UNP Community Affairs Committee Brief
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UNP Community Affairs Committee
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Over the past several months the CAC has been investigating what will constitute a partner in the UNP and what roles that different groups, organizations and individuals will play. Early on it was determined that the initial structure of how this will happen is critical, and work has been underway to move closer to preparing a proposal for the CAC to consider. The full CAC was involved in early brainstorming and following that a public survey was developed to solicit community input. We are now at a point where we need to pull together a small group of members to distill the ideas and information that has been gathered, into a concise proposal with a recommendation to the larger CAC. We are looking for 4 to 5 people who are willing to commit to 3-2 hour work sessions in preparation for a report back to the CA with a recommendation at its October 21st meeting.

Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center
UROC Building Renovation Project  (Photos by Matt Schmitt)
Community Affairs Committee Brief (continued)

North Minneapolis Community Forum

Hosted by the Office of Public Engagement in collaboration with UROC (Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center), University of Minnesota

When: Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 6 – 7:30 pm
Where: Minneapolis Urban League
2100 Plymouth Ave. North
Minneapolis

This particular community forum is specific to North Minneapolis, and is one of several place-based forums the Office of Public Engagement will hold across the state to learn about the needs and opinions of the university's community partners. This forum builds upon the university's commitment to an urban vision and public engagement; it represents another opportunity to further the dialogue between the university and the Northside fostered through UROC and the University Northside Partnership (UNP). One focus will be how to best leverage community and university resources and knowledge to create solutions to complex urban challenges and improve quality of life in the Northside's neighborhoods.

RSVP: Open to all (until room capacity is reached)

Please RSVP to Michelle Kuhl (OPE) at 612-624-1562 or witt0160@umn.edu by August 24, 2009
FIPSE Project Update

**Out of School Time**
The Northside Out of School Time/Northside Achievement Zone (NOST/NAZ) Coordination Team will meet on September 15th from 9:00am – 11:00am at the Peace Foundation 1119 West Broadway Ave. North (above The Cookie Cart). Parking is available behind the building.
The next NOST/NAZ training session is scheduled for September 23rd from 9:00am – 12:00pm, also at the Peace Foundation. The topic of this session is Learning Styles. This series of training sessions was created to provide skill development opportunities for staff from youth service organizations in North Minneapolis. The training sessions are free of charge.

**Schoolyard Gardens**
A new garden was implemented at the Hmong International Academy (HIA). FIPSE staff and Step Up (high school) summer interns worked along with HIA staff and other volunteers to cultivate two plots in the back lot of the Northstar School Building, and planted a variety of vegetable and flowering plants. Among the vegetables planted include tomatoes, jalapeño and Asian peppers, okra, squash and broccoli.
Two varieties of tomatoes were planted in a courtyard garden plot at the Bethune School/Phyllis Wheatley Community Center. Also at this site, a plan for installing raised garden beds adjacent to the Wheatley building is moving forward.
Garden activities continued through the summer at Cityview Performing Arts Magnet, supported by the McKinley Neighborhood Association. Two Cityview summer school teachers were able to obtain garden beds at this site to use with 2nd and 3rd grade summer school students.

**Youth Entrepreneurship**
The U of M’s Office of Business and Community Economic Development completed an entrepreneurship training program for local high school students. The Carlson School of Management provided planning and content development for this program, which included participation from local business and corporations in skill development training sessions and site visits to various large and small companies. Mayor R.T. Rybak was the keynote speaker at the celebration session at the end of the program.
Emerge/NEON also completed an entrepreneurship program this summer, in which two groups of four North Minneapolis high school students received training and participated in two ventures. A venue for selling candy, soft drinks and other snacks was established on West Broadway Avenue, and Soapy Rides, a carwash, was also established and run over a three week period, utilizing a bay at an existing facility on West Broadway.
CitySongs returns to the University as a resident program of the Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC)

After a year of separation, CitySongs returns to the University as a resident program of the Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC), now in partnership with the Plymouth Christian Youth Center. CitySong is an award-winning, creative arts-based youth and community development program for kids ages nine through fourteen. CitySongs fosters healthy youth through music and social work activities, challenging urban youth to master music and performance skills, make aesthetic contributions to their communities, take leadership roles, and set and achieve their goals. In turn, these children provide live performances to inspire, strengthen, and vitalize their communities. CitySongs kids enrich the community with their artistic talents, their compelling stories of overcoming adversity, and their efforts to celebrate diversity and peace. CitySongs programming will begin this fall at PCYC.

Photos courtesy of CitySongs
You are Invited to Become a 2009 Let’s Talk Month Partner!

Let’s Talk Month (LTM) is only two months away! We encourage you to start planning now for an activity during the month of October to promote LTM’s key message that parents are their children’s primary sexual health educators. For more information about what it means to be a LTM partner, as well as how to sign up, visit the LTM page of the MOAPPP website.

