

Indianapolis Continuum of Care

Making homelessness in Indianapolis rare, short-lived and recoverable

Community Education & Policy Committee Agenda April 11, 2016 3pm to 4:30pm

In attendance: Matt Holland (co-Chair), Lindsay Leonard, Michelle Winfield, Mary Stickelmaier, Jeri Warner, Keshia Knight, Zach Alexander, Michael Schwing

Guests in Attendance: Kay Wiles (PATA Committee), Cynthia Cunningham (Community Solutions)

- Kay Wiles from the PATA committee spoke to the Community Education & Policy committee about collaboration opportunity between the committees for a landlord breakfast or networking event for COC housing opportunities. Kay provided some background about what the proposed outcome would be. Notes provided below:
 - Looking to grow HUD dollars for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing opportunities to that Indy COC can gain additional funding but that need was to have target audience that would partner with COC projects for client housing.
 - CE & P committee would help with logistics of event and PATA would provide content.
 - Location needed (50-75 ppl target) Ideas below
 - 37 Place
 - Near eastside community spaces
 - Breakfast time thought to be best since leasing offices open around 10am for many places
 - Target would be June 2016
 - Head count/Information targeting for RVSP. Need process for RSVP as well
 - Invite process
 - Short term and long term plan. Short term would be scattered site and other existing capacity to house 100-200 additional individuals/families in next 2 years. Long term plan would bring developers into the fold to identify more rehabbed or new build PSH/Rapid Rehousing options
 - Could tie into Education workgroup which Mary S. is part of and other committee members could help organize since workgroup having trouble gaining interested parties. Need more volunteers for this workgroup anyway and this could be action oriented buy in. +
 - Kay will continue to be liaison between the committees as work progresses
- Workgroup updates
 - Community Education workgroup
 - Struggling to get interested members. Please reach out to Mary Stickelmaier if interested. MaryS@horizonhouse.cc
 - Looking to set first meeting by end of April?
 - Policy workgroup
 - Lindsay L. updated group. They have a year 1 and year 2 plan.
 - Year 1 incorporates an infographic on the state policy process of how legislation becomes a bill/law. Focus on state legislation since more in depth than local ordinances and more committee work has been done with local level. Also part of the process would be an Advocating 101 class facilitated by members of workgroup to lay out strategies that advocacy work could be done without jeopardizing organizations funding streams due to public stances on policy issues. Also end of year 1 would be looking at likely policy issues coming in 2017 and providing info to committee and COC.
 - Year 2 would be following, informing and advocating for policy that has been put forth for consideration. Information only/Against/Neutral/Support would be the options that the workgroup would take into account as recommends how to move forward

- Community Education and Policy strategic plan update (Strategic plan meeting on March 22nd)
 - Cynthia reviewed the work done from the aforementioned strategic planning session. Called out for committee to consider strategies that were either really within other committee's purview or left off of collection of information from session.
 - Committee looked at Top 3 strategies to consider (Driven by goal of: An educated and aware public who takes action)
 - Branding of committee & COC. Know what we are pitching so that collaboration and partnerships could continue to be facilitated but with more ease with direction known.
 - Follow local/state legislation
 - Incorporate additional motivated individuals into COC and committee such as millennials, local school members in related fields and various religious advocates. (

This is the best recollection of the co-chair but more detail will be available with Community Solutions strategic plan update)

Upcoming dates:

Next Committee meeting: Monday May 9th 3pm to 4:30pm HIP (unless otherwise noted)

May 17th Central Branch in conjunction with CHIP screening film "Time out of Mind" starring Richard Gere. Also photography exhibit focusing on homelessness after. Need to pack the auditorium so please share on social media channels available. Joan has distributed the flyer to those who are interested in helping to drive awareness. Speak to Matt or Joan if this is needed and it can be redistributed.