



December 20, 2011

Dear New England Community Action Agencies & State Associations:

It is my pleasure to formally announce the establishment of the New England Community Action Partnership (NECAP), the Region I Community Action collaborative promoting exemplary administrative and programmatic practices, and serving as a platform for unified advocacy.

NECAP is an exciting regional association, and we want you to be a part of it! Membership is open to all New England Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and state CAA associations.

Why become a member? Together, we are stronger and better equipped to help our region's struggling families work their way toward greater economic security so they can participate more fully in their communities and the economy. Together, we can make New England an even better place to live. Together, we have a stronger voice with members of Congress and with the President. **A dues notice is enclosed with this letter, and we are asking you to respond right away.**

As part of NECAP's commitment to exemplary practices and unified advocacy, we are hosting "From Disparity to Shared Prosperity: NECAP's 2012 Issues Forum," January 20-21, 2012 at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, MA. We will be joined by distinguished guests, including **David R. Williams, Ph.D.**, Harvard Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health, Professor of African and African American Studies; **David Bradley**, Executive Director, National Community Action Foundation; **Members of Congress**; and **Carsey Institute experts!**

This forum will include our **annual meeting and elections**, so please book your hotel room before our **January 3, 2012 deadline**. Just enter "NECAP2012" under "Groups" on the registration page at www.charleshotel.com. Registration will be up soon at www.necap1.org.

I thank you in advance for your membership, and I look forward to seeing you in January. In the meantime, connect with us at www.facebook.com/necapnews, and www.twitter.com/necapnews!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph E. Mann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joseph E. Mann
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President/CEO, Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc. (NEON)

Enc.: NECAP 2012 Dues Notice
"From Disparity to Shared Prosperity: NECAP's 2012 Issues Forum" Flyer