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Hi, Toni. I just wanted to give you a heads up that we have a challenging situation with the Humboldt Park Safety Net Works (SNW) program. The SNW program is similar to NRI in that lead agencies in the community select their partners through an application process assisted by a SNW coalition. I won't go into the messy details unless you want me to, but an unsuccessful applicant (led by Rory Guerra, Steven Guerra's brother) challenged the process. His agency, New Saints of Humboldt Park, was at first recommended for funding and then withdrawn by the YMCA, because we pointed out fiscal capacity concerns (but encouraged use of a fiscal agent which is how a neighboring NRI agency is handling New Saints). The chair of the SNW advisory committee put in writing that their reconsideration process was flawed, but argues that the ultimate decision (not to fund New Saints and to split the case mgt component funding between two other groups who applied, including the Y itself) was a good one for the community. Rory, of course, objects to this and is continuing to raise concerns. We will be asking the lead, the Humboldt Park YMCA, to do the process over again.

I just wanted you to be aware that this is happening.

Thanks,
Barbara