

Douglass BTOP Planning Meeting [wireless not working]

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*Notes taken by Sharon Irish*

Round 2 strategies: Public Computing Center (PCC), Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) proposals

Parkland College in the mix

Community anchor institutions; comprehensive community involvement; stress public-private partnerships

Champaign delays vote on BTOP infrastructure;

Listen with an ear to existing projects, grants in process; cannot reinvent the wheel

Ben asked about income-level: Lisa says target is unserved and underserved, but doesn't have to be tied to income; institution needs to serve those people, and help to increase engagement: low-cost, or subsidized, but not free forever

Ann asks about focus: SBA is focused on people in their homes; a lot of overlap between PCC and SBA

Spanish translations of training curricula;

Lisa: Economic development is significant piece—Parkland will have a significant role and can expand locations that they offer training; libraries are open to people coming in and doing training; small business development—incubator activities for underserved population;

We need personal contacts with developers; digital media production which would be youth targeted (debate about how “conservative” it should be—most access for least amount of money?), we can make the case, but hard to show the numbers, strategic locations

Health care—we lack champion, but Ben is willing to work with 3 free clinics and Frances Nelson; need to be tied to community anchor institutions; Extension set up kiosks for health info and they have numbers

Brookens Center should be included

Safiya: missing layer of advocacy, communicate with those to create value that is long-term; with Urban League gone, who is doing this? Do heavy-lifting—*eg*, SisterNet; Champaign County Health Care Consumers gives content to technology; and these people need to be institutionalized and put their resumes up front

Ann Bishop: Dawn Blackman bridges groups

United Way and Urbana Police Dept—top of list would useable info about parenting for young parents

“lighted schoolhouse” interest from Champaign Park District; also doing at Garden Hills Patricia Avery—one-stop shop for youth from media to college advice to school help; location would be needed, instead of abandoned buildings, encourage them to hang out positively

Ray: state of the art telemedicine at clinics; training site for doctors

Ben: much of the medicine info drops out between clinics and specialists

Sometimes there are advocates and champions that aren't in org, like Chris Medrano

Chris: Brian Duggan at Independent Media Center set up help desk on Thursday nights;

Ann: list of services available across organizations, to serve whole needs; HelpSource consortium was health and human service orgs and they compiled directory

Chris: Prairienet's HelpSource provided tech support; Ann said Prairienet was ICT partner to Helpsource (good model that has been tried); Ben--similar to Latino Partnership needs

Essie Harris: add Family Services to list; also add Family Resiliency Center

Ben: United Way has Spanish language updated guides to health care (Ben's wife does this)

Lisa: first, broadband could upgrade connections betw free clinics and big clinics; second, entrée to creating demand (dial a nurse, online support groups)

Ann asked Essie about health care information; health sciences librarians on campus?

Lisa wants input on K-12 education—parent involvement-> Ann could be part of a team; what would be the most feasible to get in place now? Involvement of unions?

Lucia Maldonado, liaison at Urbana School district, add family resource centers to schools, with equipment and training

Safiya: move discussion to basecamp—put real proposals on site; we are past vision stage, and have to put it down on paper with costs; ratio of cost to service/person impact is important

Take all of Essie Harris's statistics and increase them by 30-50%, for example

Ray: thinks it would be hard to do lighted schoolhouse; Ann: transitory rather than permanent is sometimes better

Imani: schools have seen Great Campus ideas, and they understand that the need is money

Ben: Frances Nelson set-up ready to go, needs costing

Imani: nervous about mixed messages; hodge-podge of ideas, NTIA is not looking for important belief statements about community transformation?

Safiya: mechanics of business case; no room for vision statement, but Lisa says Obama's vision is implicit

Ray: the more partners listed, the better

Per dollar service is key; why fund C-U?? bean-counting matters, so feature statistics about Champaign Co., model for Vermilion Co. (Danville)

Safiya will be on a writing team