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Hi Nancy.

This is great news!! Next steps would be to get a group together- up to 10 individuals from the Pequot Lakes community- a makeup of public, private, nonprofit, school, students, community members representing marginalized populations- we are trying to bring folks to the table that may not usually be a part of these conversations and those that this initiative seeks to be welcoming to.

I know that the EDC is the lead group on this and the makeup of that group alone may represent many of these individuals yet we want to make sure this process and final project reflects the voice of the community. Hence the makeup of the group. Molly Zins might be interested in being a part of the group- she is a resident of Pequot Lakes and works for the U of M Extension. Let me know if you would like to reach out to her and are in need of her contact information.

Once a group is created, we can set our first meeting, which will include the Intercultural Inventory Assessment for the group. I will send out a welcome email to the group, along with information on the IDI and a general overview of the Welcoming Communities program.

I would be happy to have another phone call or come and visit with you and Chris if you feel it would be helpful in next steps. Let me know what you think. I am looking forward to this- thanks Nancy!

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