

## **7/23/14 Public Policy Agenda Minutes Draft**

Present: Shelley Landis, Jeri Warner, Matt Holland, Paul Harris, Christy Shepard, Joan Harvey, Michael Schwing, Mary Stickelmaier, Sue Reed, Mandi Wainscott, Chris Holtz

The meeting started at 2 p.m.

### **Andrew Cullen's absence**

Director of Public Policy at United Way Andrew Cullen had to cancel his plans to attend this week's meeting. Matt will work on booking him for a future meeting.

### **Public Policy Implementation Plan and Recap from last month's meeting**

Ms. Harvey recapped the last Community Education meeting. She mentioned that the group is working on developing a community awareness plan through the creation of a day of service or a mini-homeless connect. The group discussed that the event should be held in mid-November during National Hunger and Homeless week. Other community campaigns include Faces of Homelessness/Beyond Perceptions. There was discussion on how to expand the event. Ms. Harvey then brought up the implementation of the Total Civic Response theme. Ms. Shepard discussed the Total Civic Response campaign.

### **Combining the Public Policy & Advocacy Committee and Community Education Committee**

Mr. Holland mentioned that the group could conduct an annual issue sheet – this will help the group focus on their tasks. The annual issue sheet will be further discussed at the next group's meeting. The group brought up the future of the engagement center. Need to look at possible future political barriers such as the Affordable Care Act and further clarification on what the engagement center could be. Another strategic priority discussed was to improve community-wide awareness of CoC activities. Looked at possibilities of engaging IUPUI students and making tweaks to Point In Time Count survey.

### **Foster language and formatting for CoC survey**

Members looked at an attached handout of upcoming bills from both the state senate and house committees. Discussion was held on the best ways to find issues and if certain bills should hold higher priority than others. It was decided that if the bills reflected the committee then they should be included. A survey would be sent out on August 1 and the results would be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday August 13, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.