

P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (**PCN**)

Meeting Summary

January 9, 2008

The **P.O.W.E.R. COLLABORATIVE NETWORK (PCN)** extends an enormous appreciation to our meeting hosts for January 2008. The **BROAD SPECTRUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** and the **PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK** presented useful tax and individual development account that all human service agency providers can and should share with their clients. All of the presenters provided first-rate information and the hospitality was outstanding.

We were extremely impressed with the services and generosity provided by the **LONG BEACH JOB CORPS**. Thank you and to all of the staff members, especially **MICHELLE ALLEN**, Director and **SANDY ANNINO** for opening the campus for the meeting. The coordination of the students was marvelous with escorting and assisting with our meeting logistics. **Ms. Annino's** email address is: annino.sandy.m@jobcorps.org

BRYAN ROGERS, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, City of Long Beach welcomed the members and introduced **MAYOR BOB FOSTER, CITY OF LONG BEACH** who delivered motivational information related to working families and the benefits of Earned Income Tax Credit filings with the Internal Revenue Service. **Mr. Roger's** email address is: bryan_rogers@longbeach.gov

Mayor Foster stated that as low-income working families anticipate the arrival of W-2 forms in the coming days, the **PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK**, in partnership with **BROAD SPECTRUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** and Long Beach Community Action Partnership, is launching a large 2008 campaign to encourage low-income working families to utilize the free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program to claim money that is rightfully theirs through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit, and other programs.

COUNCILMEMBER TONIA REYES URANGA, CITY OF LONG BEACH – DISTRICT 7, also extended support to this special kick-off the 2008 Tax Season Campaign for Free Tax Preparation and Financial Services for Low-income Working Families at the **PCN** meeting.

DONNICUS L. COOK provided an excellent overview of Financial Support Services, Earned Income Tax Credit [[Click for new State Assembly Bill](#)]. The PowerPoint presentation is available on a .pdf format. [[Click Here](#)] A representative from U.S. Internal Revenue Service provided additional information to this presentation. **Mr. Cook** can be reached by email at, dlcook@broadpectrum.org

RATHEL MANGISTE, Washington Mutual Bank discussed Mainstream Banking & Financial Education for people wanting to development accounts. **Ms. Mangiste's** email address is rathel.mangiste@wamu.net

DARICK SIMPSON, LONG BEACH COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP shared opportunities on their role to empower individuals and to foster their personal development through education, training, and cultural awareness. **Mr. Simpson's** email address is Dsimpson@lbcaa.com

LINDA SCHAEDEL, DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR, LONG BEACH CAREER TRANSITION CENTER, PACIFIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK AND GOODWILL, SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY provided an superb presentation describing the many service offered to people with disabilities. She was assisted by **PATTI KOLPA, DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR**. **Ms. Schaedle** can be reached by email at Linda.Schaedle@longbeach.gov, and **Ms. Kolpa's** address is: Patti.Kolpa@longbeach.gov

The next **PCN** meeting is **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008, 10 AM – Noon**, and our host is **JOBING.COM**, 12100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 320, Los Angeles, CA 90025. **SHEILA WILEY**,

Community Relations Manager for **JOBING.COM** is our meeting coordinator, and her email address is: Sheila.Wiley@jobing.com

PCN Meeting Attendees for JANUARY 2008

Adrian Allen, Los Angeles Job Corps

Amanda Wilson, Los Angeles Job Corps

Ana Cortes, Las Bnsas Community Center

Bernard Edwards, Let's Take A Look

Beverly Butler, SCSEA Title V

Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach

Bonnie Lutz, Long Beach Job Corps

Bryan Rogers, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network

Calvin Cooper, Boys Republic

Carolyn Hines, Hines Hospitality Group

Cecile Walters, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network

Clarence Espinosa, Los Angeles World Airports

Connie Sziebl, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Kanabe

Darick Simpson, LACAP

Dean Jones, Southland Partnership Corporation / P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network

Delores Adger-Frisby, Goodwill Industries

Devonna Gardner, US Pretrial Services

Dinesh Modha, Long Beach Job Corps

Donnicus Cook, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Duffy Leahy, Volunteers of America

Ellen Franks, Ability First Long Beach Transition Center

Elnora Ragland, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Gene Persip, Community Build Inc.

Jackie Jones, West Angeles, CDC

Jalonn Harrison, Los Angeles Job Corps

James Jones, Gangster for Christ

Jamie Gutierrez, Los Angeles World Airports

Janaya Thomas, Goodwill, Serving the People of Los Angeles County

Joanie Knight, TAY Academy

Joe Amalbert, InterCoast College

John Janda, The Workplace California

Jonathan Bennett, People Assisting the Homeless

Joshua Carrin, Covenant House

Keith Coleman, Figueroa Media Group

Kenneth Tyler, Department of Public Social Services

Kim Johnson, Los Angeles Job Corps

Lamar Haynes, Clarita College

LaVonte Jackson, Goodwill, Serving the People of Los Angeles Co unty

Linda Schaedle, CTC-PACWIN / Goodwill, Serving the People of Los Angeles County

Linda Sprague, SCSEA Title V

Loretta Jackson, Broad Spectrum Community Development Corporation

Lynette Johnson, Los Angeles Community Development Commission

Makim Golsten, Human Potential Consultants

Maritza Sosa, CCYF

Marsha Cole, Workplace Hollywood

Marta Mata, SCSEA Title V

Matt Davison, New Directions, Inc.

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Michelle Allen, Long Beach Job Corps

Mindy Owes, R.A.F.T.

Norman Johnson, American University of Health Sciences

Pamela Pitcher, Busy Lady Fitness

Patti Kolpa, Ability First

Peter Tarkulich, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network

Rathel Mengiste, Washington Mutual

Raunda Frank, RPK Consulting Group

Richard Silbas, The Workplace California

Rigmar Morales, Union Bank of California

Rosalind Taylor, Department of Public Services

Salvador Barrajas, Goodwill, Serving the People of Los Angeles County

Sandy Annino, Long Beach Job Corps

Sean Petersen, Mayor's Office, City of Long Beach

Sharon Cruse, Purple Reign Life Skills

Sheila Wiley, Jobing.com

Shirley Green, InterCoast College

Steve Thompson, LAOIC

Tai Adelabu, Union Bank of California

Tim Patton, Long Beach Councilmember Reyes Uranga

Tonia Reyes Uranga, Long Beach Councilmember

Tonya Haynes, Phoenix Business Development Group

Valerie Rowe, Vision Spot Consulting Leadership

Vaneder Dale, Long Beach Job Corps

Vernal Moore, Los Angeles Community Design Center

Vernell Taylor, Union Bank of California

Wally Aquilar, State of California, ETP

Whitney Shanger, Los Angeles Job Corps

William Marks, DPSS

Zina Washington, Help Me Help You

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***PCN** started in January 2001, focused on job coordination for community residents in order to assist in public & private sector work placement. The **PCN** members are community builders serving to identify, nurture, & mobilize local assets by enhanced networking to rejuvenate economies, strengthen business investments, & ultimately build up civil society. The **PCN** meets monthly sharing job recruitment, funding, training, workforce projects, & other related topics at various member locations.*

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