

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | MARCH 20, 2017

MEETING AGENDA

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – GABIE BENSON

- A. IN ATTENDANCE: Antonio Alexander, Scott Armstrong, Gabie Benson, William Bumphus, Danny Camacho, Bri Gates, Jennie Fults, David Greene, Crystal Haslett, Sandy Jeffers, Courtney Purnell, Nicole Spacey, Kirk Taylor, Michelle Winfield, Alan Witchey
- B. GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Babcock, Stephanie Friend, Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Carl Rochelle, Don Sawyer, Chris Sherwood, Robbie Slaughter

II. CONSENT AGENDA – MEMBERS

- A. Approve January minutes ***Action Item***
 - i. ***Blueprint Council unanimously approves January minutes***

III. BLUEPRINT COUNCIL BUSINESS - GABIE BENSON

- A. City update on the homeless camp evictions
 - i. Members of the Jungle camp are being removed on CSX property on 3/31
 - ii. City is hosting resource day at the Reuben Engagement Center on 3/21
 - 1. Transportation will be provided for individuals who want to attend
 - iii. Reach out to Anthem and Partners in Housing to provide housing with medical care
 - iv. CHIP is providing \$20,000 for treatment through Know Outlets money
 - v. City representatives and CHIP has reached out to CSX to extend the deadline and are adamant on the 3/31 deadline
 - vi. Hopefully this will generate a broader conversation on how to implement the Homeless Protections legislation when other issues arise
 - vii. Work with the City to find more affordable housing solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness to be more proactive than reactive

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B. Blueprint Council Retreat

- i. Retreat is on Tuesday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ii. Likely to do a second retreat after the strategic plan is underway
- iii. Send thoughts/comments to Zach through the Survey Monkey or via email

C. Blueprint 3.0 Steering Committee

- i. CHIP is in the process of hiring a consultant to drive the development of Blueprint 3.0
- ii. In the process of recruiting Blueprint 3.0 Steering Committee members to meet monthly
- iii. Refer to Blueprint 3.0 Process draft

D. Update from Carl Rochelle about the Reuben Engagement Center

- i. Through 2/28/2017, 38 unique clients
- ii. 72 clients through 3/20/2017
- iii. Average length of stay has moved from 3 days to 5.2 days
- iv. Starting July 1, the first 50 clients will be tracked for 3 years; all subsequent clients will be tracked for 6 months
- v. All clients have been homeless, although not necessarily “homeless” as defined by HUD
 1. May develop a metric to define “homeless” at a future date if over capacity
- vi. Have to be connected with an approved case worker / outreach team member to enter the facility at this point
 1. Could be open to the public at a later point in time
- vii. Always looking for monetary and in-kind donations: DVDs (PG-13 and under), soft-covered books, individual packaged snack food items, hygiene items
- viii. Contact Carl if you want to be designated as someone who can bring someone to the REC or an agency that a client can be exited to

E. Full CoC meeting agenda

- i. Systems modeling
- ii. Blueprint 3.0 Strategic Plan
- iii. Homelessness Systems Director
- iv. Differences in programs standards (provide copies)

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- v. New projects for NOFA
- vi. Status update on Jungle displacement
- vii. Reuben Engagement Center update
- viii. HUD budget cut update / advocacy update
- ix. Committee updates

IV. CoC COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Planning and Investment - Zach Gross

i. Revised Written Standards *Action Item*

1. Revised from the written standards passed in August 2016

a. High-level changes

- i. Added diversion and prevention
- ii. Completed program measures
- iii. Guidance on project transfers
- iv. Comparison between CoC and VA housing programs

b. Comments/edits

- i. Change verbiage to focus around “projects serving individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness” to accept the written standards
- ii. Worried the similarity between program standards of Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-housing will put clients in the wrong program model
 - 1. Coordinated Entry will implement the VI-SPDAT tool to allow client choice in whether they want Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Supportive Housing
 - 2. Potentially generate a flowchart to demonstrate how individuals/families choose different housing models
- iii. Jennie and the City will review any wording regarding City funding streams to make sure

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it is clear; they will send updates to Zach Gross

- c. ***The Blueprint Council will further review and edit the document before voting on it***

B. Program Application & Technical Assistance - Kirk Taylor

i. Policy updates - PATA

1. Appeals Process ***Action Item***

a. Changes

- i. Two grounds for appeal: scoring is in error or policy applied is incorrect
- ii. Appeals Committee makes the final decision
- iii. Invite agency appealing to be present if it desires

b. Edits

- i. Include that the decision letter will come from the Collaborative Applicant

- c. ***Blueprint Council unanimously approves updated Appeals Process with the addition that the decision letter will come from the Collaborative Applicant***

2. Ranking Process ***Action Item***

a. Changes

- i. Inclusion off New Project Application Committee (page 1)
- ii. Change word “will” to “may” or “commonly” to the renewal project ranking (page 2)
- iii. 90% utilization of project funds; if below that threshold, funds could be reallocated (page 3)
- iv. Poor performing projects could have funds involuntarily reallocated (page 3)
- v. Performance standards are higher, but projects are up 3 points on average because of it (page 4)

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b. ***Blueprint Council unanimously approves updated Ranking Process***

3. Scoring Tool ***Action Item***

a. Changes (not many from 2016)

- i. Dropped Housing First out of scoring and made it an required element to apply
- ii. Heavier weight in the “Returns to Homelessness” category which will affect programs where returns to homelessness are higher

b. ***Blueprint Council unanimously approves updated Scoring Tool***

4. Threshold requirements ***Action Item***

a. New tool

- i. Outlines minimum of 10 units/households in a year for a new project seeking funding
- ii. Must have 25% match
- iii. Participation in CoC
- iv. Renewal project has to spend at least 75% of previous grant award

b. ***Blueprint Council unanimously approves Threshold Requirements document***

C. Community Education & Public Policy - Rev. Antonio Alexander

- i. Welcome to Antonio Alexander for being elected the new chair
- ii. Amanda Wilkerson is the new co-chair
- iii. Main focus is on CoC communication to the public and taking a more active role in advocacy efforts

D. Housing & Services - Brianna Gates

- i. Welcome to Brianna Gates for being elected the new chair
- ii. Cheryl Reed is the new co-chair and spearheads the housing case conferencing
- iii. Currently focused on Permanent Supportive Housing providers, but want to start incorporate other housing models (transitional, Emergency Solutions Grants, Rapid Re-housing, etc.)
- iv. CHIP is holding the Rapid Re-housing and Permanent Supportive Housing waitlists

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1. Need to publicize to get more people to apply to the Rapid Re-housing waitlists
2. Need more conversations with shelters and other providers to get people to fill out housing applications

V. OTHER BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – MEMBERS

- A. CoC Written Standards will be reviewed and edited prior to discussion at the May Blueprint Council Meeting
- B. Marion County Re-entry Coalition (MCRC) and CHIP have a re-entry housing meeting that is open to anyone to join
- C. Stand behind lobbying group to advocate to fight against the cut to the HUD budget
 - i. Resources on the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) website

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – GABIE BENSON

- A. Next meeting: Monday, May 15 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at CHIP