



COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL OF GREATER TULSA

The mission of the Community Service Council is to provide leadership for community-based planning and mobilization of resources to address health and human service needs of the people in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. With an emphasis on prevention and human investment, the Council acts as a trusted neutral convenor, bringing diverse organizations and interests together to focus on a common good. Primary functions include community research and planning, policy and resource development, community mobilization, and information and referral.

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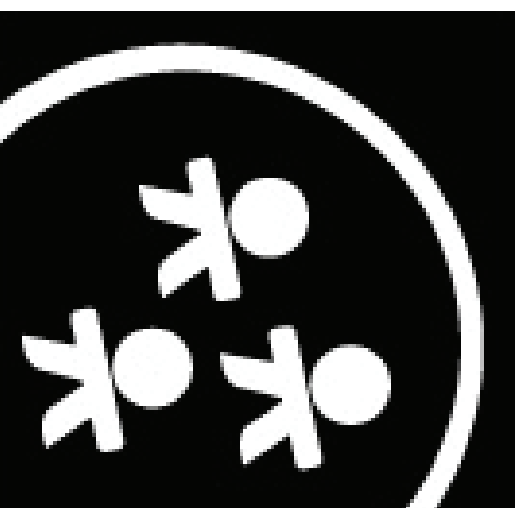
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2007 End-of-Year Highlights Report



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2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, December 6, 2007, Noon
Collins Room, Tulsa Area United Way Building
1430 South Boulder - Tulsa, Oklahoma

AGENDA

Welcome and Call to Order

Opening Remarks

2007 Highlights

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Board Members and Officers

Board Approval of Presidential Appointments

Special Recognitions for 2007

Other Business

Announcements

Thank You and Adjourn



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for their leadership and guidance

All CSC Staff Members,
for their excellent work

All of our community colleagues and
partners, demonstrating that
working together works best

The many Friends of the Council,
for their generous support

The Metropolitan Human Services
Commission Partners,
our state agency funders,
and others who fund
the Council's many initiatives
benefiting the Tulsa community

The Tulsa Area United Way, for its vital
ongoing support for the Council
throughout our sixty-six-year history

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The Council's team includes staff for administration, planning, sponsored programs and special projects, and information and referral services.

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Community Service Council (CSC) serves as a unique resource for leadership in community-based planning and mobilization of resources to address health and human service needs of people in the Tulsa area.

The Council:

- Brings people together, convening diverse groups to work together on priority issues
- Studies issues with an eye on the future
- Researches and identifies steps for improvements
- Mobilizes action addressing community needs
- Promotes informed decisions about laws, public policy, and resources
- Educates and engages the broader community
- Assesses progress and sets new directions
- Provides early, easy access to help via phone, Internet, publications and more

The Council's overall strategy: prevention and human investment, across the lifespan -- serving as a leadership catalyst to stimulate long term investment in human capital to help individuals and families better care for themselves.

Founded in 1941, the Council is a non-profit citizen-led United Way agency, and a founding member of the National Association of Planning Councils.

2007 CSC HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights are organized by goals in the Community Service Council long range plan.

Positive Early Childhood Development, Care, and Learning

Quality child care:

Child Care Resource Center (CCRC)

Child Care Resource Center celebrated its 20th anniversary year with an open house, media campaign, parent evening with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, and public thank yous to child care providers, legislators, and community supporter of child care.

CCRC's Quality Enhancement Initiative (QEI) expanded during 2007. Thirty programs are now participating, working toward NAEYC Accreditation under the new standards. The University of Tulsa Child Development Center has received its accreditation, and three other programs (Ave Maria House, Day Schools Sheridan, and BNai Emunah) have completed the site visit phase of the process. Health Consultant Services, Nutrition Services, and Family Strengthening Services were added to the Quality Enhancement Initiative.

Child Care Resource Center was selected as a charity partner for the PGA Championship. Child care providers and children had an opportunity to attend the PGA during the practice rounds and Wannamaker tickets were auctioned as a fund raiser.

The Child Care Resource and Referral Call Center has received over 4,000 phone calls regarding child care access, quality, and subsidy payments, leading to over 24,000 child care referrals.

Early assessment and intervention:

LINK

LINK provides comprehensive screenings to children in child care settings, for early identification of potential problems. The LINK multidisciplinary team has screened over 700 young children since October 1, 2006.

LINK has received 2 new sets of hearing/audiologist equipment through funding from the Children's Medical Charities Association, and obtained funding from the Hille Foundation, Morningside Health Care, and Oxley Foundations to double its capacity to conduct developmental screenings in 2008. The developmental screenings will be in conjunction with programs involved in the Quality Enhancement Initiative.

Early literacy:

Read Now!

Read Now greatly exceeded its 2007 goals. The program sought to recruit 300 volunteers to read to 560 children for a total of 6,500 hours. Through November 27, 2007, 512 volunteers (145 adults and 367 youth) were recruited and started—70% above the goal. The volunteers read to 828 children for 5,735 hours at 9 sites for an average of 6.91 hours per child—an increase of 47% above the goal for number of children served.

During 2007, 22 work-study students, recruited from Oklahoma State University, the University of Tulsa, and Spartan School of Aeronautics, provided 3,163 hours mentoring and reading to preschool children, assisting with book collections, and monitoring volunteers.

Approximately 180 of the third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Celia Clinton Elementary School are participating in a “Reading Buddies” program for the 2007-2008 school year in cooperation with Read Now. The older students read one-to-one with students from the Kindergarten, first, and second grades. This is the second year for this program.

Read Now gave 3,574 new and gently used books to the children during this period. Approximately 1,870 books were given to parents at community fairs, child care centers, and parent meetings.

Community mobilization for school readiness:

Tulsa Partnership for Early Childhood Success (JumpStart Tulsa)

JumpStart released its new early childhood video and social marketing campaign, *Ready or Not Here They Come!* Seven presentations were made to civic groups.

The Early Childhood Leadership Forum conducted 7 events in its 2007 series touching over 900 professionals. The Forum brought to Tulsa top experts in the area of early childhood including Vincent Felitti (Adverse Childhood Experiences), Samuel Meisels (Accountability in Early Childhood), T. Berry Brazelton (Stresses and Supports for Today’s Families), Charles Zeannah (Enhancing Early Experiences for At-Risk Children), Vernellia Randall (Dying While Black), Holly-Elissa Bruno (Hearing Families in Every Language), and Bill Millet (Quality Early Education in Oklahoma).

To increase the potential for positive birth outcomes, more than 1,800 *Baby Basics* books were distributed to pregnant women through their case management programs.

Early and Sustained Good Health, and Responsible Health Decisions

Improving maternal, infant, and child health:

Family Health Coalition

The Coalition supported and advocated for the “Unborn Child Rule” which will go into effect January 1, 2008. The measure will be known as “Soon to be Sooners” and will extend Medicaid coverage for the prenatal care of babies who will be U.S. citizens but are born to mothers who do not qualify for coverage due to their residency status.

The Coalition presented three community training sessions regarding the Behavior-Determinant-Intervention (BDI) logic model using science-based approaches and program evaluation. This training is sponsored by the National Healthy Teen Network in an effort to promote quality programming regarding teen pregnancy prevention.

The Coalition conducted a survey and focus groups regarding unintended pregnancy. The information gathered led to the “I Choose” social marketing campaign which seeks to increase women’s awareness of their ability to choose the timing of childbearing and other significant life decisions. A report on the survey and focus group data will be released in 2008.

The Coalition conducted 3 full-day and several shorter training sessions on “Bridges Out of Poverty.” The training emphasizes a cultural perspective of economic class, and its impact on how health and social service providers interact with clients.

Preventing HIV/AIDS:

AIDS Coalition of Tulsa and the Tulsa Community AIDS Partnership (TCAP)

During 2007, the Tulsa Community AIDS Partnership (TCAP) had the most successful fundraising and grantmaking year since the partnership was formed in 1993. TCAP will award a 14th round of grants totaling \$186,781 on December 15th to 12 Tulsa HIV prevention and care programs.

TCAP managed 11 grant awards for HIV prevention and care in 2007 totaling \$141,944. They included a nationally recognized HIV prevention peer education program reaching 10,000 incarcerated men and 1,000 incarcerated women in Oklahoma prisons, and a cutting edge program offering free Hepatitis C education, counseling, and testing to individuals at high risk for HIV infection. More than 1 in 3 of the 69 clients who received free Hepatitis C testing had a positive test result.

