

What: BPC Minutes

When: August 19, 2015

Where: Damien Center, 26 N. Arsenal Avenue

Who: Samantha Spergel, Jennie Fults, Courtney Purnell, Erica Aquila, Betsy Whaley, Aaron Kalinowski, Laura Alvarado, Phil Smith, Terri Garcia, Adam Hutton, Mary Jones, Sandy Jeffers, Rebekah Bricker, Jeremy Turner, Michael Butler, Alan Witchey, Julia Kathary, Leslie Kelly, Paul Harris

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction

Phil Opened the meeting and felt introductions were not necessary.

Minutes

Minutes from May 26 unanimously approved.

Community Education

Recent work activities have included review of PIT data and making recommendation that the report narrative focus on family homelessness and chronic homelessness. Supported the viewing of the movie "At Home" at the Central Library. The committee is still looking at and grappling with what to recommend as a public policy agenda for the COC and how to approach it. Currently not doing much on re-entry. The question was asked if re-entry should be a public policy issue.

Housing and Services

They have been working to generate a survey for persons who are homeless and at-risk. Working with Trustee offices to survey those individuals who sought rental assistance in the last 3 months, and working with McKinney Vento Liaisons. They have created a letter to be sent out to try to hone in on gaps in the 9 townships seeking input from service partners to help identify those gaps. A team from the committee has been developing the survey tool. Timeline for the entire process with the goal of implementing at least one finding from the survey is now through March 2016. They need support in Pike Township to help engage providers. They currently have engagement in 6 of the 9 townships, currently the southern townships are not actively engaged. It was suggested that the Mayor's Neighborhood Liaisons may be a resource to be connected to the committee and this effort.

Housing Task Force

The committee recently had both the mayoral candidates, Chuck Brewer and Joe Hogsett speak at a meeting. Committee members who attended provided their thoughts on the meeting and the candidates. Chuck Brewer did go out on outreach with Pourhouse, Inc. Julia will reach out to Hogsett's campaign to see if Hogsett would want to go out on outreach.

Coordinated Entry

The committee has stalled. The tool previously developed was found not to be useful. The committee is currently searching for ideas. ESG providers have been brought together.

Planning and investment/Program Application and Technical Assistance

The committee(s) has been fairly active. They recently developed a set of funding priorities to align more closely with HUD's standards. The group decided to set the top 51 percent of NOFA ranked projects to align with HUD's top three priorities. The rankings are not final. The Mayor still needs to sign-off on the rankings and the renewals. Alan has spoken with the lowest-ranked project and informed them that \$31,249 is being de-funded from the CoC renewal grant.

HMIS is the last ranked tier 1 project. The committee does not need to meet with IHA because it is a new project and the process is different with new projects. Tier 2 projects may not be funded.

The final rankings will be posted on the website soon.

It is high priority to find a chair for the Program Application and Technical Assistance Committee.

Jenny Fults made a motion to vote on the final rankings. Erica seconded the motion. The rankings were approved unanimously.

The group has discussed implementing a peer review process. Higher performing agencies will work with lower performing agencies to improve their work.

The Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence has a set standards for its programs and these programs are reviewed every three years to make sure those standards are being followed.

BPC Elections

Six seats are opening up. The election committee is comprised of Michael Butler and Phil Smith, Terri Bailey, Brianna Gates, Tyler Stumm, Colleen Gore (66% of the committee are non-BPC members).

The first meeting is scheduled for August 26th and will either be in person at CHIP or via a conference call. The group will follow the same process and procedures as a prior election.

The nomination form used previously will be sent over. Self-nominations are allowed. Paper nominations will be available various provider locations. CHIP will house the electronic vote and it will be sent out via Survey Monkey.

Timeline:

- Nomination forms sent out: Thursday, October 1st
- Nominations close: Thursday, October 25th

If one person is nominated in multiple categories, then the nominee will need to choose which category to be nominated in. Michael will send a document about the election rules in regards to nominations.

The seats up for nomination are: McKinney-Vento Liaison, formerly homeless, two at-large members, direct service provider, and healthcare provider.

Agenda Items for next CoC meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st.

The agenda will: look at peer review, have ESG funding recommendations presented, have committee presentations, discuss transitional housing, engage audience members through a brainstorming session, continue to evaluate the health of PATA, possibly review a meeting with HUD, discuss the possibility of new projects due to funding openings, and review the blueprint.

Additional Items

Erica told everyone her last day with the city is August 28th. She thanked committee members for their time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.