

## Project Connect

Planning Meeting – October , 2007

Attendees: Anne Carr, Co-Chair, Bob Lyons, Andy James, Kate Kelly, Yolanda Hopkins, Socorro Duran, Rosaline McCollough, Martha Melvin, Awanda Montanez, Claribel Coreano, Wanda Geyer, Margaret Peabody, Mary Ellen Madden, Bill Kruppenbacher, Anne Goldberg, Brian Daconto, Janice Kelly, Karen Seferi, Judy Sklarz, Kim Gibbs

### Minutes – Planning Progress to Date

The committee met, discussed and finalized planning for the event. Event will be held on Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: United Congregation Church cost (\$350), Harrison Apartments Community Room cost (free)

#### Fundraising:

- Karen Seferi reported that Ridgefield Pop Warner has also agreed to support.

#### Transportation:

- GBTA – Doug Holcomb – Anne reported that Doug is no longer with GBTA. She will seek out another resource with the company. If this resource does not work out then committee will seek out volunteers from local agencies.

#### Food:

- Eileen Lopez-Cordone will contact Entenmanns bakery for breakfast donation and Anne Carr will pursue coffee donation.
- Kim Gibbs contact Connecticut Food Bank and resource did not work out. She will seek out other resources.

#### Services:

1. Employment – Mary Malenda & Eddie Cajigas confirmed
2. Legal Services – Nadine Nevins (To Be Confirmed Anne Carr will call)
3. Housing – Bill Kruppenbacher confirmed contact with local agencies.
4. Behavioral Health Services – Margaret Peabody confirmed follow up with Prentice from the HOT Team
5. Consumer Group – Margaret Peabody & Katy Bradford
6. Health Services
  - Betsy Gee (Southwest Community Center) – Margaret Peabody Confirmed
  - City of Bridgeport Health Department – Martha Melvin confirmed
7. Veterans – Bob Lyons & Andrew James
8. Non-Employment Related Income/Entitlements – Need to confirm with Tony Bonetti
9. Personal Needs
  - Barber - Martha Melvin confirmed
  - Lanes Hairstylist – Martha Melvin confirmed
  - Hygiene kit – Anne Goldberg confirmed MetLife will sponsor the drive for Hygiene products
  - Massages - (Center for Massage Therapy), Margaret will confirm Dr. Marnoco.
  - Gloves/mittens & Winter jackets – Karen Seferi
10. Volunteer Outreach –
  - Karen Seferi confirmed, Hospitality Volunteers – Sacred Heart University
  - Judy confirmed that the link has been put on the UW website
11. Faith Community – Martha confirmed that 2 local agencies will participate (Taste & See, and Pivot)
12. Entertainment: Margaret Peabody confirmed.

Next Steps: Finalize details of event and meet one week prior to the event on Wednesday November 28, 2007 at United Way