

# Indianapolis Continuum of Care

Making homelessness in Indianapolis rare, short-lived and recoverable

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 26, 2017

Present: Joan Harvey, Matt Holland, Cheryl Reed, Amanda Wilkerson, Reverend Tony Alexander, Michael Schwing, Rachael Sample, Jeri Warner and Alan Witchey

- Workgroup discussion took place regarding whether workgroups should continue or fold back into larger committee work for at least the time being.
  - Group decided that at least until numbers are grown and additional interest is gained, that workgroups fold back into larger committee and people interested in work that either pertains directly to Educational topics or policy topics then connect into the groups doing work on those subjects.
    - Policy group being formed outside of COC in conjunction with CHIP lobbyists and issues pertaining to homelessness. Email Alan if interested. Cheryl Reed, Jeri Warner and Matt Holland showed interest
- Alan reported out on Engagement Center details and getting information to line level of IMPD officers and processes
  - Alan stated that CHIP will be hosting two meetings in Feb. related to the Engagement Center. The first is for providers and treatment providers to get the process of connecting clients post Engagement Center into treatment. The second meeting is the same day but for PBSO and Faith Based Outreach teams so they know how to connect participants/neighbors into the Engagement Center. IMPD is still rolling down the process to officers but it is challenging. It is up to all of us to keep the pressure on to make the Center work.
- Blueprint 3.0 processes starting up Feb. or March. Planning & Investment committee to be main planners and take the lead but an opportunity may exist for Community Education committee to support the organization and process moving forward.
- New leadership of committee discussed. Reverend Alexander and Amanda Wilkerson both volunteered to co-chair committee starting at February's meeting (see below). The Committee members present all agreed to the leadership change. The new co-chairs will decide who will represent the committee on the Blueprint Council. A follow up meeting with Matt is scheduled for Friday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at HIP to onboard the new co-chairs and discuss support needed moving forward.
- Committee will start in February reviewing strategic plan from 2016 and pairing down to top strategic focuses as well as looking at scope of work that group will work on.
- Committee will discuss at next meeting whether a Spirit in Place program submission should be completed. The focus is surrounding "power"
- Reverend Alexander stated that anyone is welcome to attend the Concerned Clergy meeting which is every Saturday from 9am till at latest 11am. The new IMPD chief will join them on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of March.

Next committee meeting is Monday February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m., location Damien Center tentatively