UNP Community Affairs Committee Brief
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Companion to the agenda for the UNP Community Affairs Committee meetings. UNP Co-chairs: Raymond Dehn & Makeda Zulu-Gillespie
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UPDATES

UNP Community Affairs Committee
The Community Affairs Committee now has its own email address. To reach the co-chairs, Makeda Zulu-Gillespie and Raymond Dehn, please use the following address: cac@unpmn.org.

University Northside Partnership Work Groups
The University Northside Partnership Work Groups have accomplished significant objectives during the past few months. The workgroup leadership has been meeting twice monthly for both leadership and participatory action research (PAR) trainings, and they have co-created a Foundations of Participatory Action Research workshop that for community and university members. The first workshop was held in January, and two more will be held during the Spring (March 24, 2009 from 1-4 pm at the University of Minnesota and April 22, 2009 from 6-9 pm at the Urban League). The workshops are offered free of charge, but please RSVP to Anna Bates at public@umn.edu to ensure adequate materials.

The UNP Work Groups have made progress working on their projects. The Economic & Community Development work group has begun a project around homeownership on the Northside, and they are conducting focus groups with residents to create recommendations to help public and non-profit agencies to develop efficient policies and programs to utilize abandoned housing stock as affordable and stable housing for individuals settling in North Minneapolis. The Education work group is focusing on improving the pipeline to post-secondary education for Northside students, and they plan to identify resources for college preparedness, access, retention, and graduation and then co-create ways to inform and educate about how to guide Northside students toward post-secondary educational options. The Health work group is focusing on supporting healthier lifestyles of North Minneapolis residents and reducing health disparities through increased opportunities for physical activity. The group will identify resources in both the community and the university to foster collaborations around this theme. The Arts work group is creating an Arts & Culture Database that will facilitate informational exchange and meaningful contact. Both the Economic & Community Development and Arts work groups have hired research assistants to proceed with their work.
Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center

Space Update: It has been one year and one month since the University acquired possession of the building at 2001 Plymouth Avenue. Beginning in July 2008, the UROC Building Renovation project team worked with the selected architects, Urban Design Perspectives (Alicia Belton) and Charles Levin Architects on the design phase of the project. In November 2008, the architects presented a preliminary design to the community in North Minneapolis, and in December 2008, the artist (Seitu Jones) and landscape (Bob Close of Close Landscape Architecture) members of the Urban Design team conducted a community workshop entitled “Imagining art and the new landscape.” In January, 2009, the University announced the selection of the team of Stahl Construction and MN Best, Inc. as the construction team for the building renovation project.

Program Update: On February 20-21, 2009, approximately 70 people representing North Minneapolis community organizations, residents, University of Minnesota faculty and staff, and community businesses, friends and advocates participated in a Futures Conference around the theme of “Coming Together to Create a Shared Future for North Minneapolis.” The results of the conference survey indicate that the majority of those in attendance believed the conference was “worthwhile,” “were satisfied with the process,” and “felt their voices were heard.” The Executive Director and the Lyceum Group are working on the follow up to the conference as part of UROC’s Strategic Planning process.

Office for Business and Community Economic Development

The UROC Building Renovation project team held an informational Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Minneapolis Urban League. Approximately 40 contractors and sub-contractors attended the meeting to get information about the renovation on the strip mall at Penn and Plymouth. The project team, led by Archie Givens, the University of Minnesota’s Owner’s Representative, provided information on potential work that will go out for bid in April. Bids will be reviewed in April and subcontractor awards announced by the end of the month. Construction is scheduled to begin in May with project completion by fall 2009.

The inclusion goals for women and people of color were also reviewed. After the formal presentations, attendees had an opportunity to meet the project team from Stahl Construction and MN Best and the University of Minnesota to discuss the project in an open networking environment.

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FIPSE/UROC Work Groups Project Update
The FIPSE/UROC Work Groups have scheduled their quarterly meetings through the end of 2009, please visit the UROC Calendar for more information: http://www.uroc.umn.edu/calendar/index.html

UNP Community Affairs Committee Ads in NorthNews
In an effort to increase awareness and attendance at UNP Community Affairs Committee meetings, an announcement of the meetings is appearing in the April 1st issue of NorthNews. We ask that you review the ad, and if you have ideas and/or resources to help publicize the UNP Community Affairs Committee Meetings to a wider audience, to share your ideas at: cac@unpmn.org

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
InsideNorthside.org, a North Minneapolis community site, has started a community events calendar. If you have additions, feel free to email them to Ariah Fine, ariah@ariahfine.com. You can see the calendar, as well as links to others here: http://insidenorthside.org/Community+Calendars.

Meetings, Workshops & Trainings

Early Childhood Business Plan Workshops
A group of Minnesota funders and foundations has been working with a group of consultants and others in the early childhood community to develop a statewide business plan for early childhood care and education. The Early Childhood Business Plan funders, including The Bush Foundation, Blandin Foundation, Greater Twin Cities United Way, Grotto Foundation, McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis Foundation, Social Venture Partners, and Sheltering Arms Foundation are pleased that the development process is in the final stages.

