

**CITY OF MADISON:
Planning and Community and
Economic Development Dept:
CD Division**

Memo

To: Members of the Community Development Block Grant Committee
From: Hickory Hurie
Date: 12/06/2012
Re: Status of the Neighborhood Center Study

The Neighborhood Center Study Team has developed some suggestions about the funding system for current centers, and criteria for the development of new centers.

We have obtained some feedback on specific components of the study from the Mayor and alders who serve on the four policy groups within the Division that are involved in the funding of community agencies, including the Community Services Committee, the CDBG committee, the Early Childhood Committee and the Committee on Aging.

We have met twice in recent weeks with the neighborhood center directors to obtain their perspectives, reviewed some suggestions from them on the two major issues of current funding and new centers, and have made some revisions in the preliminary recommendations.

Representatives of the Study Team are meeting this Friday with the center directors to discuss those revisions, complete the study draft, and then introduce the study for formal referral and discussion to the Council and the Division's related policy groups. We suggest that the two lead committees hold a joint meeting on January 17 to begin review of the report.

I apologize for the delays and rescheduling. All of us hoped to be able to deliver a good study to you several months ago. We look forward to an excellent discussion of the draft in January.