In support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation urging all American adults to be tested for HIV and know their HIV status, 2007 TCAP grants provided HIV Quick tests for more than 500 high risk African American, Hispanic, and Native American women, as well as women who have had partners who are HIV positive or use injection drugs. The Safe Sisters Project provides HIV prevention education, counseling, testing, and test results in one appointment.

In 2007, TCAP was selected as 1 of 6 sites for a National AIDS Fund AmeriCorps Team. Tulsa is the only National AIDS Fund partnership community that has been awarded an AmeriCorps Team every year since the program began in 1994.

Preventing substance abuse and drunk driving:

CSC coordinates systems of court and community services addressing several key community concerns.

CRASHs Court Courts Raising Awareness of Students in High Schools

4,715 students from 7th graders to seniors—primarily freshman—from 10 schools attended CRASHs Court during the 2006/2007 school year. Students were confronted with the legal, financial, and human consequences of driving while impaired as they viewed this real traffic court relocated from the courthouse to the schoolhouse.

The Tulsa County Special Judges who conducted District Traffic Court during this year at the CRASHs Court Programs were Judge Kyle Haskins and Judge Mark Barcus. Appreciated and essential partners were the 14th Judicial District Court, Sheriff Stanley Glanz and the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office; Tim Harris and the Tulsa County District Attorney’s Office; Tulsa County Court Clerk’s Office, local defense attorneys, school liaisons, and the integral Victim Impact Speakers.

The program continued to receive extensive publicity from numerous articles in various publications including the *Legal and Business News* and *Catholic Review*.

Youthful Drunk Driving Program (YDD)

The YDD Program was first implemented in 1994. This year, YDD received the majority of its referrals from Tulsa County District Court and Tulsa Municipal Court. Special thanks to Tulsa County Judge Millie Otey for her commitment to YDD. Other referring municipal courts are Salina, Owasso, Broken Arrow, and Sand Springs. The YDD Program continues to educate young adults regarding legal and financial

issues connected to impaired driving. YDD strives to illustrate the devastating consequences that alcohol-related car crashes inflict on families and society.

In 2007, 346 court-ordered defendants attended YDD orientation sessions and began the program. During this same period a total of 298 participants successfully completed the program.

YDD continues to be successful thanks to the involvement of many participating agencies including St. Francis Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Hillcrest Medical Center's Kaiser Rehabilitation Center, St. John Bernsen Rehabilitation Center, Oklahoma State University Medical Center, St. John Hospital, Floral Haven Funeral Home, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Green County Victims Impact Panel, and Victim Impact Panels of Oklahoma.

Tulsa County Drug and DUI Court

Tulsa County operates the only specialized DUI (driving under the influence) court in the state of Oklahoma. Established in 2001, the Tulsa County DUI Court Program has 159 active participants, and Drug Court has 468 defendants. Approximately, 35 new defendants admit into the Tulsa County Drug / DUI Court Program each month.

Tulsa County DUI Court received national acclaim when selected by the National Drug Court Institute to participate in the Hardcore Drunk Driver Research Project. Only 10 DUI Courts nationwide were identified to participate in this high profile research. The goal of this research project is to learn what types of initiatives and interventions reduce recidivism among hardcore drunk driving offenders.

Drug Court saves millions of tax payer dollars. Tulsa County Drug Court saved over \$8,123,612 by targeting 686 defendants in FY2006. Oklahoma saved \$141,825,944 across the state by diverting 3,532 prison-bound non-violent drug defendants (Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services-ODMHSAS).

The Tulsa Board of County Commissioners funded Drug / DUI Court for FY2008. Funding provided will pay for a dedicated Tulsa County Sheriff's Deputy and car to be assigned to Drug / DUI Court, a full-time screener at the jail to earlier identify referrals for Drug / DUI and Mental Health Court, drug testing for indigent participants, and assistance with rent and other office expenses.

Tulsa County DUI Court provided training on implementing a specialized DUI Court to Oklahoma County. Tulsa DUI Court hosted a team from Oklahoma County and provided further technical assistance on establishing protocols and materials for a specialized DUI Court.

The Court sent a multidisciplinary team, which included treatment, judges, coordinators, law enforcement, coordinators, supervision officers and court services officers, to the National Drug Court Conference in Washington, DC. This conference is the "gold standard" for the latest research, protocols, professional publications, and technology for drug courts.

