

Continuum of Care  
Housing Spectrum Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
February 26, 2014  
CHIP Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room  
1:00-2:30 PM

In attendance:

Tyler Strumm  
Karin Thornburg  
Sandy Jeffers  
Leslie Kelly  
Cindy Godesky  
Nicole Spacey  
Laura Littlepage  
Yvonne Smith-Hendricks  
Jay Chaudary  
Colleen Gore  
Lori Casson  
Don Hawkins  
Michael Butler  
Kathy Pedrotti Hays

- Committee sign-in / contact info updates (Kathy Pedrotti Hays)
  - Please verify your name and contact information on the sign in sheets.
- Welcome and Introductions (Michael Butler)
- Committee Chair update (Kathy Pedrotti Hays)
  - Karin Thornburg is the chair of Housing Spectrum
- Update on Blueprint Council (Michael Butler)
  - Elections
  - Chair-Phil Smith
  - Vice Chair-Mary Jones
  - Council will be meeting tomorrow as first official meeting of BP tomorrow. Orientation was held in January.
  - See [www.indycoc.org](http://www.indycoc.org) for any notes/minutes—links to resources
- Gaps analysis update (Laura Littlepage)
  - What are some of the gaps that need to be addressed
  - Trying to add new providers in—about half are in HMIS
  - Also getting info from Regenstrief and APC (others)

- @work solutions is working on getting the data and set up, imported to HMIS
- Gaps analysis will be done in multiple phases with the first phase being completed in late March.
- Priority community performance metrics (Laura Littlepage)
  - Need to add street ministries as type of program
  - What's the difference between diversion and prevention?
    - Diversion is a new measure by HUD
      - New concept
      - Individuals that call into coordinated access seeking support—have lost my house—or are losing housing are considered diversion
      - Differs from prevention where prevention keeps people in their current housing and keeps them from being homeless.
    - System wide needs to take into account various provider factor
    - Change is measured over time
    - Why do landlords far-eastside “count” food stamps in income eligibility? They should not be doing this as it causes people to be evicted when they can't pay rent.
    - Need to look at subpopulations (chronically homeless, Vets)
    - Everything that HUD looks at—then we need to look at it (in the beginning—not longer term)
- Service provider survey (Laura Littlepage)
  - Arrangements or contracts—arrangements
  - MOUs
  - Question 9 is problematic
  - Use list one time to see if they provide, contract or MOU to provide, would like to collaborate
  - One per agency
  - Really about services—predisposed
  - The way it is sent out is important. Sent out and reminder follow up
  - What program are you providing below—
  - Introduction—just for homeless programs (programs that serve the homeless)
- Charette process - centralized intake (Stephanie Mercier)
  - Steering Committee representative of members from the community
  - Targeting starting in second week of March (7-8 weekly meetings) prior to the actual two-day Charette

- Charette is a two day strategic planning session, occur with members of the steering committee with additional input from others. End up with proposed design.
- Big picture of what we want to do
- Need to know what is already happening and how that can tie into efforts
- Coordinated access needs to be implemented for HUD by June 28, 2014
- There will be a tie in with housing intake
- 2012 joined 100,000 homes across the nation by July of 2015
- Determining who is most vulnerable and adopted vulnerability index for our community. Came up with common application. Focusing now on just PSH programs. All different applications—and made one common application and combined housing waitlist and came up with one common wait list. Meet weekly to discuss
- Intent was always to expand it to other types of programs (DV, ESG, Affordable Housing programs)
- We want to expand it. It mirrors what we are doing. Good time to evaluate and how we can make it part of the coordinate access.
- 100K campaign, have been in top 2% nationwide (Indpls)
- Pushed deadline back a few times, initial deadline was 2013.
- Dollars come from community—no funding associated. Raised \$ for mattresses
- Re-prioritization of housing (outcome of 100K campaign). Aimed at getting most vulnerable off the streets. Vulnerability defined as likely to die on the streets.
- Re-evaluating vulnerability index as well. Very medically focused doesn't necessarily take stock of other vulnerabilities
- Those looking at the vulnerabilities index is a subgroup—anyone welcome to participate. Not a regular meeting date set yet. We will meet in March—first or second week.
- Committee priority discussion items (Karin Thornburg)
  - Will table until next meeting due to time constraints:
  - Discussion about incorporating/consolidating the various housing meetings that are currently occurring
  - Debrief/discussion about severe weather response for the unsheltered
- Next steps (Kathy Pedrotti Hays)
  - Timeline for creation of implementation plan
  - Next meeting

