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## CLR e-Briefs

A legal information resource for Community Legal Resources' clients

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### **Whistleblowing and Open-door policies workshop** **Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Join Michigan Nonprofit Association for a special one hour "brown bag" session with Community Legal Resources (CLR) volunteer attorney Charlotte Garry Carne, a Butzel Long associate specializing in employment law.

The session will focus on whistleblower protection and open-door policies - two ways that a non-profit can make clear its commitment to fairness, legal and ethical standards, and organizational responsibility. Learn what these policies are, when your non-profit may be required to have them, and some useful "first steps" that you can take to make them part of your organization's culture.

Where: Youthville Detroit, 7375 Woodward, Detroit, 48202

Cost: \$10.00 for Michigan Nonprofit Association Members and clients of Community Legal Resources. \$15.00 for non-members/non-clients. CLR Members should mark the "Member" box when registering on-line in order to get the reduced rate.

Registration includes beverages; please bring your own lunch!

**Registration: Available on-line at [www.manonline.org/workshops.asp](http://www.manonline.org/workshops.asp). For more information, visit [www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp) or contact 313-309-1650**



## **MNA Getting Started Workshop - How to start a 501(c)(3) Public Charity in Michigan**

***Wednesday, March 7, 2007***

MNA is offering a valuable workshop for those interested in starting a nonprofit organization. Presented by Mitzy Sharp Futro, this session will provide information on the start-up process, planning considerations, and best practices.

The session is scheduled for 8:30a.m. until 5:00p.m. and will be held at MNA's office in Lansing: 1048 Pierpont Dr., Suite 3, Lansing, MI 48911. Registration for MNA members is \$60, for non-members the fee is \$75. Registration includes a copy of "Getting Started: A Guide to Starting a 501(c)(3) Public Charity in the State of Michigan" (\$35 value).

**For more information or to register online, visit [www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp](http://www.mnaonline.org/workshops.asp), call (517) 492-2400 or e-mail [aking@mnaonline.org](mailto:aking@mnaonline.org).**

## **Public Policy 201: Advanced Advocacy**

***March 19, 2007, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.***

Ever wonder what a "rider" is? Or how fiscal notes are put together? And can anyone draft a bill? Come to our Ask-the-Expert session on advanced legislative and administrative processes. This training will feature speakers who will highlight resources available at the Capitol which assist advocates to engage in the process.

Presenters: Ed Blews, Association for Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards; and Evie Zois, Dykema.



Registration Deadline: March 12, 2007. This session will be held at MNA's Metro Detroit Partnership Office, Youthville, 7375 Woodward Ave.

The registration fee is \$25.00. To register online, visit MNA's website: [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org)

## MCDDA Technical Assistance

### Conference

*Community Development 101: Back to the Basics - March 22, 2007*

The Community development arena continues to transform. The practices and regulations are constantly evolving. To assist community development practitioners, the Michigan Community Development Directors Association (MCDDA) is offering a spring conference that will address a number of important topics.

The session will provide a Community Development Block Grant overview that will look at eligible projects and establishing program guidelines. There will be HUD and MSHDA updates and sessions on inspection techniques.

**The conference will be coordinated by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), HUD and MSHDA staff and local practitioners. Registration materials and information will be coming soon. For additional information, contact Clarinda Barnett- Harrison at SEMCOG at (313) 961-4266.**

**Contact CLR with any questions or legal needs**



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