Mental Health Court

A new criminal mental health court has been planned and implemented. The court will target defendants charged with a crime and who also have a serious mental illness. Identifying these targeted defendants earlier will then re-link them with community mental health services and divert them from prison. ODMHSAS is providing the funding for administration and treatment.

Support for Families, Linking Neighborhoods and Schools, Positive Youth Development

Area Prevention Resource Center and East Tulsa Prevention Coalition

The APRC builds partnerships for comprehensive prevention programs, focusing on preventing youth alcohol, and other drug use, youth gang violence, and other problems, and reinforcing positive and responsible lifestyle choices. APRC works largely through the East Tulsa Prevention Coalition (ETPC).

At East Central High School, students have been instrumental in efforts that can dramatically reduce illegal sales of tobacco and alcohol to minors. ETPC students made over 100 compliance checks throughout the Tulsa area to remind store clerks not to sell tobacco to people under 18. Accompanied by an adult who remains close by, a student attempts to buy tobacco products. If the store clerk does not sell to the minor, the student gives the clerk a reward card congratulating him/her on following the law. If the store clerk tries to sell the tobacco product to the minor, a reminder about the law is issued. (No actual sales transaction ever takes place.) This summer, four teens, a Tulsa Police Officer, and APRC staff accompanied a Channel 2 News team to conduct undercover alcohol compliance checks in local liquor stores, convenience stores, clubs and bars.

Gang prevention and intervention services have been enriched by staff appointment and participation on the statewide Joint Committee of the Oklahoma Youth and Gang Violence Coordinating Council and Oklahoma Gang Intervention Steering Committee. Members have conducted an extensive examination of best practices regarding gang prevention/intervention which will help define policy and funding for the legislative year.

In Tulsa, staff secured funding for an innovative Emergency Relocation Program to remove families that are in harm's way during gang retribution incidents. Planning also has begun to initiate Tulsa's first Community Intervention Center. The Oklahoma Legislature has provided start-up funding. An Implementation Team is working on design and location for a secure one-stop centralized intake, assessment, and service referral system for juveniles who are arrested or picked up by police for truancy or in need of supervision, in order to:

- Provide immediate consequence to arrested youth
- Return police to patrol duties within 15 minutes
- Bring parents/guardians into the situation quickly
- Provide assessment, intervention, and swift access to services
- Ensure appearance of parent and youth in court
- Provide current information on at-risk behavior to parents

Concepciones

Mayor Kathy Taylor and CITGO President and CEO Felix Rodriguez announced the Concepciones Hispanic Education and Workforce initiative at a press conference on March 19 at the Will Rogers High School library. The Concepciones Program is being funded by a \$500,000 CITGO grant paid out over five years to begin initial implementation of program components in the Will Rogers High School feeder pattern area.

Workgroups have been established to develop and guide implementation strategies and progress for each of the critical transition points: early childhood/elementary, elementary/middle school, middle school/high school, high school/post secondary and higher education, and post secondary/employment.

Family Support Specialists serve as a liaison between Hispanic families and schools' staff, providing translation and a variety of other supports. Over 150 families have been served since the beginning of the school year through Concepciones' first 4 Family

Support Specialists, located at Bryant, Celia Clinton, Kendall Whittier, and McKinley elementary schools. The staff are provided through a partnership with the YWCA's Intercultural Services program.

Conceiones is being implemented in close collaboration with the Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative (TACSI) as the approach and strategies of TACSI and Conceiones are similar. Coordination of both efforts is underway to ensure effective collaboration between schools and community resources.

Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative (TACSI)

TACSI is building community and foundation support to assure the initiative's sustainability. Three funding Champions have come forward to support the first Tulsa Area Community Schools Coordinators: the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, for Celia Clinton Elementary (Tulsa Public Schools); the David E. and Cassie L. Temple Foundation, for Mark Twain Elementary (TFS); and the QuikTrip Corporation, for Rosa Parks Elementary (Union Public Schools).

The first community-wide training about the Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative was conducted in October. Different sessions were held for community partners, the new Steering Committee, school principals and school site teams. The training was led by Martin Blank and Jessica Strauss of the National Coalition for Community Schools.

TACSI created a video describing the community schools model, other communities' experiences, and Tulsa's new community schools initiative.

