

**What:** Blueprint Council

**When:** December 8, 2014

**Attendance:** Michael Butler, Phil Smith, Bill Moreau, Julia Kathary, Sandy Jeffers, Derek Reinbold, Julie Fidler, Jennifer Fults, Samantha Spergel, Erica Aquila, Crystal Haslett, Amy Nelson, Jeremy Turner, Kay Wiles, Rebekah Bricker, Matt Holland, Laura Alvarado, Mary Jones, Betsy Whaley, Leslie Kelly, Paul Harris

**Where:** 3737 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

**Meeting Order 9:06 a.m.**

**Welcome and Instructions:**

Skipped agenda approval of April 6 minutes

**Public Policy and Community Education Committee:**

Matt Holland said the "My Four Walls" film viewing and panel went well. There were 50 people that attended at the Central Library. Panel was well facilitated by Lori Casson and it created a great dialogue. The committee hopes to increase the numbers for the next time.

The committee had a great meeting with United Way of Central Indiana Public Policy Director Andrew Cullen. Proposal 291 has been the main focus recently.

We did an installation of "kids" at Roberts Park Church. We will need to work to have a sign so we can create better awareness.

This group's intention to start a conversation and get stakeholders involved remains as its focus.

Our next meeting is at 9 a.m. at HIP next Tuesday. Let Joan or I know if you want to be there so HIP can prepare visitor badges.

**Proposal 291**

Bill Moreau said it appears as if the documentary Uncharted was the beginning of the proposal. Councilor Robinson is motivated by the issue of ending homelessness in the city. This recent proposal has triggered the first discussion on homelessness by the city-county council since 2007. Moreau said the community should be grateful to Councilor Robinson for being a champion.

The proposal draws from other state bills that were passed in Rhode Island, Illinois and Connecticut. This proposal would impact those living on public property, not private party. If the city intends to move a homeless person along they would have to have an adequate housing option available. This proposal does not infer that there is an unlimited amount of housing. The property must be available and city-approved. Mr. Moreau stated that it was interesting the proposal included the word housing as opposed to shelter.

#### Discussion about Proposal 291:

- Jennifer Fults, referring to the storage of property, said the staff of community and economic development is grant writers and administration. They are not service providers. She also expressed concern about how the facility will be paid for and capacity. She has expressed those concerns through a city-county council liaison.
- Leslie Kelly asked if Councilor Robinson brought the attached budget for the full council meeting and what the costs were.
- Amy Nelson said the money would be allocated from the sheriff's budget. It would be about \$740,000.
- Betsy said there wasn't any money to be available to pay for the wrap-around services.
- Leslie agreed that it would be financially difficult for service providers to provide that level of service, if financially obligated.
- Mary Jones said it would not be possible through HMIS to measure available housing and keep track of it. Mary also encouraged that people should express their opinion about the proposal.

Bill clarified CHIP's role in the proposal since he was representing CHIP at the meeting. He said one of the priorities for CHIP is the engagement center. Mr. Larry Reuben testified at the committee meeting. Reuben said that if the money can't be used for an engagement center then it needs to be used to help the homeless.

Members of the committee said they are in support of the Bill of Rights, but are concerned about the finances.

#### **What is the committee's process with proposals?**

Mary Jones expressed concern about the process whereby emails were sent to committee members, which seemed to urge full support from the continuum. Her concern was that there was inadequate discussion or vetting about the bills before sending these emails.

#### Discussion about the proposal process:

- Phil Smith said Matt's committee is dealing with an issue that is common when collaborative organizations address legislative issues. He suggested that the committee directly address these procedural issues for the future. He also noted that
- Amy Nelson said the proposal moved very quickly and that it would have been difficult for everyone to meet.
- Jennifer Fults said she did not feel like she had a chance to interject in the chain of emails. She would have preferred to have an open dialogue before the emails were sent urging support.
- Matt said the Public Policy and Community Education committee was trying to deal with a fast-breaking issue without a definite process in place. He appreciated everyone's concerns and comments and that they will take everyone's interest in mind in the future.
- Betsy Whaley wondered if there could be a private online forum.

- Julia Kathary said a discussion is fruitful because it makes her aware of other facets of the proposal for which she normally would not be aware.

### **Proposal 215**

Amy Nelson said that Proposal 215 would be voted on the same night as Proposal 291. She asked for people who have been affected by Section 8 housing discrimination to testify. Jennifer Fults said the city would like to put together a task force to further study the issue.

### **PATA**

Amy Nelson said the committee has been working since the August meeting. They have made changes to the Community Review Process and cleared up any ambiguities that occurred in the first meeting. Training dates will be set up in the future.

Amy moved to approve the new CRP. Jeremy seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CCRH:**

Family shelters have moved toward trauma-informed care which is resulting in longer stays, more shelter turn ways. As a result, HIP's hotel stays are also increasing. Kay Wiles said the group has several recommendations.

1. Create similar level of accounting
2. Increase shelter staffing
3. Efficient use of resources
4. Effort to move toward Rapid Re-Housing Model
5. Communicate with BWI about future properties

The group would like to work within the Continuum of Care to create a coordinated effort and provide feedback.

The increase of shelter turn ways is becoming a safety issue within the domestic violence community. HIP's hotel fees cost \$43,000. Crystal Haslett expressed interest in having a McKinney-Vento Liaison at the table.

Laura mentioned the possibility of reaching out City Mosaic, a coalition of churches through the city of Indianapolis.

Betsy made a motion for the Blueprint Council to recognize the CCRH as a work group in the Continuum of Care. Leslie seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Planning and Investment:**

Jeremy said the 2015 methodology was approved. The funding matrix has received great feedback. It is a living document. Please send any feedback to Mary or I.

### **Support Services Task Force**

We recently went on a tour of 211 to learn more about that service. We have reviewed the gaps analysis and will continue to look for the resources available and resources needed in each township. We will also be looking at community centers in the future.

### **Other Items:**

CSH has put out a RFP for Pay for Success, which is similar to a small impact bond. Michael Butler will send this item out to the full committee.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:33 a.m.**