

# **Barrier Busters Network Action Group**

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**September 28, 2005, LLRC**

**1:30pm—3:00pm**

**BBN Attendees:** Patricia Parker Self, Beth Manuel, Shirley Tarvis, Sandy Reebbers, Catherine McClary, Peggy Johnson, Katie Doyle, Jodi Trisdale, Monson Enensche, Mel Batkins, Carolyn Hastings, Helena Prince, Mary Beth Lampe, Harriet Bakalar, Rosemary Metig, Rebecca Lee, Sue Probert,

**Staff Present:** Mike Scholl, Staff Coordinator HSCC

## **I. Welcome/Introductions**

- Paul Sher, co-chair was unexpectedly absent, the meeting was opened by Mike Scholl, Staff Coordinator.
- Agenda was revised to add Catherine McClary of the Treasurers Office.
- The Emergency Services Guidelines Workgroup discussion would be handled via the listserve.

## **II. Public Comment**

- No Public comment at this time

## **III. Hurricane Katrina Local Relief Effort Update**

- The relief effort is ongoing with approximately 114 families in Washtenaw County receiving services.
- A number of opportunities have presented themselves including a closer relationship with local landlords and some contacts within DTE.
- The goal is to maximize the relationships promote sustained involvement with low-income families in this community.
- The dialogue will be ongoing and updates will be presented as we work through the process.

## **IV. Washtenaw County Treasurer's/Foreclose Prevention Program**

- Catherine McClary presented on the Washtenaw County Treasurer's Tax and Mortgage Foreclose program.
- The program is aimed at reducing the number of tax foreclosures and mortgage foreclosures in Washtenaw County.
- The Treasurer's office hired a social worker to manage the foreclosure cases in the county.
- Some assistance is available for homeowners facing foreclosure, inquires can be made to Moonson at 734/222-6600.

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- Catherine presented both the tax foreclosure and mortgage foreclosure program. (*see handouts from meeting*)
- The group was warned that there are many predatory lenders in the community and residents should be warned about over extending credit or taking out interest only loans.
- Additional information and handouts are available from the treasurer's office.

### **V. DTE Utility Update**

- We are being inundated with utility requests due to rising costs of heat and electricity.
- A workgroup, headed by Mary Beth was formed, and will be discussing strategies to deal with the issue.
- Expect updates at the next Action Group Meeting.

### **VI. Barrier Buster, Co-Chair Nominee**

- *Beth Manuel*, Child Care Network and *Mary Beth Lampe* of CSTS were nominated as co-chairs.
- After discussion, the group decided to accept both nominations and have tri-chairs with Paul Sher.
- Moved and accepted unanimously:

***Beth Manuel & Mary Beth Lampe are the new Barrier Buster Network co-chairs.***

### **VII. Announcements – New Payee Services**

- *B&B Payee Services* is the new payee service for Barrier Busters.
- Bobby Johnson, CEO of B&B will be handling the account.
- His phone is 480-1347 and his email is [bjohnson@bbpayeeservices.org](mailto:bjohnson@bbpayeeservices.org)
- Bobby will be joining us at the next Barrier Buster Network Action Group meeting.

Adjourned 3:30 pm

***The Next Meeting is scheduled for  
Wednesday, November 23 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm @ LLRC  
Room A***