

## ***Power of We Consortium*** **Agenda for May 20, 2011**

\*\*See the [comments](#) made at the April PWC meeting regarding PWC membership questions\*\*

**I. Welcome, introductions and announcements** (10 minutes)

**II. Action Item** (15 minutes)

Inter-organizational networks such as the *Power of We Consortium* provide a means through which communities can systematically plan how to address important social issues. However, networks are difficult to develop and much harder to sustain. Community leaders and administrators of public and non-profit agencies operating within a community have a responsibility to continually work at building and sustaining the network if it is to be successful. Examining the quality and functioning of the relationships through an objective and systematic process can assist a network in understanding how network relationships are functioning and evolving. Understanding this information can enhance a community's capacity to combine diverse knowledge and skills to come up with effective solutions to complex community problems.

Tiffany Jimenez is a doctoral candidate in MSU's Ecological-Community Psychology Department and is working under the supervision of Hiram Fitzgerald in University Outreach. Tiffany is proposing to conduct a networks system analysis of the PWC. Tiffany will describe what a system network analysis is, what level of participation would be requested of the PWC membership, and the potential benefits for both the university and the community. Following discussion, the PWC will consider its approval to support Tiffany in this analysis.

**III. Dialogue for Collective Impact\*** (75 minutes)

Health is not just about healthcare and healthy behavior. The environments we live in impact our health. What shapes those environments? Who gets access to healthy housing, clean air and water, places for physical activity and relaxation, green space, safe work conditions and neighborhoods, and fresh, healthy food? Who does not-- and why?

Jessica Yorke, Environmental Justice Coordinator for the Ingham County Health Department, will lead us in a discussion about the policies, systems and environments that create or contribute to the conditions that require our services. We will also explore ways we can collaborate with each other to change policies, systems and environments that create environmental injustice.

\*[Collective Impact](#): the commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem.

***Next Meeting of the Power of We Consortium: Friday, June 17, 2011***