

Indianapolis Continuum of Care

Making homelessness in Indianapolis rare, short-lived and recoverable

Community Education & Policy Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2014 | 2:00-3:30 PM

Present:

Matt Holland: Co-Chair, Joan Harvey: Co-Chair, Carolyn Harkin-Brinton, Sue Reed, Dr. Aaron Kalinowski, Tahirah McCall, Paul Harris, Jen Hunt, Mike Schwing, Shelley Landis

Absent:

Emma Douglas, Marz Guzik, Julia Kathary (excused), Kurt Walker, Betsy Whaley, Trisha Wilcox, Sharvonne Williams, Pamela Testa, Rebecca Bricker (excused)

A) Welcome and Introductions

B) Review Community Education & Policy Committee Implementation Action Plan (see attached)

- Co-Chairs reviewed Implementation Plan to ensure that Committee supported the final version of the document and could proceed with posting on the Indy COC website for public comment. No objections or questions noted
- Committee was comfortable with presenting plan in current form at August 27th COC meeting for adoption

C) Review COC Survey results for Community Education & Policy Committee (emailed out in updated form 8-18-14)

- Top 2 issues as commented from the COC survey compiled by combining the selections from the survey results. Determine by combining the 2 issues that had the MOST 1st and 2nd place votes instead of aggregate percentage based on total % value.
- Top 2 issues determined to be the following:
 - Substance/Alcohol Abuse and Treatment policy issues
 - Housing/Fair Housing and Supportive Service policy issues
 - Role of committee
 - This was determined by the survey to be the following roles
 - Educate and Inform the public and thereby the Continuum of Care at large
 - Educate and Inform the decision makers at the local/state/national level on policy that affects the homeless community

D) Community Awareness Event in November 2014

- Joan reviewed details that need to be ironed out for movement and organization required to put on the event in November as soon as the Implementation Action Plan is hopefully adopted in late August.
 - Transportation/Locations/Service providers present
 - Educational component: hopefully located at Central Library
 - Medical Needs: Proposal for clinic to be utilized at Horizon House for client's on one of the days for the event (Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday)
 - What are goals or outcomes that Committee hopes to achieve?
 - Successful event deemed critical even if smaller impact so that it becomes stepping stone for future events with hopefully more media saturation and more community involvement
 - Task Force deemed necessary once Implementation Plan adopted so that tasks and organizing functions of event can be split up and large workload can be targeted by interested members moving forward
 - Shelley Landis to have meeting with Peter Murphy and Christy Shepard at CHIP on Friday Aug. 15th to discuss involvement with Assist. Professor Murphy's class on such an event. Shelley to report back at next Committee meeting if not earlier.

E) Adjournment

At 3:30PM, the meeting was adjourned.