

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION & POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**2/10/2015**

Present: Matt Holland, Joan Harvey, Lindsay Leonhard, Jen Hunt, Mary Stickelmaier, Amy Nelson, Eric Reinbold, Pamela Fleck, Julia Kathary, and Tahirah McCall

- Matt spoke about the new medical clinic in the basement at HIP. Staffed by two nurse practitioners and will be open every Friday. The clinic will provide a basic medical check for people who cannot get into Pedigo right away, are new and need a referral, missed a shelter visit etc.
- The document on steps for integrating the Blueprint Council and full CoC will be presented to the Blueprint Council at their meeting on February 25
- Amy gave an update on Proposal #215 and HB 1300 – Proposal 215 has been tabled until the May meeting of the CCC Rules and Public Policy Committee. In the meantime a group will be formed to further study the proposal. HB 1300 is “flying” through the legislature; this bill has very vague language but would prohibit any city or locality from passing an ordinance that would require landlords to accept Section 8 or any other housing program - the bill is expected to make it to the floor this week and Amy expects it to be passed. If the bill passes and then if Proposal 215 passes the CCC the City of Indianapolis would have to petition the legislature in the fall session <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2015/bills/house/1300> Supporters of the bill include the Apartment Association and others. Amy thinks the bill’s success is due to attitudes about government regulation as well as confusion and stigmas surrounding Section 8.
- New Proposal #41 will be introduced February 24 – it amends Chapter 581 of the code to add as a discriminatory practice the denial of equal opportunities based on housing status. Looking for individuals who have experienced discrimination based on their housing status to testify. If you know someone who wishes to testify please ask them to contact CHIP for preparation assistance.
- Proposal #291 update – the proposal was tabled to the February 24 meeting of the Rules and Public Policy Committee, (Room 260 @ 5:30, City-County Building). The engagement center piece has been broken out from the proposal and will become a fiscal budget proposal for full Council consideration at their March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Those wishing to testify in favor of the proposal, either as a private citizen or on behalf of an agency, should contact Christy Shepard.

- Engagement Center – the plan will need public dollars and support. There seems to be support on the Council level as well as other public agencies. The establishment of an engagement center has been estimated to save the Marion County Jail seven to fifteen million dollars per year. Discussion on possible scenarios and support and how it might play out as well as similar projects across the country.
- Joan announced that the Indianapolis Art Center’s annual exhibit, ***Beyond Perceptions***, will be installed at Central Library for the month of July in the rolling display cases that are staged in the Atrium and Simon Reading Room  
<http://indplsartcenter.org/outreach/beyond-perceptions/> In addition to this exhibit the Library will also be screening Mark Horvath’s documentary ***@Home*** in July. Date, time and details to be determined (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blgCu6z90Jo>) Horvath is an advocate and blogger who has harnessed social media to bring awareness and support to those living on the street (<http://invisiblepeople.tv/blog/>). **Joan asked the committee members to report back at next month’s meeting with ideas of some type of programming to go along with the film screening (panel discussion, public forum etc.)** The film will also be aired this spring on PBS stations around the country, including WFYI.
- The full Continuum of Care will meet on March 4 and the committee co-chairs will be reporting on what we’ve been doing and where we are headed. If there is anything you want to make sure is mentioned or might be missed please contact Matt or Joan.
- Julia reported that HB 1007 (which includes funding for domestic violence services) has passed out of committee. <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2015/bills/house/1007>
- Lindsay reported that the Housing Spectrum Committee now has a sub-committee on transitional housing and Jennie White from Coburn Place is the chair. A feasibility study is being planned. Lindsay and Rebekah Bricker are the co-chairs of another sub-committee: Housing Committee for Supportive Housing Rental Assistance
- Upcoming dates to remember:
  - ✓ City-County Council Rules & Public Policy Committee, February 24 5:30 p.m.
  - ✓ Full City-County Council Meeting, March 2 7 p.m.
  - ✓ Blueprint Council, February 25 9-11 a.m. Horizon House
  - ✓ Full Continuum of Care, March 4 9-10:30 a.m. Interfaith Center