Let’s Talk Month is a community campaign during the month of October that supports parents in their efforts to talk to their children openly and honestly about relationships and sexuality.

Let’s Talk Month emphasizes the importance of a strong partnership between the community and the family in helping young people develop responsible and positive attitudes about sexuality.

Let’s Talk Month is a time when faith communities, media, businesses, schools and community agencies can assume leadership roles in supporting communication between young people and the adults in their lives.

The Berman Center for Outcomes and Clinical Research Medical Study on heart disease

The Berman Center for Outcomes and Clinical Research at Hennepin County Medical Center and the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation are investigating whether a single pill containing low doses of blood pressure and cholesterol medication can lower your risk for heart disease. You may be eligible to participate in the study if you are at least 50 years old, are not currently taking any blood pressure or cholesterol medications, and are interested in learning your risk for developing heart disease. Please call 612-341-7900 for more information or send an e-mail.

Tobacco Use Research Center study on postmenopausal female smokers

Female Smokers ages 50 and over - Postmenopausal female smokers are wanted for an outpatient research study. The purpose of this study is to investigate the effectiveness of exercise or relaxation techniques on quitting smoking. Participants will be provided with Chantix and compensated for their participation. For more information call Rachel at 612-627-4387.

Study Coordinator
Tobacco Use Research Center
University of Minnesota
2701 University Avenue SE, Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Phone: 612.627.4387

University Northside Partnership
Seed Grants Opportunity

Goal: To create seed projects to support identified and emerging Community-University partnerships in North Minneapolis.

This program provides support for projects proposed by partnerships of Northside organizations and faculty, staff, or programs of the University of Minnesota. These seed projects will demonstrate the University’s commitment to investing in the North Minneapolis community in a way that is visible, tangible, and responsive to the community’s stated need for investments to build economic, human and social capital. Making grants to Community-University partnerships increases incentives for creation of those partnerships and leverages the
assets already existing in the partnering entities. These projects are intended to be flexible in order to fill gaps, launch new efforts, and/or to serve as "investment capital" for larger grants from other organizations. Priority will be given to proposals that establish or increase the intensity and likely impact of Community-University partnerships.

Funding will be available to cover the cost of a student research assistant employed through the University (approximately $6,000), provide compensation of $1,500 to the community organization to direct the project, and if appropriate provide a $1,500 stipend for faculty assistance. In addition, funds will be available for related incidental costs (up to $1,000). Current funding will support approximately 5 projects a year. The grant fund pool will be renewed on an annual basis, although that is not guaranteed.

**Eligible Organizations:** Must be located on the Minneapolis Northside, both the Near North and Camden Communities, and operate programs serving residents of the Northside community. Organizations must be incorporated as nonprofits and have a demonstrated ability to provide project oversight.

To carry out the program CURA is soliciting proposals from Northside community organizations. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee representing both the community and university. (For more detail on the process, please see [http://www.npcr.org/Process.html](http://www.npcr.org/Process.html).) This process results in a deliverable that has high value to the organization and often to the larger community, and the building of a relationship between community organization staff, a student, and University faculty.

The UNP Seed program will extend this model, asking community organizations and University faculty or staff to work in closer relation. If appropriate, UNP staff will work with community organizations to identify one or more faculty, staff, or programs that can help address the organization’s stated goals. This collaborative group will submit an application jointly, with clear description of ways the project will leverage the talents and interests of both partners. Interested community applicants are encouraged to contact Kris Nelson, UNP Seed grant coordinator, with initial project interest to help identify potential faculty partners.

The deadlines for grant applications are: March 15th for summer projects, June 30th for fall projects and October 30th for spring projects.

**Northside Community Seed Grant Program**

**Application Process**

1. **Complete a Northside Community Seed Grant Application Form** for each research project you would like assistance with. Use the attached application form. Application deadlines are March 15th, June 15th, and October 15th.

Submit applications via e-mail: ksn@umn.edu, or:

Northside Community Seed Grant
Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA)
330 HHH Center
301—19th Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Fax: 612-626-0273

Kris Nelson at CURA can help you with your application. You are strongly encouraged to discuss potential projects prior to submitting your application:

Kris Nelson, 612-625-1020, ksn@umn.edu
2. Your application will be reviewed by the Seed Grant Committee, which includes both Northside Community and University of Minnesota representatives. You will be notified as soon as possible of the committee’s decision regarding your application. Successful applications will have clearly defined research questions which, if answered, will help the organization or group move toward sustainable community development goals. Priority will be given to projects that will contribute to greater partnership between the University and the Northside and will contribute to new program initiatives or programmatic results.

3. If approved, a job description will be developed by CURA, approved by the community organization, and posted online for students to view. CURA will help recruit a faculty member (if one has not already been identified by the community applicant) to participate in the project.

