

## Blueprint Council August Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2014

\*None of the implementation plans have been approved by the Continuum of Care

Attendees: Laura Alvarado (School on Wheels), Phil Smith (Partners in Housing), Sandy Jeffers (Pathway to Recovery), Jeremy Turner (Damien Center), Derek Reinbold (City of Indianapolis, Intern), Julie Fidler (City of Indianapolis, Grant Director), Mary Jones (United Way), Christy Shepard (CHIP), Michael Butler (CHIP), Crystal Haslett (McKinney Vento-Liason), Kathy Pedrotti Hays (Social Legends), Sue Reed (Advocacy Council), Val Hogston (Advocacy Council Chair), Matt Holland (HIP), Joan Harvey (Indianapolis Public Library), Rebekah Bricker (Eskenazi Health), Kelly Frank (Social Legends), Amy Nelson (Fair Housing), Jenny White (Coburn Place), Jennifer Fults (City of Indianapolis, Administrator), Adam Hutton (VOA), Erica Aquila (HUD), Leslie Kelly (Horizon House), Samantha Spergel (City of Indianapolis)

Absent: Julia Kathary (Coburn Place), Betsy Whaley (Julian Center), Terri Garcia (Southeast Community Services)

Continuum of Care Blueprint Chair Phil Smith welcomed the Blueprint council members to the August agenda.

### **Committee Alignments**

Mary Jones discussed the new alignment of the committees. There were eight committees previously and those committees were reduced to four committees. The reason behind this reduction was that committee members saw overlap between several committee members.

### **Program Application and Technical Assistance**

Amy Nelson presented the implementation plan on Program Application and Technical Assistance.

### **Planning Investment and Strategy**

Jeremy Turner discussed the implementation plan for the Planning and Investment strategy.

### **Housing and Service**

Laura Alvarado discussed the strategy for the Housing and Service action plan. Alvarado mentioned that the group has found trouble in not wanting to overlap with other groups. Because of that, her group hopes to be an internal education source between providers and those receiving services. There's also a need to identify needs and wants for transitional housing too. The Coordinated Access moved from a steering committee and this new group will address the framework, outcomes, and who the partners are in the future.

### **Community Education and Policy**

Joan Harvey discussed the strategy of the Community Education Policy implementation plan.

### **Comments, questions and concerns**

There several additions to the different implementation plans. The Community Education and Policy plan was asked to further address its allies in the creation of an engagement center, especially with the possibility of new zoning laws. The Faces of Homelessness/Beyond Perceptions action would take place at the Indianapolis Art Center.

The council was concerned about the Housing and Services committee not addressing the southern townships of Decatur, Franklin, and Perry especially with the recent news that there has been a major increase in homeless students outside of Center Township. Those increases include those southern townships. The Marion County Reentry Coalition has disbanded and would be joining the Continuum of Care.

Planning and Investment was asked to share their findings with other committee members, to identify the best practices to target, as well what community investments they, as a committee can help push forward. The council also brought forward the notion of working with affluent groups and other community partners and to possibly look at other ways to lower utility costs. The committee was also asked to look at a user-friendly way to share data.

### **Blueprint Council Committee Roles**

Council Chair Smith discussed the current assignments and expectations of the Blueprint Council Committee. The committee acts as the governing board and will continue to monitor the Continuum of Care. It is also expected that committee chairs will be at every meeting and will serve on the Blueprint Council.

### **Governance Charter Amendments**

Council Chair Smith presented the Governance Charter amendments, which were highlighted in the material presented to council member. The Governance Charter committee will also disband upon the approval of the amendments. The council did not make any additions or changes.

### **Annual CoC activities: 2014-15 and recurring**

Christy Shepard asked committee members to review the reoccurring annual activities of the Continuum of Care required by the governance charter. Shepard said a committee would be formed and asked for volunteers in building the 2015. Jennifer Fults, Adam Hutton, and Leslie Kelly volunteered for the committee. Mary Jones, Phil Smith and Christy Shepard will also sit on the committee. The committee will monitor dates and make sure the council is meeting deadlines.

### **Annual Community Report/State of the CoC**

Christy Shepard asked council members to each share moments of accomplishment during the past year. Members discussed the increased awareness of other organizations; recognition from outside business and organizations; and creation of a community ranking process.

### **CoC Funding Renewal Process**

Amy Nelson asked for feedback from the community review process. Council members expressed concerns about the process, including: making changes in the training process; changes in the way presenters showcase their information; and summarization of APRs of others. Council members were thoughtful of the process and were very happy with how the first year went.

### **Full CoC Meeting Agenda**

Council Chair Smith addressed the agenda for the upcoming Continuum of Care meeting on August 27, 2014 at the Indiana Interchurch Center. Smith asked for an open call. There will be a power point presentation and each committee member will have 10 minutes to present their action plan. Action plans, the governance charter and the agenda will be placed on the website for members of the continuum to review.

*Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.*