

Project Connect

Planning Meeting – October, 2007

Attendees: Anne Carr, Co-Chair, Bob Lyons, Andy James, Kate Kelly, Yolanda Hopkins, Socorro Duran, Rosaline McCollugh, 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

Date of Event: Event will be held on Thursday December 6th, 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.

Lunch:

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

Services:

1. Employment – Mary Malenda & Eddie Cajigas
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 Confirmed
7. Martha Melvin contacted the City of Bridgeport Health Department and a representative will participate.
8. Veterans – Bob Lyons & Andrew James
9. Non-Employment Related Income/Entitlements – Need to confirm with Tony Bonetti
10. Personal Needs – Martha Melvin confirmed that she has secured a Barber and possibly 2 and a hairstylist for the women for the event.
 - 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
1. Volunteer Outreach – Karen Seferi confirmed, Hospitality Volunteers – Sacred Heart University
2. Judy confirmed that the link has been put on the UW website
3. Faith Community – Martha confirmed that 2 local agencies will participate (Taste & See, and Pivot)
4. 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