4. Students apply directly to the community organization.

5. The community organization chooses interview candidates from among those students who apply for the position. The organization is responsible for scheduling and conducting interviews, and selecting the candidate of its choice.

6. Once a student has been identified for the position, the candidate is forwarded to CURA, which will formally put the student on the University payroll. The student will report directly to the community organization supervisor who will provide project oversight and authorize timesheets to be submitted to CURA to pay for hours worked.

7. CURA will meet with the community project supervisor, student researcher, and faculty advisor to clarify respective roles and responsibilities.

**Events**

**THE PCYC PLAYERS PRESENT, THE ALLEY**

**When:** August 20, 2009 at 7:00pm

**Where:** At the Capri Theater 2027 West Broadway, Minneapolis
2009 Masonic Cancer Center Health Disparities Summer Internship Program Poster Presentation

When: Friday, August 21, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Where: Mayo Memorial Auditorium Lobby

You are invited to the 2009 Masonic Cancer Center Health Disparities Summer Internship Program Poster Session. The Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota in collaboration with the Medical School's Program in Health Disparities Research received an NIH ARRA Supplement to provide summer cancer research and education experiences that benefit minority and underserved communities in Minnesota. The program’s ten undergraduate students, selected from a group of over 50 applicants, are finishing their eight-week internship by presenting research posters in the Mayo Auditorium Lobby (http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/MMA/MMA-map.html) from 1:00-2:00 on Friday, August 21. Light refreshments will be served.

Urban Homework Volunteers Needed for a Jordan Neighborhood Makeover!

Urban Homework is involved with this fall in the Cottage Park portion of the Jordan Neighborhood in North Minneapolis. We are partnering with the Pohlad Foundation and Neighborhood Housing Services to do a large scale “extreme Makeover” Neighborhood edition.

On September 25th and 26th volunteers from around the country are going to converge on North Minneapolis to work on homes in the Jordan Neighborhood in order to beautify and provide many families with much needed home improvements.

Urban Homeworks is a partner in this initiative and we are putting significant time and resources into this project because it is in direct proximity to our headquarters and some of the properties that we are working on will be directly affected.

It will be a full day of work on both Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th and the Pohlad Foundation will be providing lunch for every volunteer that comes for those days. The work will be predominately exterior improvements and beautification of the community which includes painting, landscaping, fence installation and repair, etc. You are welcome to come as individuals, families or groups from churches or businesses.

For more information please contact Jon Lundberg at 612-703-9093 or jon@urbanhomeworks.com
Save the Date! The 5th Annual Native American Day Celebration

When: September 26, 2009 _ 11 am – 2pm

Where: Midtown Farmers Market
Lake Street & 22nd Avenue – Minneapolis

Activities include -

* Health & Resource Fair
* Exhibition Dancing
* Cultural Activities

* Children’s Activities
* Music, Food

and much, much more

ASIAN MEDIA ACCESS AND THE MINNESOTA TWINS INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY DAY!

On August 30 at the Metrodome, the MN Twins and Asian Media Access invite you to a special community event that celebrates diversity with music, food and more.

Diversity Day is part of our ongoing commitment to building community connections and coming together around one team, your team, the Minnesota Twins.

Asian Media Access is a nonprofit multimedia arts and education organization dedicated to using media arts and technology as tools for social betterment. Proceeds from discounted tickets purchased through AMA will go to the AMA Capital Campaign to establish a Multimedia Arts Complex in Minneapolis.

Saturday, August 30 @ 1:00 pm
Twins vs. Rangers
($17 Discounted Ticket Rate)

For tickets contact:
Asian Media Access
612-376-7715
david.kang@amamedia.org
CREATE A WEBSITE ABOUT ANYTHING
Do you have a small business, non-profit, event, church, block club or community garden you want to tell others about? Come to this one hour class and create a simple and professional webpage about anything. We’ll talk you through it.

**When:** August 22, 2009, 12:00-1:00pm

**Where:** North Regional Library

Brought to you by InsideNorthside.org, your North Minneapolis Encyclopedia.

HOME AND NSP: CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, STABILIZING NEIGHBORHOODS TRAINING

The Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP) will offer the HOME and NSP: Creating Affordable Housing, Stabilizing Neighborhoods Training

**When:** Sept. 9 and 10, 2009

**Where:** Eagan Community Center

Please go to [www.mhponline.org](http://www.mhponline.org) and click the training tab to register. Please note the registration deadline is August 24, 2009.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Julie Nester at 651.925.5540

**Grant Writing Boot Camp™**

**When:** September 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center

1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville

Effective grant writing skills are essential to organizational success, but many times drain an agency’s limited resources and end in frustration. This workshop, designed for volunteers, board members and program staff is led by nationally acclaimed expert Dr. Bev Browning. Dr. Browning, author of Grant Writing for Dummies, will share her expertise on how to research and write winning corporate and foundation grant proposals.

