

Hartford Zone  
Steering Committee  
February 23, 2010

In attendance: Shirley Thompson, John Settlege, Cynthia McKenna, Richard Sussman, Emily Sharkey, Hector Glynn, Sarah Barzee, Chanelle Peters, Justin Evanovich, Josephina Santos, Jose Colon-Rivas, Judy Goldfarb, Katie Martin, Jennie Bruening

I. Data Collection Progress

Katie Martin joined the meeting to share what she has begun to put together for the data report. She shared a format that she will use to calculate a value for each neighborhood based on the key categories and indicators within each category that we believe the Promise neighborhood RFP will include. (See attached revised sample). Several suggestions were made on additional data to examine as well as how to structure the report. Katie will take part in the March 2 meeting to share her report.

II. Funding update

a. Policy Link

i. Sustainable Communities (HUD)

1. Effort to integrate housing, transportation, environmental impact, and economic development
2. Could be similar RFP structure to Promise Neighborhoods
3. Hartford a target area-one of about 25 cities
4. Any interested parties to participate in conference call 3/1- see <https://www.kintera.org/site/apps/ka/rg/register.asp?c=IkXLbMNJrE&b=5828359&en=anLKKJMgEaJKiOfH6IILMfG7KJLXPAJhJKLWMsF7JDILMnG9LKI4J> to register

ii. Healthy Food Financing Initiative (USDA, Treasury, HHS)-see attached press release

iii. Kay Fernandez Smith conversation-see attached file

III. Community Building Update

- a. Urban League 2/23-Loren Darrington and Jennie Bruening met with CEO and President Rich Brown. Urban League is very familiar with Harlem Children's Zone and is ready to join our group and offer their assistance with their main areas of emphasis with aiding adults in achieving economic self-sufficiency, their high school program with students from all over Hartford working toward graduation and college, and their Read and Rise program that works with parents to read more with their children. Rich offered the conference room at the Urban League for our March 2 meeting.
- b. Hartford Public Schools Family Resource Office-Jennie Bruening met with Marta Bentham and Beryl Bailey to discuss the involvement of the Family Resource Office in helping to bring parents together to discuss the plans for a zone. Marta will support our group and in particular the Community Building Task

Force as we move forward with neighborhood selection and the involvement of community members.

- c. Poverty and Race Research Action Council 2/25-Jennie Bruening talked with Phil Tegeler and Jessica Leake concerning the Hartford Children's Zone efforts particularly related to education. As part of the Sheff movement, they encouraged us to consider how any plans we put in place could work within the spirit of Sheff and the efforts at desegregation in the state of CT.
- d. CRT 3/1-Jennie Bruening and Emeka Virgo will meet with Lena Rodriguez, President/CEO.
- e. Census Forum 3/10-John Settlege will attend. STILL LOOKING FOR ONE MORE PERSON TO REPRESENT THE GROUP.
- f. [www.everyday-democracy.org](http://www.everyday-democracy.org)- For Community Building Task Force to research
- g. [www.democracyworksct.org](http://www.democracyworksct.org) –For Community Building Task for to research, in particular grants for community meetings that we could use to help provide food, childcare, transportation, and translators for any meetings where we bring together community members to discuss the plans for a Zone.

#### IV. UCONN

- i. Center for Public Health and Health Policy 3/1-Jennie Bruening will present the work out group has done thus far to representatives from 11 colleges and universities from around the state. In attendance will also be Dean of Medical School-Cato Laurencin and Dean of School of Education-Tom DeFranco
- b. Collective Group 3/16  
A meeting will be held in Storrs to pull together representatives from the following areas to discuss a unified UCONN role in the Hartford Zone including programming, research, and human resources.
  - i. Education
  - ii. Community Outreach
  - iii. Developmental Psychology
  - iv. Sociology
  - v. Political Science
  - vi. Nutrition
  - vii. Human Development and Family Studies
  - viii. Social Work
  - ix. First Year Experience
  - x. Learning Communities
  - xi. Service Learning
  - xii. Upward Bound
  - xiii. UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization)
  - xiv. Development

Next meeting of entire Hartford Children's Zone group: Tuesday, March 2 9am

Next Steering Committee meeting: Tuesday, March 9 10 am Hartford Public Library