The last step of the plan development is to refine and prioritize strategies for an end result an effective, feasible, and well-focused plan. They believe that community input and involvement will be critical to the success of the plan. At the workshop they will provide a brief overview of the business plan framework and will work in small groups on the strategies.

Session I: March 11 from 10-12pm, Wilder Foundation, St. Paul
Session I: March 19 from 10-12pm, Wilder Foundation, St. Paul

Please choose one session to attend and RSVP (name, title, org/agency, session attending) to: rsvp@mcknight.org.

Free Interactive Lecture
Andreas Schleicher, head of the Indicators and Analysis Division at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, where he leads the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), is one of the world’s best thinkers about high performing educational systems. He is visiting the University of Minnesota on Monday, March 23, from 9-11:00 am at the Coffman Memorial Union Theater. There is no fee associated with attending the 2009 Conference on High Performance, but preregistration is required. To register or for more information, please email: ready@umn.edu or call 612-625-3695.

Free Participatory Action Research Workshop
The Office for Public Engagement (www.engagement.umn.edu) is pleased to sponsor a three-hour introductory workshop designed to engage community members, university faculty, students, and staff in

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exploring the principles and practice of Participatory Action Research (PAR), which engages community stakeholders and university resources in collaborative investigations. Organized by Professor Darlyne Bailey, Assistant to the President, the workshops will be facilitated by Kelly McNally Koney, an Organization and Community Development Consultant.

Two workshops will be offered twice during the spring semester at various locations:

**Tuesday, March 24, 1-4 pm**, President's Room (3rd floor), Coffman Union

**Wednesday, April 22, 6-9 pm**, Minneapolis Urban League, Laura Scott Williams Room 2100 Plymouth Avenue

There is no cost to attend this workshop; RSVP to Anna Bates at public@umn.edu at least seven days prior to the respective workshop session you wish to attend.

**A Discussion and Resource Exchange:**

**How to Support Young People to Prepare for Higher Education**

The College of Education and Human Development would like to invite you to a gathering of community leaders, public school staff, and college and university staff to talk about tools and resources that communities and families can use to help support young people as they prepare for higher education. The discussion and resource exchange will take place at the Brian Coyle Center on **March 25 from 1:30-3 pm**. To RSVP, email Pa Nhia at pnyang@umn.edu.

**The Family Project**

The Family Project seeks to increase the health, safety, and success of children and their families by creating space for families to come together and build networks of support. The project serves families of color, immigrant and low-income families, and families who share common characteristics, values and concerns in the Twin Cities metro area. The Family Project is a family-centered community organizing model, which is comprised of four core components: 1) Relationship Building, 2) Building strengths and capacities with parents, 3) Collaborations and partnerships, and 4) Goal Setting.

Join The Family Project on March 26 from 9-3 pm at the Family & Children’s Services Lake Street Branch, 4123 East Lake Street, for training and coaching in this. Cost for participants is $60. For more information, contact Vicki Wunsch, Training Coordinator, at 612-728-2067 or vwunsch@fcsmn.org.

**Save the Date!**

MOAPP’s 18th Annual Conference will be held on **May 7 and 8, 2009** at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. The Conference features two days of dynamic speakers, challenging workshops and countless opportunities for networking and conversation. Several workshops specific to those working with adolescent parents will be offered. For more information, visit [http://www.moapp.org/outreach/events.html#conference_may7-8](http://www.moapp.org/outreach/events.html#conference_may7-8). For more resources and information about adolescent parents, go to [http://www.moapp.org/outreach/adolescent_parent_programs.html](http://www.moapp.org/outreach/adolescent_parent_programs.html).

**Community Outreach**

**Free Home-Exterior Updates**

A Brush with Kindness serves low-income homeowners who live in targeted Twin Cities neighborhoods and whose homes need exterior restoration. Volunteers from businesses, churches, and service organizations process applications year round. To see if you are eligible, call 612-788-8169.
Free Tax Preparation for Seniors and Low Income Persons
Now through April 18, the AARP Foundation, the IRS and Minnesota Revenue in cooperation with Pillsbury United Communities Oak Park and St. Olaf Centers are offering free tax preparation for seniors and low income persons. Bring a photo ID, Social Security cards, tax documents, and property tax statement, and anything else you think may be important. St. Olaf Center hours: **Monday & Wednesdays, through April 15, 9 am- 12 pm.** Call 612-529-8054 with any questions. Oak Park Center hours: **Saturdays, through April 18, 10 am- 1 pm.** Call 612-377-7000 for an appointment.

**Girls Leadership Program Coordinator, Minnesota African Women’s Association**
The Mission of the Minnesota African Women’s Association, MAWA, is to promote the health and well-being of African Women and their families in the Twin Cities. MAWA is a non-profit agency and affiliate of Pillsbury United Communities.

Responsibilities:
- Facilitate three of the African Girls’ Initiative for Leadership and Empowerment (AGILE) Program clubs engaging 3rd - 12th grade Pan-African girls in social enrichment and skills-building programs via Clubs/day camp.
- Serve as School Navigator, mobilizing parents to participate in their children’s education, and coordinate MAWA services at satellite sites.
- Facilitate parent meetings and 3 AGILE Club sites.
- Oversee program evaluation, reporting, and continuous improvement of the AGILE/School Navigator programs.
- Provide transportation for participants to/from AGILE sponsored activities in provided van or own vehicle.