For more information and to register, see the [flyer and event registration form](http://www.mhponline.org) (PDF). Questions? Contact Jill Farris at 651-644-1447 x18 or jill@moappp.org.

*This training is made possible through a collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Education.*
Federal Aviation Administration Hiring

FAA Hiring (AGE : 18 - 31)
If you have or know kids between the ages of 18-31 with a high school diploma, the Federal Aviation Association is taking applications for Air traffic controller school. We all have kids and know kids in the right age group (under 31) and with some effort they could reach a salary of over $100,000 with benefits in about 3 years! You need only a high school diploma to apply and credit is given for college on the exam.

http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_controllers
Fill out the application immediately - even if they don't know if they'd want to attend immediately - it's the federal government and it may take them months to call. The key is to apply NOW. There will be a lot of retirements coming up rather quickly and they need to line up training to accommodate these openings. It's my understanding that the FAA rarely has an open application such as this and that the jobs are coveted.

The person who shared this has a 28 year old daughter who is well into 6 figures and has plenty of time for travel/recreation and has started another career on the side. This is a great opportunity and it should be noted that choosing a site like Anchorage or Indianapolis to train is a likely acceptance into the training program - after which you can transfer anywhere in the country that has a tower.

I hope you pass this information on to family, friends, etc.

PT Family Practice Adult or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
West Suburban Teen Clinic (WSTC) is expanding our services to include a menu of primary care services and has an opening for a part-time Family Practice Adult or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. In addition to primary/family practice type care, the ideal candidate will have experience in reproductive health care, including IUD insertion experience.

WSTC is a non-profit community health clinic that serves young men and women ages 12-23 for reproductive health care, birth control, pregnancy testing, STI testing and treatment, mental health care, health education, and school and sports physical exams. AND BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2010 will also see clients for minor health concerns such as strep throat testing and treatment, minor dermatology issues, smoking cessation, cholesterol check, etc. The majority of our clients seeking reproductive health care are covered by the Minnesota Family Planning Program (MFPP). We will bill non-reproductive services to clients insurance or MN health plans if we are able. We also utilize a sliding fee scale, but no one is turned away due to inability to pay.

NPs perform physical exams, prescribe and dispense medications, perform microscopy and CLIA waived lab tests, and educate and reassure our clients in cooperation with our experienced, dedicated clinic staff.

A variety of scheduled weekday and every other Saturday hours. WSTC is housed in downtown Excelsior, off of Highway 7, in a comfortable, casual, welcoming environment. Please send resume/CV to Kitty Beal, RN, Clinic Manager to kittyb@wstcmn.org, fax 952-474-0315. Position open until filled.
Social Services Program Consultant
Transition to Economic Stability/Child Care Assistance Program
Travel Required

Primary Responsibilities

- Supervise staff in agencies administering the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) through developing guidelines, implementing and monitoring policies, articulating automated system support, developing planning processes, reviewing plans and activities and encouraging collaborations so that early childhood legislation and program policies are effectively administered as mandates in state and federal statute and rule.
- Provide leadership and expertise in the development, application, coordination and integration of policies, strategies and initiatives that support the availability and accessibility of quality programs for children and families.
- Lead efforts to maximize funding from federal, state and private resources and assure that child care assistance and early childhood policies are based on data analysis and evaluation and that available funds are spent with financial and administrative integrity.

Qualifications Required

- To qualify, applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in business, accounting, public policy analysis, economics, child development, social work or a related degree and either a minimum of 4 years experience Early Childhood Financial Policy work or an advanced degree in social work, public policy, planning, or financial administration.
- Applicant must also have skills in research methods and data analysis, and knowledge of computer systems including data management and financial analysis applications.
- Applicant must show evidence of ability to write clear and concise training materials, functional analyses and memoranda so complex technical subjects are clearly explained to diverse audiences.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Cultural sensitivity
- Public speaking
- Conceptualize, propose and implement major system change
- Build consensus.
- Diplomacy and the art of negotiation such that difficult matters with local officials, legislative staff and community partners handled while maintaining excellent working relationships

NORTHROP AUDITORIUM VACANCIES

The job descriptions can be found at the U of M Office of Human Resources website (www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/), and you can type in their code numbers to find out more information.

*Position 1: External Relations Manager - Position # 243727
This position will help launch all of our fund-raising initiatives that include membership, annual giving, corporate sponsorships/groups, and donor cultivation.
Employment Opportunities (cont.)

*Position 2: Programming Manager and Special Projects - Position #243728

This position will help me administrate all of our current/future programming details, education/residency event planning, and special projects as they relate to partnerships and collaborations, granted projects and reporting, and the involvement of the U of M/Community.

Both positions will be held open until filled.