

# **HOUSING/SOCIAL SERVICES ROUNDTABLE #2 CLEARFIELD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

## **ATTENDEES**

Jodi Brennan, Director of Clearfield County Planning Office  
Meredith Krejny, Planning Specialist of Clearfield County Planning Office  
Lisa Kovalick, Central PA Community Action  
John Kordish, Clearfield Co. Area Agency on Aging  
Mary Lou Wilson, Clearfield Area United Way  
Nancy Lombardo, Clearfield Co. League on Social Services  
Judith Courson, Clearfield-Jefferson Mental Health  
Jodie Yarger, Clearfield Co. Area Agency on Aging  
Debbie Liadis, Clearfield Co. Area Agency on Aging  
Karol Hill, Projects for Assist. in Transition from Homelessness

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Those in attendance gave a brief introduction of themselves and whom they were representing.

## **REVIEW GOALS OF LAST ROUNDTABLE**

County Planning Director, Jodi Brennan, asked participants if there were any additions or modifications to the last roundtable minutes. She asked specifically if there were any additional goals that we should add. Corrections to the minutes included: 1) change under list of "Weaknesses" item on "Tight Budgets (Need to do more for less" to "Tight Budgets (How to do more for less") and 2) change under list of "Opportunities" item on "Could better centralize..." to " Would better centralize..."

## **DEVELOP IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR TOP 5 GOALS**

Participants were provided a list of the top five goals that were prioritized by participants at the first roundtable. They were asked to assist in developing an implementation strategy for achieving those top five goals.

Following is a summary of the feedback provided by those participants by goal.

### **Goal #1 Economics**

- Marketing plan to attract young retirees, but careful not to displace workforce (look to Centre County's experience)
- Develop plan to market our resources, amenities
- County needs to take more aggressive role in marketing PA Wilds with state
- Educate youth about career option in this area, need for skilled workers
- Encourage economic development agencies / organizations to recognize the viability of tourism industry in our area. Need a Plan to develop this industry
- Work with North Central and economic development agencies to do this (need more cooperation and to work together as a team)

- Work more with legislators
- Enhance and expand existing efforts to educate youth about career opportunities (need to involve PSU – Dubois, LHUP – Clearfield and local legislators)
- Need to improve our infrastructure before marketing anything
- Encourage inter – municipal / inter – agency cooperation on recreational grants opportunities / facilities, etc.

**Goal #2 Bridge Gap in Services/Centralized Intake**

- Advocate for state to develop statewide 211 system for information and referral
- Lobby as a group to state and national legislators for increased funding

**Goal #3 Identify & Prevent Root Problems**

- Encourage and promote employers to participate in work – coop program
- Work with existing programs like the one at Career Link
- Educate employers about how to get involved, benefits of getting involved

**Goal #4 Need to be Inclusive of Smaller Communities**

- Encourage inter – municipal cooperation, like COG
- Initiate an education tool, training program for local officials

**Goal #5 Encourage & Educate on Need for Development of a Variety of Options:**

- Utilize fair housing tool kit from PA Housing Alliance to educate people about fair housing needs, value of varied housing options
- Form an affordable housing coalition (use Centre County’s as example)
- Establish a County wide redevelopment authority

Participants were thanked for participating and were informed that the comprehensive plan update will continue into next year, so there is still time for additional goals to be submitted to the planning office. Minutes will be prepared and sent to participants in the near future. Minutes from all minutes will also be made available on-line at the county’s planning website.