Qualifications:
- A current student or graduate of a 4-year college degree in a related field plus 2 years of youth development and/or teaching experience.
- Bi-lingual with 1 or more West African “official” languages and a mastery of English, French or Portuguese.
- Knowledge of youth development and bi-cultural issues challenging Pan-African girls.
- Knowledge and experience in program development, evaluation, and community organizing.

For more information or to apply, visit: [http://www.mncn.org/jobs/user_detail.asp?jobID=27198](http://www.mncn.org/jobs/user_detail.asp?jobID=27198)

**Executive Director, West Suburban Teen Clinic**
West Suburban Teen Clinic's vision is that all youth are educated and empowered to make responsible decisions regarding their health and relationships. In order to achieve our vision, West Suburban Teen Clinic provides youth with health care and information services that are confidential, comprehensive and non-judgmental.

Duties include:
- Serve as Executive Director and provides program, financial, operational, and administrative management for the agency.

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- Provide leadership that fosters a mission focused, holistic, team oriented approach to the achievement of the agency's goals, objectives and strategic plans.
- Ensure staff operates in a manner that is safe, respectful and in accordance with all relevant professional, legal and ethical standards of care.
- Work with and report to a highly committed Board of Directors, and serve on appropriate committees. Receive professional medical consultation from the Medical Director.
- Assure financial stability of the organization: grant and report writing for government, public, and private funders. Prepare and manage the annual budget, and work with the Board, staff and/or professional consultants to help ensure that the agency operates in a legal and fiscally responsible manner.

For more information or to apply, visit: http://www.mncn.org/jobs/user_detail.asp?jobID=27070

Assistant Examiner/Associate Examiner/Examiner, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has an examiner position opening in the Consumer Affairs division of the Supervision, Regulation and Credit Department. Responsibilities dependent on level of position.

Qualifications:
- Bachelor’s degree with coursework in business, accounting, finance, or closely related field of study. A college transcript must be received by April 10.
- 0-6 years of experience in a compliance-related position preferably in the banking/mortgage/finance industry for the Assistant Examiner level. (0-2 years of experience required for the Assistant Examiner level, 2-4 years of experience required for an Associate Examiner; 4-6 years of experience required for an Examiner).
- Strong writing, verbal communication, and interpersonal communication skills. Strong analytical skills and attention to details.
- Ability to travel up to 60%.
- Valid driver’s license with acceptable driving record.

For more information about this position or to apply, visit: http://www.minneapolisfed.org/about/careers/jobsearch.cfm, click the Job Search link and enter requisition ID 9393.

Manager, Center for Innovation and Economic Development, University of Minnesota
This full-time position includes duties such as planning and coordinating service and program activities, coordinating and cultivate relationships with University, community and business leaders, and managing the human and physical resources of the Center for Innovation and Economic Development.

For more information about this position or to apply, visit: https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=79205.

Research Assistant, Child Trends
Child Trends has a job opening available for a Research Assistant in their Early Childhood Care and Education area in their Minneapolis office (part-time to full-time). Current research projects focus on professional development of the early care and education workforce, evaluations of state quality initiatives,
school readiness, transition to kindergarten, and educational outcomes for low-income children and English language learners. For more information or to apply, visit: http://cehd.umn.edu/ceed/events/jobopps/ResearchAssistantMinneapolis2009.pdf

Health Educator, Brooklyn Center Specialist- Annex Teen Clinic
For more information or to submit resume and cover letter, contact the human resources department via phone, 612-341-1653, or via email, mcw.jobs@mcwmn.org. Resume and cover letter may also be submitted via US mail to Human Resources, 414 S. 8th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

Minnesota Census Support, Census Bureau
The 2010 census will provide a total of 8,000 jobs in Minnesota. We encourage anyone who is a U.S. citizen to contact the Census Bureau for further information. There is additional information on our website (http://www.mn2010census.org/) and on the Census Bureau's 2010 Census site (http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php).

Registered Nurse, Seton Clinic
This is a part-time to full time position of about 30 hours per week with the potential for more hours at other Catholic Charities clinic sites if desired. Primary work location is Seton Clinic, a prenatal clinic for women without health insurance located in the Midway area of St Paul.

Minimum Qualifications:
- RN with current MN license with eligibility for PHN certification
- Experience working with persons from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.
- Experience working with people living in poverty.
- Prefer bilingual English speaker in Spanish, Hmong or Amharic.
- Must possess a valid and current driver's license as well as adequate automobile insurance on personal vehicle.

For more information or to apply, contact Erin Thompson, HR Generalist, Catholic Charities Administration Center, 1276 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104. Fax: 612-664-8555 Email: hradmin@ccspm.org. Position open until filled.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tutors Needed!
La Escuelita is an award-winning after school program that offers academic assistance and leadership opportunities for Latino youth in Minneapolis. Tutors are needed Monday- Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm. For more information or to sign-up, contact Terrell Webb, twebb@laescuelita.org.