



Frequently Asked Questions about Serving on the Community Action Coalition for South Central WI, Inc. (CAC) Board as a community member or low-income representative.

- 1. *What does CAC do?*** The mission of CAC is”to develop economic and social capacities of individuals families and communities to reduce poverty in Dane, Jefferson and Waukesha Counties.” CAC works with people to help people affected by poverty have better lives through a variety of programs and services.
- 2. *Do I have to be low-income myself to qualify as a low-income representative to the board?*** No. All you need to qualify to serve in this capacity is an understanding of poverty issues affecting people and their communities.
- 3. *What does a community member mean in terms of serving on the board?*** It means that you are involved in an organization that has an interest in helping people affected by poverty, or that your company would like to be involved in the community and you have an interest in representing that company. In either case, serving on CAC;s board might be just the right fit!
- 4. *Do I have to live in the county I would represent?*** “All board members shall reside or be employed in the county they represent,” according to CAC by-laws.
- 5. *How often does the board meet?*** “At a minimum the board shall meet at least six times (a year) and at least every ten weeks,” according to CAC by-laws Meetings rotate between the three counties. Generally, the meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of alternating months from 6-8 pm. Locations rotate among the three counties.
- 6. *What if I need help with gas money?*** Reimbursement for mileage or other eligible expenses is provided for low-income members of the board.
- 7. *What is the time commitment involved?*** Members are expected to attend monthly meetings and help in other ways as time permits, including committees.
- 8. *Do I have to have experience on a board in order to serve on the CAC board?*** No experience is required for this position, just a desire to help people have better lives.

Other questions? Please call Greta Hansen at (608)246-4730 Ext. 217 or email her at ghansen@cacscw.org.