

# *Power of We Consortium*

## **Report to the Membership for 2009 and 2010**

### **I. Highlights from 18 *Power of We Consortium* meetings**

#### *Learning About Our Community presentation topics:*

- Serving Vulnerable Women in Our Community
- Preparing Our Youth for Work
- Children's Health Initiative
- ITEC – Information Technology Empowerment Center
- Disability Supports in Our Community
- Neighborhood Stimulus Program
- Xicano Development Center – data presentation on Latino population
- Supporting Our Community by Empowering Our Native American Families
- “*This isn't your grandmother's library.....*”
- Asset Building
- Birth-to-Work Framework – the 0-5 age group and early adolescents
- Mid-Michigan Capitol Caucus
- Primary and Behavioral Care Integration Project
- *Power of We Consortium's* VISTA and AmeriCorps Programs
- The Impact of Health Care Reform on Nonprofit Organizations
- Ingham County's Plan for Ag Preservation
- Ingham Change Initiative
- DHS – Self-sufficiency Resources
- Ingham County Land Bank

#### *Action Items:*

- Consortium membership and leadership for 2009 and 2010
- Power of We Consortium Work Plan for 2009-2011
- RWJ grant opportunity for Health Dept and community
- Approval for a PWC member survey
- Complete Streets Resolution
- City of Lansing's Master Plan Workshop in a Box initiative
- Strong Families/Safe Children budget approval – 2009 and 2010
- Early On application approvals – 2009 and 2010
- Board of Health Community Awareness Survey
- Clinton County Request for Letter of Support
- PWC Sustainability – presentation, dialogue and action
- Tri-County Work Group for a Stable, Modern, and Fair State Tax System – presentation and action
- Creating the 2011 & 2012 Work Plan

#### *Updates and Dialogues:*

- The Core Values of Effective Facilitation – presentation and dialogue
- Maintaining Utilities for Vulnerable Residents in Challenging Times – presentation and dialogue
- Creating a Community/University Birth to Work Web Portal - presentation and dialogue
- Updates from Ad Hoc Transportation Committee
- Update from Impact Coalition
- Protecting Our Youth from Substance Abuse – Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Update from the Asset Independence Coalition

- US Census “Complete Count” - presentation and dialogue
- *Power of We Consortium* Survey – Results and Dialogue
- Community Coalition for Youth Update on Ingham Change Initiative - Addressing Disparity through Policy, Practice and Perception Change
- Update from the Land Use and Health Resource Team
- Ingham County’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness – presentation and dialogue
- Update from the Infant Mortality Coalition
- MPRI event – presentation and dialogue
- Transportation Committee Recommendations – presentation and small group dialogue
- “We’re all in this together” – Tools for Building a Common Future
- Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative

## II. Leadership and Practice Committee Highlights

### *Major Activities*

- Provided guidance and support to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th funding cycles of the [Capacity Building Program](#) serving 32 community and faith-based organizations with technical assistance, training, and grants
- Provided 22 3-hour professional workshops and networking events covering different capacity building topics for area organizations
- Created and disseminated 20 editions of the monthly e-bulletin “Connections” which is dedicated to providing capacity building articles, online and print resources, training and grant information, and to highlight the work of area faith-based and community organizations
- Oversaw the placement of 31 full-year AmeriCorps\*VISTA members serving 18 organizations, and 9 summer members serving 3 organizations in Ingham County (<http://www.ingham.org/ce/CD/home.htm> ).
- Established and developed an environmentally-focused AmeriCorps\*State Program with 13 members serving 12 sites in Ingham County: <http://www.facebook.com/pwcamericorps>
- Surveyed area nonprofits regarding needs for employee health insurance in an effort to identify health coverage options.
- Conducted Non-Profit Incubator Stakeholder meeting(s) to explore establishment of Management Support Organization in Ingham County
- Researched capacity building program sustainability and produced report
- Created Power of We Consortium Capacity Building Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/9MIGQ5>
- Exploring creation of nonprofit development center with area partners
- Developing new Capacity Building Program for nonprofit organizations (post-federal grant)

### *Guest presenters at 2009 and 2010 LPC meetings:*

- Paul Jaques, MSU Internship Developer
- Matt Penniman: “Website Development for Nonprofits”
- Mike Harp and Norm Delisle: “Exploring the Centralized Employer Group Option”
- Jon Harrison: The Funding Center at MSU
- Julie Burtch and Matt Penniman: “Using Technology for Enhanced Volunteer Recruitment and Messaging”
- Cathy Babcock, “Board Development”
- Rich Child, MSHDA and MSU Evening College Instructor of *Financial Management for Nonprofits*
- Justin Sheehan, Community Legal Resources (<http://www.clronline.org> ), “Risk Management for Nonprofits”

### **III. Community Data Committee**

#### *Major Activities*

- Updates to the Community Indicators Improvement Plan
- Hosted Dr. Robert Richardson, PhD, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, MSU: “Measuring Socioeconomic Well-being in Michigan”
- Establishment of key indicator work groups – School Readiness, Health Inequities, Environment, Mental Illness/Disabilities, and Long-Term Care.
- Hosted Kim Kovalchick: report on MiPHY survey of children in grades 7,9, and 11
- Re-design of PWC website to allow up-to-date postings of Consortium business, with links to 12 coalitions, etc.: [www.powerofwe.org](http://www.powerofwe.org).
- Re-design of the PWC website for ease of access to 33 indicators of well-being and linked materials (*under construction*)
- Creation of a “Protocol for Development of Indicators and Supporting Information” to guide selection, print and electronic publication, and supporting information for indicators
- Planned/facilitated 2010 data sharing forum for 12 Coalitions of the PWC with “*Speed Dating*”
- Creation of protocol for sharing of Behavioral Risk Factor and Social Capital Survey information
- Hosted presentation regarding the ACHIEVE grant project
- Hosted Tri County Regional Planning Commission presentation on aerial mapping of Ingham County
- Redesign of the 2010-2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Survey

### **IV. Investors Steering Committee**

#### *Major Activities to coordinate and leverage community investments with external resources for:*

- Capacity Building Program (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year cycles)
- VISTA Program (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years)
- AmeriCorps\*State Program (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years)
- Birth to Work Framework with MSU
- Exploration of support for area foundations
- Exploration for a nonprofit development center
- Encouraging Urban Redevelopment grants (2009 & 2010)
- Power of We Consortium sustainability planning and action
- Tri-County Work Group for a Stable, Modern, and Fair State Tax System

### **V. Additional Staff, Co-chair, and Member Activities**

- 8 formal public presentations (MSU, statewide meetings, etc)
- Two half-day forums for the 12 Coalitions of the PWC
- 22 community-wide Capacity Building Program workshops planned and executed
- Replacement and training of the AmeriCorps\*State Program Coordinator
- 14 letters of support or MOAs created for various collaborative initiatives
- Handbook of Engaged Scholarship, “Campus Community Partnerships: Perspectives on Engaged Research; chapter regarding Power of We Consortium’s partnership with MSU
- Support to the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee (meetings, surveys, recommendations)
- Exploration for a Tri County Suicide Prevention Coalition with area partners
- Enrollment of a VISTA member as the Communications Coordinator for PWC