



Choice Neighborhood News

There is a lot of activity behind the scenes as CMHA and the other Choice lead entities work with HUD to establish the administrative and program systems required to implement the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant over the next seven years. At the same time, there is exciting progress on many fronts. These are the latest updates:

- **IMPACT Community Action selected as Case Management Partner.** We are pleased to announce that Urban Strategies, our People lead, has selected IMPACT Community Action as their local Case Management Partner. IMPACT will provide intensive case management services for former Poindexter Village (PV) residents. Their first task, over approximately the next six months, will be to work with the 380 PV households to assess their needs and create Family Development Plans. An important role of IMPACT will be to link families with services based on their identified needs and goals.
- **Poindexter Place is under construction.** Construction of Poindexter Place, the first phase of redevelopment of the former Poindexter Village site, is underway. Current work includes constructing utilities and the building foundation. In December, building framing will begin. The 104-unit senior development will be completed by the end of 2015.
- **Planning underway for the Health Sciences Academies.** After approval of an MOU by the Columbus City Schools (CCS) Board of Education and the PACT Board of Directors, work has started to transform the seven East High feeder pattern schools into high-performing Health Sciences Academies (HSA). A 120-day planning process, led by PACT and CCS, began on September 1, 2014, with a goal of launching the academies in the 2015-16 academic year. The HSA will capitalize on assets unique to the Near East Side neighborhood, including the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center (University Hospital East and CarePoint East), as well as community-wide resources, to address academic and non-academic barriers to learning of children in the PACT geography. There will also be extensive outreach to PV households to engage parents in the planning process and encourage them to enroll their children in the academies.
- **Tracking supportive services for NES residents.** Key to the success of our CNI application was the extraordinary commitment of local leveraged resources, and we can begin counting leverage as of June 30, 2014. The first component of our leverage tracking system is an Excel-based tool to document supportive services provided to Near East Side residents. Meetings will be held with organizations that committed this type of leverage over the next 4-6 weeks to discuss the tracking tool and process. Tracking of services to PV residents will begin in 2015 and be aligned with the case management system.

Thanks for your interest in our Choice neighborhood! Please feel free to forward this email to others. To be added to our Choice mailing list, or to share program announcements or updates in future Choice e-newsletters, contact me at bgarber@cmhanet.com.

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