



Active Balanced Community Quarterly Report February 2010

- V. Data Collection:** This Committee continues to be chaired by Laura Schultz-Pipis, Director of the American Red Cross, and collects statistics that measure the identified risk factors. The Data Collection Committee met on February 17, 2010 to begin an analysis of the data and to determine outcomes. Preliminary analysis included:
- The unemployment rates drive much of the data as it relates to homelessness, Free and Reduced lunches, divorce rates, WIC recipients, Food Benefits and FIP recipients, and median income.
 - Discussion was held about the fact that many individuals who previously worked at Ford have taken other employment at a lower rate of pay – impacting median income.
 - Additional data is needed – currently population / number of families, number of people in poverty, WIC data, number of petitions and authorized charges, updated suspension and truancy data, updated Food Benefit and FIP recipients, and median income.
 - An observation was made regarding the MEAP scores. Members questioned whether 76% proficiency in 8th grade math is acceptable. State averages will be collected.
 - It was noted that the truancy numbers for last school year (2008-2009) seem low. The issue of homeschooling was discussed. Rather than face consequences of being absent, parents oftentimes opt to home school. These numbers will be verified.
 - Members noted that data collection should be coordinated with the Children's System of Care so that we don't collect duplicate data.
 - A suggestion was made that the Data Collection Committee become an official workgroup of the Human Services Collaborative Network to sustain this work.