What we’ve done so far

Events
Regional equity
Early literacy
Springfield 2030 (MassINC/UMass Urban Institute)
Social investing and entrepreneurship
Breaking the Silence workshop series
Municipal indicators
UMass care sector research
Undoing Racism introduction
Mason Square Youth Ambassadors/Governor’s office

Blog
29,032 views since 2/17/09
150-1,000 views per day
194 posts, 19 categories
6 contributors

Media clips
Regular section in El Sol Latino
Six additional placements in local media
NY Times blog (Economix)
NY Times letter to the editor

Fee-for-service projects
North End Coalition (assessment, strategic plan)
Holyoke Food & Fitness Policy Council
Hampshire Council of Governments (assessment, strategic plan)

Participation in other initiatives
Springfield Children’s Zone/Promise Neighborhood
Springfield Wellness Leadership Council
Substance Abuse Policy Institute
Census Complete Count Committee
Amherst College (five colleges) January term course
El Sol Latino strategic alliance

Organizational milestones
Office space (x2), furnished, utilities
4 Amherst College summer interns
3 young people from NEFWC
Name change (PD to SI)
What should we aspire to do?

Collect and maintain demographic data
Springfield/Holyoke youth
The arts
More blog contributors, compensation for bloggers
Expand board, clarify roles and responsibilities
Explore SI/SPF/HSF consolidation
Dues system for higher ed
More fee-for-service and third-party funding
Outdoor film series?
Candidate workshops
Signs

Create vitality
Inspire
Set an example of performance, accountability, and transparency
Raise expectations
Cultivate and support emerging leaders
Import resources
Cultivate local capacity
Seek out underrepresented groups, transmit their stories
Renew local democracy