to City of New Haven and maybe get money through them?

Yale Swap – is happening soon! Get recycled/reusable items from departing students!  
<http://www.yale.edu/recycling/swap.html>