

# CARBON COUNTY PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Minutes—November 21, 2008



**Those in attendance:** Pat Reilly, Joe Guardiani, Pat Sasserath, Martha Kew-Goodale, Frank Victor, George Ashman, Janet Hall, Bernetta Frantz, Bill Allison, Kristin Simmons, Wayne Nothstein, Elissa Thorne, Susan Tyler, Judy Hoppes, Cyndi Zimmerman, Jamie Drake, Sharon Kendig, Barbara Franzosa, Dawn Ferrante, Ron Blisard, and Michael Heery.

Pat Reilly welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

**MOTION:** A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by George Ashman and seconded by Susan Tyler. Motion carried.

## **Acceptance of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** A motion to accept the minutes for September 19<sup>th</sup> was made by Ron Blisard and seconded by Michael Heery. Motion carried.

## **Old Business:**

Joe Guardiani reported the First Federal Foundation funded the Dental Van with a \$50,000 grant in the past. They awarded another \$10,000 grant last week to PA AHEC who will in return pass it along to CCPFP. Blue Mountain Health System is the managing partner.

## **New Business:**

### **Officers and Board of Directors**

Joe Guardiani and Elissa Thorne opened the nominations for officers for 2009.

**MOTION:** Joe Guardiani made a motion to list the slate of officers for 2009 as follows:

President—Elissa Thorne  
Vice President—Peter Kern  
Treasurer—Joe Guardiani  
Secretary—Kristin Simmons

It was seconded by Ron Blisard. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Joe Guardiani made a motion to closed nominations. It was seconded by Wayne Nothstein. Motion carried.

The slate of officers will be voted on at the January meeting.

## **Task Force Committee breakout sessions:**

### **Needs Assessment Priorities**

Elissa Thorne facilitated the breakout sessions. The Carbon County Needs Assessment Survey results are available. Now we need to begin updating the planning process. The group broke up into three task forces for Education, Economic Development, and Health & Human Services. Elissa distributed worksheets for each task force. The assignment was to identify 5-10 issues that should be addressed by CCPFP. For each issue, identify the key partner and time frame. Everyone was encouraged to meet at other times in addition to the CCPFP meetings.

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The time frame is as listed: short (within 1 year), medium (2-4 years), long (5+ years), ongoing.

| ISSUE  | PARTNER   | TIME FRAME    |
|--|---|---------------|
| <b>Economic Development</b>  |   |               |
| 1. Economic development issues need improvement #6 on p.9                            | NEPA, PPL, CC Economic office, CC Chamber of Commerce   | Ongoing       |
| 2. Expand Economic Development opportunities in Carbon #5                            | CC Chamber of Commerce, NEPA, CC Economic office  | Medium        |
| 3. Promote development in new businesses   | Chamber, NEPA, county   | Short-ongoing |
| 4. Community Awareness expand public information                                     | CCPPF, Pencor, schools, newspapers  | Short-ongoing |
| 5. Low wages; need to increase technical skills p. 4                                 | Education, training, motivation, recruitment, workforce development, CCTI, LCCC, high schools   | Long          |
| 6. There is a high percent of senior citizens; how to leverage their experience      | SCORE, Lutheran Aid, Office of Aging, AARP, RSVP  | Short-medium  |
| 7. Condition of aging infrastructure i.e. roads, etc                                 | State, federal, PDOT, utilities, Keith McCall   | Long          |
| 8. Knowledge or capacity of local government personnel, council members, supervisors | SMART Growth, free workshops  | Short-medium  |
| 9. Offer additional incentives to new businesses; more promotions; KOZ               | Lehigh University, Wilkes University, TV-13   | Medium        |
| 10. Establish endowment for future improvements funded by senior dollars             | Seniors   | Long          |
| <b>Health and Human Services</b>   |   |               |
| 1. Affordable Quality Child Care   | CCIS, Child & Family Collaborative, Children's Team   | Medium        |
| 2. Finding Quality Child Care  | CCIS, Family Collaborative, Children's Team   | Medium        |
| 3. Access to illegal drugs   | D/A, Blue Mtn., St. Luke's, PCP's, Pharmacies, Community Watch Groups, Schools – staff and PTO's, Office on Aging, Children's Round Table, Children & Youth.  | Long          |
| 4. Healthy Smiles Happy Kids   | Blue Mtn. East Central AHEC, Dental Committee, Schools, DPW   | Ongoing       |
| 5. Improved access to public transportation  | CCCT, County Commissioners, Interagency Council, Carbon Taxi, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, Career Link, Rep McCall, Workforce Development   | Long          |
| 6. Affordable Health Care  | Chamber of Commerce, DPW, Penn Tele Data, Child & Family Collaborative, Head Start, Children's Team, D/A, Blue Mtn., St. Luke's   | Long          |
| 7. Access to Mental Health Services  |   |               |
| <b>Education</b>   |   |               |
| 1. Lack of Coordination among agencies including Educational                         | Health and Human Services in Carbon County; Request that the county create an office of Human Services Director (call 311) to be utilized as a county-wide clearing house for all services available. | Short         |
| 2. Lack of Career direction and guidance in schools                                  | Educators, Business, and parents  | Short         |
| 3. Initiative Career Pathways Curriculum   | Work Force Investment and Career Pathways   | Short         |

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### **Other Items:**

Barbara Franzosa, Leadership Carbon Class of 2009, discussed creating a community foundation for Carbon County. It would be long term and it would require a step by step process. She and a few class members met with Charles Barber, The Luzerne Foundation, to get a bullet list of steps needed to set up a foundation and to gain a better understanding of a foundation. The purpose of foundation would be a means for individuals and families, businesses, clubs, civic group and other charitable organizations to make and preserve gifts and bequests to benefit the community forever. The scope of this project may be too large for the class but it would be something that Carbon County Partners for Progress would be willing to pursue. This may take a few years.

Carbon County Partners for Progress will not meet in December. A suggestion was made to have an informal breakfast meeting at the Albright Mansion on December 19<sup>th</sup>. **Carbon County Partners for Progress will meet on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Kristin Simmons*