

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & POLICY COMMITTEE

March 23, 3-4:30 p.m.

Present: Matt Holland, Joan Harvey, Eric Reinboldt, Amy Nelson, Lindsay Leonhard, Jeri Warner, Val Hogston, Tahirah McCall, Christy Shepard, and Michael Schwing

- Matt mentioned that Laura Alvarado contacted the committee co-chair about volunteer opportunities involving WFYI's **Homestretch** program at Central Library on April 9 and a training opportunity for youth workers about real-world applications for lessons learned in the film. Anyone interested in participating may contact Carly Weidman in Community Engagement at WFYI (cweidman@wfyi.org).
- Matt went to a conference recently and the keynote speaker was the Cook County, IL sheriff (Thomas Dart) who said that 20-30 % of the Cook County jail population suffer from mental health or substance abuse issues (according to his web site 45% of inmates self-identify as having mental health issues). Matt shared the CHIP engagement center presentation with Sheriff Dart who said the financial savings of an engagement center is the appeal to legislators and tax payers. Matt also said that Anderson Cooper was planning to feature the Cook County Jail mental health transition unit on his show Anderson Cooper 360 on CNN (segments available for viewing on CNN website).
- **Homestretch**, a film about homeless youth trying to graduate high school in urban Chicago, will be screened at Central Library on April 9 at 6 p.m... The program will also include a panel discussion with local educators. **@Home**, Mark Horvath's documentary (Invisible People vlog) is scheduled to be screened in July (Date TBD) at Central Library. Joan is seeking ideas from the committee about an accompanying panel discussion or some other type of program to go along with the screening. Ideas are welcomed.
- The **Beyond Perceptions** art exhibit will be displayed this year at Central Library July 6-30. Details to come about any other events in connection with this exhibit.
- Joan and Matt will be attending the Housing Spectrum meeting on March 24 to give input on strategy planning for the group's future visit to an IHA board meeting and ways to get IHA to be a better resource and help to housing providers.
- See the CoC web site calendar about upcoming funder ranker and presenter training sessions. The Community Review day is June 4. The minutes of the most recent full CoC meeting have been posted to the web site – please view for important info about BluePrint Council seats to be elected and information about CoC accomplishments of the past year.
- The City-County Council will vote on Proposal 72, the engagement center, on March 30 – the meeting begins at 7 p.m. The proposal was amended in committee to give funding and jurisdiction to the Council, instead of the Department of Public Safety. It will be important to have as many CoC members attend the meeting as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Harvey
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