

Membership Conversation summary:

Table #1: Angela, Bob, Pat Hemingway, Jim Paparella

- Hold PWC meetings only quarterly
- ISC makes the decisions but ISC members don't all attend PWC meetings
- Must recognize that people vote with their feet based on their interest
- Bring more decision making to the full PWC meetings

Table #2: Roseanne, Bill Nelton, John Melcher

- Current PWC is more collaborative, but less powerful when just white men in charge
- Diversity also creates challenges
- Need to articulate the benefits of membership to keep folks coming
- Need to engage the private sector in issues of equity and sustainability to show them that a better quality of life is not just a human service issue
- Not everyone knows the ISC and its purpose
- It's positive that not just Executive Directors are at the table anymore

Table #3: Lynne, Vince, Graham, Marion, Regina

- By the # of unused name cards, it's obvious there are many absences
- Have lots of coalitions and committees, but not enough updates from them
- As a way to create synergy, send out all flyers, minutes (?) to everyone
- Use capacity building workshop model to highlight issues and invite folks to attend
- Utilize the Community Voices model – connect with Morehouse School of Medicine for support
- Not just about show and tell, but how to collaborate on problem-solving
- Use internet and newspapers to get the word out about the PWC

Table #4: Peggy V-P, Lori Eva, Alex, Olga

- Need more minority representation
- More K-12 representation
- More faith-based representation
- More youth/young adults
- Want more than just the Executive Director level folks around the table
- Want a brochure on the PWC for marketing
- Want survey of the membership/attendees to see what folks like/don't like
- Consider offering ability to Skype and conference call in to meetings

Table #5: Brad, Phil Knight, Harriett, Randy

- Use peer-to-peer approach to reach out to the 20+ organizations who don't attend
- Reach out to the huge # of nonprofit organizations in the County
- Want attendance to go beyond just ED level participants
- Consider using an MOA to proxy sub-ED level folks to speak on behalf of org
- Need action/decision-making at every meeting
- Better alignment of resources with programming
- PWC brochure needed
- Report from coalition/committee at each meeting (ISC, Data, LPC, coalitions)