

Power of We Consortium

Meeting Agenda

April 15, 2011

1:30-3:30 pm

- I. Welcome, introductions, announcements:** (10 minutes)
- II. Dialogue for Collective Impact** (30 minutes)
- A.** Teresa Szymanski's recent appointment as Lansing's chief of police affords her the distinction of being the first woman to hold this LPD position. Chief Szymanski's initiatives range from consolidating divisions to improving relations with the gay and lesbian community by assigning the city's first-ever liaison. Chief Szymanski is also co-chair of the Ingham Change Initiative's Juvenile/Criminal Justice Work Group which is focused on improving policies, practices and perceptions that will improve outcomes for all youth, particularly youth of color. We will invite Chief Szymanski to share plans and challenges for the City of Lansing.
- B. Who Is – Or Should Be – At the PWC's Table?** (30 minutes)
Over the years, the PWC's membership has expanded and changed significantly – a sign of a vibrant network. We will consider the PWC's current member structure and share ideas on how to implement continuous improvement in representation of our community. (*Attachment A*)
- C. A Better Michigan Future/ Mid-Michigan** (20 minutes)
As a response to a dialogue with members of the Capital Caucus at the March, 2010 Power of We Consortium meeting, an ad hoc committee was formed to consider appropriate action to influence a sound state revenue system. The purpose of the group, A Better Michigan Future/Mid-Michigan, is to foster decision making, by the state's policy makers, that ensures a stable, modern, and fair tax system – sufficient to support the state's and local communities' public infrastructure. Bob Sheehan will lead a discussion on the group's activities. (*Attachments B & C*)
- III. Tri County Suicide Prevention Coalition – Update** (10 minutes)
At the March PWC meeting, members were informed about a group forming around the issue of establishing a Tri-County Suicide Prevention Coalition with a focus on youth, young adults, middle-aged adults, aging adults, and military populations. The PWC membership asked the coalition to offer up 2-3 scenarios as to where this group might best be “housed” for it to be as effective and sustainable as possible. Harriett Dean will provide a brief update and plan.

Next meeting: May 20, 2011