**Initial planning for Family Homelessness Resource Fair**

(with Janna Teatrault of Community Action and Jane Banks of CHD)

**Thursday, June 8**

**9 am – 12 noon**

**Holyoke Community College Kittredge Center**

½ the Multi-purpose room (capacity 60)

Note: Other classrooms are NOT available to use for break-out rooms so we must use the one space for everything

**Goals of the morning**:

* relationship building
* access to information and resources
* bottom line: providers gaining better understanding of knowing who/where to call when faced with a family in housing crisis and having an awareness of opportunities to maximize their stabilization

**Initial brainstorm:**

Information tables surround walls

One possible schedule:

9-10 – circulating  
10-11 – 4 20 minute break-out sessions in the room (enough space for one on each side)

11-noon – circulating

This way people could choose when to attend and what is most useful to them.

Possible break-outs:

* How EA works
* Veterans services
* Employment services
* MassHealth?
* Domestic violence related?
* What else?

We agreed it was important to have organizations bring more than one staff person so there is staffing at table and also ability to circulate.

**Outreach**

We did an initial brainstorm of groups (and discussed organizing by type of service - as opposed to geography)

RSVPs as of 4/27 below:

**Hampden**

Wayfinders - Janette Vigo plus staff

CHD -  Jane Banks plus staff

NEFWC - 4 (Joel Cox plus 3 staff)

Springfield Partners - emailed

VOC - emailed

YWCA - emailed

WomanShelter - 2 (Tonya Sparks and Maria Gerena)

BHN -  2 staff

CareerPoint - 1 staff

Future Works - 1 staff

**Franklin/Hampshire**

Community Action - up to 6 staff

Franklin Regional Housing - 3 (Jenna Day and 2 staff)

Safe Passage - 2 (Anthia Elliott and 2 staff)

ServiceNet - Greenfield Family Inn

Franklin Hampshire Career Center

**Berkshire**

Berkshire Regional Housing Authority - 2 staff

Elizabeth Freeman Center - emailed

BerkshireWorks - Maricelli Serrano, Stephanie Caporale

**4 counties:**

Tenancy Preservation Program - 2 (Jenni Pothier and one staff)

Soldier On - 1 (Sarah Polidore)

VA - 3 (Hillary Cronin and 2 staff)

Veterans Inc - yes (Beth Barbra)

Clean Slate Centers - 2 - Katie Roberts and case manager