

PLANNING & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

CHIP BOARD ROOM

1100 W 42ND ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208

The meeting started at 3:04 PM

In Attendance:

Mary Jones, Alan Witchey, Zach Patterson, Teri Bailey, Karin Thornburg, Stephanie Friend, Lia Hicks, Jennifer Dyer, Lori Phillips Steel, Daniel Melin, Gabie Benson, Laura Chandler

CHIP TIF Projects Overview

The committee had asked CHIP to bring forward the projects that are involved in our community system planning and investment strategy.

Alan I presenting them to the committee, with the attached project description.

Annually, Alan asks the Planning and Investment Committee to suggest topics and areas for projects under the Targeted Initiative Fund project. These projects do not fund a staff position, but they do contribute to the work that staff is tasked to do. The project descriptions are attached, and there are not any specific deliverables or outcomes to provide right now. Today's meeting is an update on these projects.

Projects:

Coordinated Entry: implementation planning is going on right now. Danielle Bagg and Matt Holland have been working on this effort. This project is connected to the Wheeler Data Project, which is not a TIF, but is a CHIP project that was funded through private dollars. Starting in May CHIP anticipates having Wheeler data in the system. This committee will need to keep an eye on this data because it may result in an increase in our returns to homeless rate.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment: this is the system modeling project, but includes the special populations report, and community written standards.

Community Strategic Planning: is the Blueprint 3.0 planning project. The steering committee has started meeting, and met for the first time today. Hedges and Associates was hired to work with us to develop the plan. This will include updates to Plans to End Homelessness. There are new research projects attached: shelter assessment which has no consultant at this time but will be hired soon.

Systemic Discharge Coordination: this coordination project focuses on jail, foster care, and medical systems to help the community define and create policies around how people are discharged. This includes training, policy development, and to increase coordination between the homeless system and the external systems. This also includes some data integration to see if we can integrate data between 4 Medicaid providers and HMIS to do a better job of serving people. A similar discussion is helping with the jail system.

Health & Recovery Housing: this project was inspired by other community work (LA for example) to find other resources for supporting individuals who are homeless, and to understand what critical role recovery housing can play in the community. It is anticipated that HUD will start requiring more integration between our system and the recovery system. There are separate projects for health models and recovery models.

Capacity Building Fund for Homeless Providers: CICF is also a part of this TIF, and we are anticipating the report will be released in May 2017. This report will help guide funders in the community to set up future opportunities for resources. Thomas P Miller Associates are the consulting firm that are working on this with the agencies. This funding also helps pay for training to come to the community, and to fund training or conferences that staff at agencies want to attend.

Cost and Youth Needs Assessment: this project was identified in the Supportive Services Task Force, which resulted in the creation of the Youth Homelessness Task Force and the Youth Advisory Board.

The cost analysis project focuses on what is the cost of not housing people in the community.

Homeless Systems Professional: (Senior Strategy Director for Homelessness) will be a staff member inside the Mayor's office and was inspired by the Houston model that was worked on by CSH. The position is designated for only 3 years intentionally. The funding is a blended resource between Eskenazi Health, City of Indianapolis, and private foundation gifts. The person in this role is given guidance to connect to partners, with the authority of these agencies and the mayor himself.

Faith-Based Blended Coordination Project: is a project to bring the faith-based outreach providers into similar coordination as PBSO. Leon Longard and Food4Souls has taken the lead in this initiative.

Update on Blueprint 3.0 Planning

Mary provided an update on the steering committee meeting that happened earlier today. The steering committee meeting is scheduling their regular meetings now with the 19 committee members. It is understood that this is a much larger group than originally planned (8-10 suggested), but it will likely be that not everyone will be attending on a regular basis. There were 8 members in attendance today. Hedges and Associates is the consulting team hired, and they provided an outline of what the plan and process will be. The plan includes focus groups, key informant interviews, surveys, and general participation events. It will be starting in May and continue until June 2018.

It is important that it is understood that the steering committee is a process committee, not an "influencer" group. The input on the plan will happen through the various planning events and activities.

The steering committee will be providing monthly updates to Planning & Investment Committee. There will be written reports that will also be a regular part of this process.

Project Performance Monitoring

Dan presented the performance monitoring tool, which had some new changes from PATA. As a reminder, PATA builds the tool and Planning & Investment uses it for the purposes of monitoring.

Mary commented that the PATA defined tool will need to be adjusted as we look at it to understand from a planning perspective. We need to reflect on this and figure out if there is a way that the portions of the tool that have the area of concerns for Planning & Investment (returns to homelessness is a HUD required community metric that is examined annually, but looks differently to this committee as a quarterly monitoring).

There was a suggestion that we adjust the Planning & Investment look at the returns to homelessness in a progressive way, so that there are more people included in the monitoring.

There is a suggestion that Planning & Investment consider how we monitor given that PATA will change and adjust annually, in response to the HUD guidelines and process. We need to determine how we can communicate clearly and have consistency even as things change.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM