

## August Blueprint Highlights

Blueprint staff arranged conference call with Marti Bombyk regarding her work helping communities develop neighborhood associations to see how her efforts might interface with the efforts of the Blueprint Community Volunteer pilot project.

Blueprint Director, Jill Kind attended Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) strategy meeting to represent older adult interests gained from results of Blueprint community forums.

Blueprint director and program manager participated in Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPFOA) technical assistance phone call to discuss an article by Shannon M. Mitchell and Stephen M. Shortell on *The Governance and Management of Effective Community Health Partnerships: A Typology for Reaserarch, Policy, and Practice* – implications for community partnerships.

Technology Group: Decision Tree Committee chaired by Dale Fitch of UM School of Social Work met for continuing development of BFA website that will assist families in locating appropriate long term care services – minutes on website.

Blueprint staff met with UM School of Social Work evaluators Dale Fitch and Andy Grogan to discuss evaluation activities for Community Volunteers pilot project.

The Friendly Aging Neighborhoods Group (FANG) met to develop a Blueprint Request for Proposal (RFP) inviting interested neighborhoods to submit a proposal for reaching at-risk seniors in their communities with Community Volunteers - minutes on website

Senior Advocates of Washtenaw (SAW) sponsored a community-wide forum moderated by State Representative Pam Byrnes addressing topics of transportation, home-based long-term care, and the Stop Pending proposal. The event was sponsored by Brecon Village in Saline.

The Blueprint for Aging committed to sponsorship of the Housing Bureau for Seniors November Aging in Place conference.

Blueprint staff was trained to use the Quick Base system, a project of the BFA Technology work group to enter the Implementation Work Plan onto website.

Blueprint director and program manager participated in a technical assistance phone call with Robert Wood Johnson sponsored Spitfire Strategies, a communications agency hired to assist grantees with development of a project communications plan.