TACSI sent a team of Tulsa community schools leaders to New York City to the Children's Aid Society Invitation Only Practicum on best practices in implementing community schools programs. Information will be incorporated into local training activities.

Community Integration for Persons with Disabilities

Tulsa Alliance on Disabilities

The Early Intervention Task Force developed a standard of developmental screening for children 0-3 years of age, and coordinated implementation of a common screening tool, Ages and Stages, among several key service providers. Data will be collected from use of the common tool to better identify needs and create the appropriate resources to meet those needs.

Tulsa Children's Behavioral Health Community Team (Team) worked to develop and implement a health/mental health support and services continuum for children 0-22 years of age. The Team provides leadership in several critical areas to improve conditions of these children and youth. Major accomplishments in 2007 included program planning and assistance with obtaining funding to begin a new crisis center for children and adolescents ages 10-18 years to reduce the need for hospital psychiatric care. Similar assistance also was provided to establish new transition services to youth who are in foster care and have mental illness, as they move from the foster care system to independent living and the adult mental health system.

The Team advocated for continued effective school-based mental health services, and conducted a legislative Listening Session in October to shape public policies and promote the development and improvement of behavioral health services to children with behavioral health needs, including children with developmental disabilities and children with special health care needs.

The Interfaith Disability Coalition continued its work on recruiting volunteers to help assure access to facilities, programs, and other supports for persons with disabilities, and to promote overall participation of persons with disabilities in faith-based activities.

Promoting Informed Decisions about Resources, Policies and Laws Affecting the Health and Human Service System

Metropolitan Human Services Commission (MHSC) and CSC Public Policy Activities

Community Schools

One of MHSC's top priorities is widespread implementation of the community schools approach. MHSC provided leadership throughout 2007 for organizing the governance and implementation approach of the Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative (TACSI).

People with Disabilities ... The Olmstead Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee on the Olmstead Decision was responsible for developing the state's comprehensive strategic plan to respond to requests by people in 24/7 residential institutions, such as nursing homes, to move out and into the community. The original state legislation that created the Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee was under the state's "sunset" provisions and was destined to become extinct on June 30, 2007. HB 1933 succeeded in passing all House and Senate Committees and full Chambers, as a result of the work of CSC staff and the Oklahoma Policy Consortium for Persons with Disabilities and their lobbyist. HB 1933 was almost lost several times during the legislative process, and was finally signed into law by Governor Henry. The Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee will move to the implementation phase of the plan.

Child Abuse and Neglect

The prevention of child abuse and neglect has been on the CSC agenda for many years and has evolved into a broader early childhood education and development effort. Preventing child abuse and neglect has remained one of the top priorities.

Since term limits took effect several years ago, many legislators have left the state house, and the newly elected Representatives and Senators have moved into leadership positions very quickly. CSC and other groups have spent time informing elected officials about key social issues including child abuse and neglect.

CSC worked with Metropolitan Human Services Commission members Bill Doenges and Bob LaFortune, the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, and the Children's Consortium in Tulsa to provide an educational experience at the capitol, focused on the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on many adult chronic health conditions. Dr. Gerard Clancy, President and Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine Tulsa, presented. Representative Ron Peters (R-Tulsa), House Human Services Committee Chair, helped organize the session. All key legislative leaders attended, including: the Senate Appropriation Co-Chairs for Human Services and Health and Social Services; House Appropriations Committee Chairs for Human Services and Health; and House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs for Children and Families and Human Services.

Age Wave

Among many education opportunities either developed by facilitated by or responded to by CSC, was a presentation requested by Representative Kris Steel to a House of Representatives Interim Study Committee on Oklahoma's aging population. The October presentation was well received and follow-up was provided to several legislators, the Director of the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, the Director of the Division on Aging, and the Director of Vertically Integrated Services. The presentation is being refined for future use.

Providing Data for Decision Making

Census Information Center (CIC)

CSC is now a U.S. Census Information Center. Staff members have participated in a national training to help guide the development of the Council's new program which will enhance training and presentations on census information to Eastern Oklahoma.

Links to many useful data reports have been placed on a new CIC page of the CSC website, as well as the Data page.

Addressing Basic Needs and Preparing for Community Emergencies

Preventing Homelessness

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) compiled data on 3,856 unique homeless clients served by 4 emergency shelters through October, 2007. The HMIS plays an important role in enhancing inter-agency client services, and providing aggregate reports to the community and HUD on homeless conditions.

