

Community Education & Public Policy Committee Meeting

April 10, 2017

1100 W 42nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46205

3-4:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

In attendance: Antonio Alexander, Emmy Hildebrand, Danny Camacho, Sandy Jeffers, Don Sawyer, Amanda Wilkerson, Kirsten Bush, Rachael Sample (CHIP), Zach Alexander (CHIP)

Welcome & Introductions

Rev Antonio Alexander & Amanda Wilkerson

Selecting a Secretary

The committee asked that at this time, the CHIP staff liaison continue fulfilling the role of secretary. As the committee builds regular attendance they will revisit the discussion about a secretary.

Spirit & Place Event Discussion

Zach Alexander

Zach provided an update to the planning for the Spirit & Place event. As a reminder, it will be similar to the "Tunnel of Oppression" experience, so it will involve needing a space. He is currently doing site visits, and had a very promising one at a location in the Garfield Park area. He shared that the application is relatively simple, involving only a basic description so that the committee will still be finalizing details for the next few months. Zach will organize a spreadsheet for the committee with the various tasks and responsibilities so that committee members can select things to do. Danny and Kirsten both expressed interest in working closely on the event with Zach.

Strategy Grid Review and Update

Rachael Sample

Rachael went over the committee charge work grid and discussed where we are on several of the projects. She will send the PowerPoint the committee worked on last year, and any other resources with meeting minutes.

Update on The Jungle encampment closure

Committee Members

Several main concerns were brought forward by the committee about The Jungle and the process that the community is currently taking on supporting the individuals who had been residing there.

- 1) Unclear process for how information is disseminated or the expectation of how information is shared with the community, especially persons experiencing homelessness
- 2) Concern that the "list" of individuals who lived in The Jungle will not be representative of the actual individuals who lived there when the closure/relocation first started.

- 3) Lack of an understanding of how to communicate with the City or a person with the CoC who can liaise with the city when emergencies arise.

The committee would like to set up some processes, contact persons and action steps in coordination with the Blueprint Council. It would also like to better understand the role the committee can take to represent the CoC, or how any committee could express concerns over a crisis that impacts individuals experiencing homelessness.

Next steps:

Rev. Antonio and Rachael will reach out to relevant partners at Partners in Housing, Anthem, Paul Babcock at the City, and Danielle at CHIP. Don and Amanda will provide copies of their lists of residents to Danielle so that she can work with Brad York at Anthem on the applications.

Committee Member Recruitment

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We will continue to look at other meeting space locations to be as accessible as possible to homeless individuals. Emmy will let Rev Antonio, Amanda, Rachael and Zach know if HVAF is available for future meetings.

Future meeting dates:

May 8

June 13