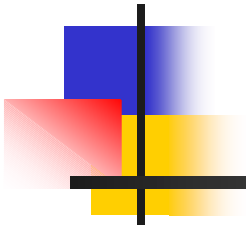


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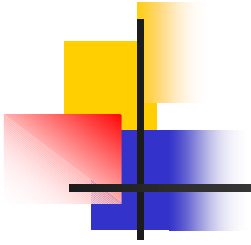


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We are Born With Four Basic Needs:

- A place to abode...to shelter us.
- Food and water... to sustain us.
- Growth and development... to make us whole.
- Someone to love us....to nurture our spirit.



The greatest and most successful projects
will be those that help us to address
some of our needs.



What We've Heard Today

- First presenter
 - Revisited our mission
- Second and Third Presenter
 - Gave us models of best practices that can be used to mold into our projects and make them successful.



It is Wise to Note:

What works for some, may not work for others!

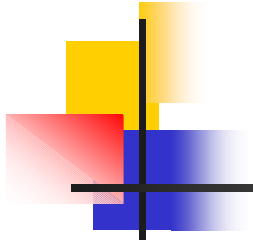
We must always address the needs of:

- The project
- Its staff
- The Consumers



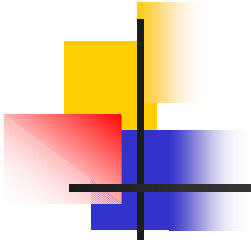
Thus:

Collaboration!!



**“We will always come
together around our
own self interest”**

Saul Alinsky



Ten meetings a year for the consortium

- Each with a monthly presentation that will give us information & education that will strengthen our development
- change our quality of life



After Every Meeting We Should Feel:

- Challenged
- Charged
- Ready to Change



Four Standard Meetings:

1. Leadership Institute:

- Roberts Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure
- Learn to conduct meetings and participate in an orderly manner, we then realize our voice is important and each of us can add to the success of the discussion (People First of Washington)
- These are skills that consumers can use in their block clubs, PTA's and church groups



2. Housing Summit

In America there is simply not enough low income standard housing for families

- Bring our local housing commissioners to the table to share the vision for our community
- Contact list for each case manager



3. Holiday Celebration

- Time for neighborhood businesses and community agencies to shine.
- They can invest in the welfare of the neighborhood families.
- Staff can start making requests in summer or fall.



4. Annual Town Hall Meeting

- Consumers and Staff select topic
 - Child safety
 - HIV
 - My Baby's Daddy (Father's Rights)
 - Adult education
- Time to invite elected officials to share their stewardship for the consumers



Remaining Meetings

- Other Six Meetings can be organized based on the needs of the project and consumers.
- Collaboration must be inclusive of the consortium membership.



Meeting Agenda

- New clinic services
- New staff
- New members
- New babies born
- New businesses and organizations

invite them to participate; everyone has something to offer



Give Monthly Incentives

- Many companies are willing to ship products with advance notice.
- Project directors or consultants should write annual letters to companies.
- Johnson and Johnson; SMSI; Book stores; Avon; and Just My Size.



Finally...

- Be creative!
- Make every meeting exciting!
- Give the members a charge!
- Challenge the members to gain new wisdom and they will lead to lifestyle changes!



Summary

- To Give Every Baby a Healthy Start, we must impact families!
- To maintain members, we must address their needs!
- To motivate staff, we must be inclusive!
- To be successful, we must collaborate!