

“PRICE OF INEQUALITY” COMMUNITY STUDY OUTLINE

Study Question: *“What are the specific ways in which the Chequamegon Bay region is impacted by economic inequality, and what can we do about it?”*

TIMELINE:

November 2014-May 2016 (18 months)

PROPOSED FORMAT:

Scope: 1983-2013

Focus on five areas of impact:

- Employment- wages/benefits, un/underemployment, small business, enterprise development, agriculture, job loss/gains
- Public education - K-12, WITC
- Health care costs/health insurance coverage
- Government services
- Taxes

Identify policies that have had either positive or negative impact, and propose alternative policies where needed

PROCESS:

Collect both statistical data and stories

Form 5 subcommittees for 5 focus areas - meet monthly

Report at whole group meeting - every other month

Resource people invited to present at community forums over the 18 month period (eg. Laura Dresser from COWS in January 2015)

FINAL PRODUCT:

Each focus area prepares 5 page report. Summary overview and recommendations.

Community Panel Presentation in April/May 2016