

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | FEBRUARY 10, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

CHIP, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 10:33 A.M.

- Mary Jones is running late; Alan Witchey is filling in as chair until she arrives
 - Mary Jones arrived at 10:39 a.m. and resumed role as chair
- Blueprint Council members in attendance: Laura Alvarado, Raymond Berry, Rebekah Bricker, Michael Butler, Jennie Fults, Crystal Haslett, Sandy Jeffers, Mary Jones, Aaron Kalinowski, Julia Kathary, Leslie Kelly, Kirk Taylor, Jeremy Turner, Jenni White, Michelle Winfield, Alan Witchey
- Guests in attendance: Antonio Alexander, Gabbie Benson, Kim Boyd, Lori Casson, Frederick Crawford, David Greene, Audrey Nannenga, Karin Thornburg
- Blueprint Council members absent: Julie Fidler, Terri Garcia, Matt Holland, Courtney Purnell, Sue Reed

II. BLUEPRINT COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. CHAIRS FOR COMMITTEES

- Think about appointing new chairs for the committees

B. NOMINATIONS FOR BLUEPRINT COUNCIL CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

- Taking nominations for Blueprint Council; can vote next Blueprint Council meeting or the following charter
- Leslie Kelly asks if we need to seat a chair immediately or if we can seat a chair after the elections take place
- Send out a notice after today's meeting (with chart that shows Blueprint Council tenures) to remind Blueprint Council members to think about possible nominations for new Chair

C. ELECTION AD HOC WORKGROUP

- Election Ad Hoc Workgroup suggested that only one person from each organization should sit on the workgroup
 - This removes Tenise Chandler (Purpose of Life), Tahirah McCall (HIP), and Courtney Purnell (City of Indianapolis) from the slate
- Presentation and appointment of non-council members
 - Blueprint Council members

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- Julia Kathary – Coburn Pace
- Alan Witchey – CHIP
- Sandy Jeffers – Pathway
- Matt Holland – HIP
- Jennie Fults – City of Indianapolis
- Non-Blueprint Council members
 - Reverend Antonio Alexander – Purpose of Life
 - Abby Vesga – Formerly homeless / homeless advocate
 - Tom Babb – Formerly homeless / homeless advocate
 - Don Sawyer – Homeless advocate
 - Rachael Candee – United Way
 - Karin Thornburg – Eskenazi
- Julia Kathary presented the slate above; **the Blueprint Council passed it unanimously**
- **Election process** – Julia Kathary suggests going with the projected elections timeline by the committee (see *supporting document*) because it will follow the current charter
- Michael Butler moves to let the election workgroup do its intended purpose and for the Blueprint Council to empower and implement their decisions
 - Jeremy Turner seconds; wants the election workgroup to address the second election in 2016
 - Julia Kathary thinks that this election workgroup is only to address the reelection, not for the second 2016 election
 - Alan Witchey mentions that the charter revisions may impact the second election whereas the reelection is bound to the original charter
 - Laura Alvarado supports this; doesn't want a full CoC meeting AND the Support Services data review as two separate events in the same week; suggests combining both into one day
 - Leslie Kelly supports this; likes the idea of a 30-day notice to eliminate any confusion (as stated in charter)
- **The Blueprint Council passed Michael Butler's recommendation unanimously**
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D. APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER REVISION WORKGROUP

- Sandy Jeffers suggests that the election ad hoc workgroup should be the charter revision workgroup
 - Karin Thornburg states that the election workgroup members signed on only to review the election, not to revise the charter

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- Leslie Kelly thinks that the revision of the charter is a much bigger task than instating an election process; she thinks it's a different committee
- Nominees to join the Charter Revision Workgroup
 - Leslie Kelly
 - Jennie Fults
 - Michael Butler
 - Rebekah Bricker
 - Sandy Jeffers
 - Alan Witchey
- Jeremy Turner asks if there is a way to involve the full CoC to get them involved in the revision of the charter
 - Blueprint Council members will appoint additional members as needed

III. UPDATES AND ACTION ITEMS BY COMMITTEE

A. PLANNING & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

- Blueprint 2.0 Review
 - TAC (consulting group) got the Blueprint review to the Planning & Investment Committee on the day of their meeting; Planning & Investment needs their March meeting to fully discuss the review
- Performance Metrics & development of committee work plans
 - 2014 work plans for 2015 fell by wayside; wants to recreate successful, performance-measured work plans for future years to promote success
 - Jeremy Turner and Jennie Fults agrees that this is a good step, but an outside consultation will be good for the committee and subcommittee work plans

B. PROGRAM APPLICATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

- Transitional housing funding for HUD priorities only
 - No formal report (no presenter present)
 - PATA believes that Indy should move away from transitional housing funding unless it is a HUD priority (substance abuse, youth, and domestic violence)
 - Gabie Benson presents on behalf of Transitional Housing Workgroup

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- TAC helped develop case support for funding for transitional housing to appeal to other funders
- Removal of HUD funding for transitional housing programs will impact families in homelessness in Indianapolis
- Removing two high performers will impact HUD score
- One more year of funding could help providers move to rapid rehousing programs
- Julia Kathary mentions that the Blueprint Council is only hearing the suggestion given by PATA; the voting and implementation of the motion is done by the full CoC because it has to do with HUD priorities

C. COMMUNITY EDUCATION & POLICY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

- Community Education & Policy Implementation Committee decided to split into two subcommittees (Community Education / Public Policy) to make sure tasks get fully done

D. HOUSING & SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Housing has collected information but needs to establish how the information should be analyzed
- Coordinated Entry has to be implemented this year to satisfy HUD requirements
- VA representation is increasing which is monumental for Indianapolis
- Housing wants more youth representation in Housing Committee
- Support Services has looked over 660 survey results preliminarily to look at service gaps
 - Zach Alexander and possible other volunteers are combing through data and compiling meaningful results
 - Hopeful for Wednesday, March 16 to review the data

IV. OTHER BUSINESS FOR MARCH MEETING

- Election Timeline discussion
- Blueprint Council Chair discussion
- Transitional Housing funding / HUD priority alignment discussion

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 12:15 P.M.