

Hennepin South Services Collaborative

Self Sufficiency Coordination Team

Summary 2-9-10

Attended By: Susan Bongaarts, HC; Patricia Fenrick, City of Eden Prairie; Cecilia Howard, CAPSH; Molly Link, VEAP; Michelle Nast, Cornerstone; Pat Rigoni, Bloomington Public Health; Curt Peterson, HSSC, Clare MacDonald-Sexton, HSSC

Objective/Mission

To facilitate solutions to support people participating in the MFIP program, unemployed individuals, and those working and remaining in poverty, move toward self-sufficiency.

Announcements/Updates

- Purposeful Parent Engagement for our communities' school administrators, cultural liaisons, parent engagement teams & teachers on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Middle School in Bloomington.
- Cornerstone's Annual Domestic Violence Conference is February 25 and 26th at the Park Plaza in Bloomington.
- City of Bloomington is holding a Latino Resource Fair on March 6th, 10am-1pm at the Civic Plaza.
- Penelope 35 still has openings in their independent living apartments for folks 62/older.
- No Kids Left Indoors-NKLI—April 10 sponsored by the Optimist Club of Richfield Youth Foundation, for more information go to www.nokidsleftindoors.com.
- March 10th The Key to HC Mental Health Services, see flyer for details.
- Children's Mental Health Collaborative has funds available for professional training n CMH, Curt will send information.
- National Census Count—encourage everyone to participate in this activity. Population statistics affect federal programs and government representation.
- CAPSH is providing tax preparation assistance see flyer for more details.

Work plan Issues and Activities

Working Skills and Support—Seminar

Seminar Focus: Provide information on programs that support self-sufficiency that are receiving stimulus/new federal funding.

Target audience: Human service professionals across environments.

Desired outcomes:

- Understand the benefits available to clients
- Identify eligibility and application process
- Know the options for people in transition- career path redirection, training options, employment counseling
- Clarify misinformation
- Provide Effective and efficient referrals

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Possible Agenda & Speakers:

- Workforce Investment Act-- George Ryan>>>**Jim Downie**
- Dislocated Worker Program-- Steve Barker, EAC>>>**Jim Downie**
- CAPSH—HIRED—employment counseling>>>**Cecelia will contact Judy**

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- Unemployment>>>**Clare will contact Jim Downie**
- Additional program information>>>**Curt will contact the state for update**

Possible Dates: Tuesday, May 4th 9am-12:30pm

Possible Locations:

- Haeg Room Civic Plaza—max 50 people>>>**Clare contact Denise Royer about this location.**

The team discussed posting the information from this seminar on the HSSC website and agreed to provide a summary on the programs presented. Patricia, Molly, Michelle and Susan volunteered to record a summary for the presentations, Clare will compile this information and have it reviewed by presenters prior to posting on the HSSC website.

Future Planning for Navigating the Waters—consider MFIP Extension

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 9th, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
at Cornerstone