At the request of Oklahoma State University (OSU), members of the Homeless Services Network helped to humanely relocate up to 10 homeless men and women living in an encampment on OSU property by effectively using law enforcement, mental health, shelter and housing advocates.

The Homeless Service Network supported development and implementation of a dedicated fixed route transportation service for the homeless which currently makes 90 stops per day, Monday-Friday, at health, mental health, and human service agencies. The service is operated by Morton Comprehensive Health Services.

Enhancing Community Capacity to Respond to Community Emergencies

Tulsa Human Response Coalition (THRC)

The capacity for non-profit, faith-based, and public agencies to collaborate during community emergencies was enhanced during the THRC annual disaster table top exercise attended by more than 35 organizations.

Over 50 participants from non-profit and faith-based organizations benefited from an all-day Bridges Out of Poverty workshop to enhance their understanding and cultural sensitivity for those living in poverty.

Training and protocols were established to address how community organizations can work together to minimize cultural backlash against minority populations during disasters and emergencies.

Tulsa Weather Coalition

Over 200 low income households with disabled or seriously ill members benefited from the loan of a room size air conditioner, reducing possible deaths or unnecessary hospitalizations.

Linking People with Helping Services

2-1-1

In its second full year of operation, 2-1-1 served more than 85,000 callers, a 15% increase over the number of callers served in 2006. Outcomes from follow-up contacts demonstrate a 90% satisfaction rate with 2-1-1's service. The speed at which 2-1-1 calls are answered is so efficient that fewer than 10% of all callers hang-up while waiting to speak with a Service Specialist.

In April of 2007, 2-1-1's service area expanded from 6 to 12 Oklahoma counties serving a population of over one million people.

In partnership with the Tulsa City-County Health Department, 2-1-1 has created an emergency back-up site supported by an electric generator, an enhanced telephone system and computerized work stations.

2-1-1's health and human service database was significantly upgraded to comply with Oklahoma resource data standards, and the addition of service details on over 680 organizations operating in 2-1-1's 12 county service area.

Babyline, Planline, and Kidline

Babyline, Planline and Kidline provided early access to health care for low to moderate income families by making medical appointments at 18 clinics for over 4,500 clients. The health lines provided critical links to case management, nutrition programs, and other supplemental programs for mothers and children.

CSC Organizational Development

Long Range Planning

The work of CSC's Long Range Committee continued in 2007 focused on preparation of reports and presentations on the first 5 issues listed below as the most critical sources of the growing "perfect storm" of major converging changes confronting the Tulsa community and the work of the Council.

1. Lack of opportunity for mass employment with livable wage for unskilled/low-skilled persons ...related to loss of manufacturing jobs due to technology, outsourcing, increased productivity, etc.
2. Current and increasing labor shortage related to filling mostly skilled jobs (plumbers to nurses to electricians to high tech manufacturing to human

resource managers) due to increased retirement of baby boomers and need to fill highly skilled jobs of the future, including many jobs that have not even appeared yet

3. Aging of the population and its impact on everything
4. Immigration and overall increased racial/ethnic diversity
5. Health care and its significance in preparing a workforce, services to the growing aging population, and the restructuring of health care financing to meet the massive need
6. The growing challenge to the American culture to develop a national purpose and a commitment to the common good
7. Environmental changes that especially affect water and food supplies
8. Future supply of energy...its sources and how we get there

Two forces that overlay all the above forces are the advances in technology and the impact of globalization. Each may be friend or foe as we consider responses.

Several presentations have been made on the CSC "perfect storm." Work groups on the 5 priority sources currently under examination are being developed to stimulate the most effective community response, including the Council's responsibilities going forward.

In September, CSC hosted the fall Board meeting of the National Association of Planning Councils (NAPC), of which Tulsa's council is a founding member. Planning council executives from across the country expressed great interest in Tulsa's analysis of these "perfect storm" trends and their implications for planning and action in local communities. As a result, NAPC requested a presentation by CSC at the May 2008 national conference, where "global trends, local impacts," as presented in Tulsa's model, will be the theme. Also the Alliance for Human Services in Miami, Florida invited CSC Associate Director Jan Figart to present this at their annual Human Services Institute. Requests are increasing for CSC presentations on these issues.