

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | MAY 15, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

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, William Clayton, Julie Fidler, Jennie Fults, Brianna Gates, David Greene, Zach Gross, Crystal Haslett, Sandy Jeffers, Mary Jones, Courtney Purnell, Kirk Taylor, Kay Wiles, Michelle Winfield, Alan Witchey, Zach Alexander (notes)
- B. Guests in attendance: Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Zach Patterson, Rachael Sample, Don Sawyer

II. CONSENT AGENDA – MEMBERS

- A. Approve March minutes ***Action Item***
 - 1. *The Blueprint Council unanimously approve the March minutes*

III. BLUEPRINT COUNCIL BUSINESS - GABIE BENSON

- A. Blue Triangle Update - Scott Armstrong
 - 1. 5 moved in the first week, 18 last week, 3/day now
 - 2. Horizon House is the easiest to enroll clients into Anthem Medicaid; PBSO will be sending out navigators to enroll also
 - 3. Generate a “how to get enrolled with/switch enrollment to Anthem” info sheet
 - 4. Get a brief summary from PBSO so we can see if we can improve the communication process
 - 5. Schedule a “town hall” to bring the resources to the former Jungle residents
- B. PIT Count Update - Alan Witchey
 - 1. 10% increase - 1,783 individuals experiencing homelessness in 2017 PIT Count
 - 2. Majority of the increase are in sheltered individuals; Wheeler’s increase in available beds inform this increase
 - 3. Finalized report should be available by the end of the month
 - 4. The Homeless Youth Taskforce is conducting a Youth PIT Count in July 2017
- C. CoC Roles Evaluation Ad Hoc Workgroup - Gabie Benson
 - 1. Kirk Taylor, Mary Jones, David Greene, Alan Witchey will establish a process to create a CoC role evaluation process

- D. Increasing the homeless voice - Gabie Benson (2:40 - 2:55 P.M.)
 - 1. Incentivize attendance
 - a. Bus passes and food cards
 - 2. Change the format of the CoC meetings to make them more participatory
 - 3. Reestablish/reinvent a committee of homeless advocates
 - a. Clearly define the mission and expectations of the group
 - 4. Refer this back to the Executive Committee to issue next steps
- E. CoC Communication Plan - Rev. Antonio Alexander
 - 1. Response to the Mayor's announcement of 400 units
 - a. Pilot project of a CoC public statement
 - 2. Framework for future communication to the media/public
 - a. Community Education and Public Policy Committee decides if there is a need for a public message
 - b. Check the temperature of the Blueprint Council
 - c. Community Education and Public Policy Committee crafts a message
 - d. Sends it back to the Blueprint Council for approval
 - e. Community Education and Public Policy Committee finalizes the message and sends it off
 - 3. Response to BPC *** Action item ***
 - a.
 - b. Abstain - Jennie Fults, Crystal Haslett, Sandy Jeffers, Courtney Purnell, Michelle Winfield
 - c. ***The Blueprint Council approves the public message sent on behalf of the Blueprint Chair on the 400 units (after edits)***

IV. CoC COMMITTEE UPDATES (3:20 - 4:00 P.M.)

- A. Housing & Services - Bri Gates
 - 1. Official changed date of business meeting to every fourth Wednesday at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at United Way of Central Indiana
 - 2. Identified best ESG recipients
- B. Planning and Investment Update - Mary Jones
 - 1. Quarterly monitorings are occurring
 - a. Most agencies scores are improving
 - 2. Blueprint 3.0 Committee is underway
 - a. Literature review was recently completed its literature review of Indianapolis' CoC and other communities' CoCs
 - b. 29-member steering committee

- C. Program Application & Technical Assistance Update - Kirk Taylor
 - 1. NOFA is scheduled to drop this month (May)
 - 2. All new projects and letters of renewal have come in
 - 3. \$133 million increase in HUD money
 - a. \$12 million in data analytics
 - b. Additional youth demonstration project
 - c. \$40 million for CoCs who lost capacity
 - i. Indianapolis may qualify because of the loss of Tier 2 projects last year
 - d. Unaccounted for \$38 million - could be for bonus projects
- D. Community Education & Public Policy - Rev. Antonio Alexander
 - 1. Worked on the CoC response to the Mayor's announcement on the 400 units (see Article II Section E)
 - 2. Spirit and Place event has been submitted and we are awaiting acceptance

V. OTHER BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – MEMBERS

- A. June Blueprint Council Meeting
 - 1. We will need to meet again in June during the NOFA process. This meeting will be on **Monday, June 19 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Room at CHIP's building**
 - 2. We will also need to approve a revised version of the Written Standards and the Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures during this meeting.
- B. Panhandling
 - 1. Revamping the program formerly known as Know Outlets and rebranding it as **Street Reach Indy**
 - 2. Establishes a flexible, barrier buster fund
 - 3. Creating a position to manage and fundraise for the program
 - 4. Surveys will be conducted to gauge panhandling downtown
- C. Homelessness Systems Manager (Homeless Czar)
 - 1. The finalists interviewed with the Mayor and an announcement should be announced by the end of the month
 - 2. The position will meet with the Blueprint Council once hired

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – GABIE BENSON