



Building Regional Civic Leadership Networks

April 24 and 25, 2006

University Center, Chicago, IL

Meeting Logistics

- A majority of the meetings will be done in the **Lake room** either at the round tables or at the U-shaped discussion table. Smaller breakout rooms are called the **Arts** and **Fountain** Rooms.
- For new sites, partner sites and our academic partners, we have structured breakout sessions – please refer to your workbook for the appropriate breakout room name for your group.
- PLEASE put your phones on vibrate – we will be taping the lecture sessions and would like to keep noises at minimum.
- **DINNER ON MONDAY** 6:30 pm – will be at a local restaurant – walking distance from your hotels and this conference center: **Edwardo's Pizza** 521 S. Dearborn Street.

Filming Crews and Testing New Media

Multi-media work in our field tends to be limited – over the past year we have begun a pilot project in which recordings of the CLNI have been done as a first step towards a media strategy that will allow many forms of content to be shared across sites.

We are fortunate to have two media groups helping us to record the exceptional presentations that all of you will experience first-hand today. The head of each team is **Dr. Margaret Paloma Pavel** (Earth House, Oakland CA) and **Dan Lukes** (Hard Working Pictures, Minneapolis-St.Paul). Both organizations have extensive experience filming and documenting the work of grassroots organizations both nationally and internationally as well as filming large conferences for national organizations such as Policy Link and the Sustainable Metro-Cities Initiative.

Please feel free to ask them any questions about the process.

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Front Range Economic Strategy Center – Denver, Community Labor United – Boston, Georgia Stand-Up - Atlanta

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Agenda Overview (all meetings in Lake Room unless noted)

AGENDA – Day 1			
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast and sign-in		
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Working Session – Lake Room		
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Learning by Doing: The Civic Leadership Network Institute Launch Experiences in Denver, Boston and Atlanta		
10:45 AM – 12:15 AM	Why “regionalism” matters in the “New Economy”		
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	LUNCH @ University Center café		
12:45 PM – 1:30 PM 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM 2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	How to use the endorsement process to reflect a progressive policy agenda Electoral Strategies and Organizing for Community Power “Smart” Breakout Groups – participants can move between these two speakers to ask follow-up questions		
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Developing a CLNI toolkit – sharing our knowledge, supporting each other (Lake Room)	Breakout Group #1 (Park Room) Intro. to the Power Analysis (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)	Breakout Group #2 (Fountain Room) Deepening Academic Partnerships (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Partner Site Group Discussion I (Board Room)		
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Evaluation of first day – small group discussions based on breakout groups		

AGENDA – DAY 2	
7:30 AM – 8:00AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Public Finance and Public Subsidies
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 – 10:45 AM 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Strategic Organizing Workforce Development Strategies “Smart” Breakout Groups – participants can move between these two speakers to ask follow-up questions
12:00 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH @ University Center café Partner Site Group Discussion II - Working Lunch (Fountain Room)
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Identifying future directions of our work – [Group Discussion]
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Evaluation of second day



Day 1

Agenda and Worksheets Opening Working Session

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (Lake Room)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Working Session (Lake Room) Building Our Common Vision <i>Anthony Thigpenn, Co-Founder, Building Partnerships USA and Founder, SCOPE-LA</i> Overview of the Agenda and Establishing Our Common Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Icebreaker will also serve as a way to get towards common outcomes <i>Amy Dean, Co-Founder, Building Partnerships USA and Founder, Working Partnerships USA</i>

Meeting Outcomes:

- Debrief our experiences with the CLNI
- Discuss how to improve and expand Institute curriculum
- Identify key functions and activities that partner sites can share within network
- Examine new technologies that can improve course content and outreach

Notes:



Day 1

Agenda and Worksheets Learning by Doing

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Learning by Doing: The Civic Leadership Network Institute Launch Experiences in Denver, Boston and Atlanta (Lake Room) Here are the questions that our partner site principals will address: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did you establish this as part of your organizational strategy?• Why did you decide to implement the CLNI?• How will you use the CLNI in the future?• What are some of the strategic relationships that have emerged from your CLNI and how do those fit into your coalition building/campaign strategies?• How does this further your work? <i>Lisa Clauson, Community Labor United, Leslie Moody, FRESC & DALF Deborah Scott, Georgia STAND UP</i>
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Questions for participants to think about for a small breakout discussion to follow:

1. What is the one thing in these presentations that you'd like to see happen in your community?
2. What is the biggest challenge in getting you there?
3. Who would be some of the key organizations and leaders that you would invite to a Civic Leadership Network Institute?
4. What would be a strategic campaign or issue that you would focus on for your CLNI?
5. What would be some of the outcomes you'd like to achieve with a program like this?



Day 1

Agenda and Worksheets Group Discussion

	Common Goals, Common Challenges (Lake Room)
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Break-out into small groups and address the questions listed below.
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Report back common goals and common challenges.

Small group discussion with your peers – using the previous questions as background, please list the top responses to the two questions below:

1. What are the most common goals or outcomes that your groups share?

2. What are the most common challenges that your groups share?

In the report back we will list the top goals, outcomes and challenges and see where there is:

- a shared vision (what are the key points?)

- a common set of challenges (what do we all face in our regions?)

- the possibility for solidarity and opportunity (how can we help each other?)



Day 1

Agenda and Worksheets
Training Module Session 1

<p>10:45 AM – 11:45 AM</p> <p>11:45 AM – 12:15 PM</p>	<p>Training Module Session and Group Discussion – (Lake Room)</p> <p>Why “regionalism” matters in the “New Economy” <i>Chris Benner, Assistant Professor of Geography and Labor Studies and Industrial Relations, Penn State University</i></p> <p>Feedback and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What worked well and what should we keep?• What topics should be kept but changes made to the specific content?• What is missing that we need to create?
<p>12:15 PM – 12:45 PM</p>	<p>LUNCH @ University Center café</p>

Questions for participants to think about during the presentation:

1. What worked well & what should we keep?
2. What topics should be kept, but changes made to the specific content?
3. What is missing that we need to create?



Day 2

Future Directions and Next Steps

1:00 PM – 3:00PM	Future directions and next steps to our work – (Lake Room) Key questions for our current and future sites to ask and answer from each other: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are some of the key resources you can provide to your peers?• What are some of the key resources you'd like to be able to access through this network?• What are 2 things your site can take a lead on?• How can BP provide support to enable you to provide/access the resources that we've listed above?
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Evaluations (Lake Room)

What are some of the key resources* you can provide to your peers?

What are some of the key resources* you'd like to be able to access through this network?

What are 2 things your site can take a lead on?