

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION & POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES 1/13/15**

Present: Mary Stickelmaier, Amy Nelson, Paul Harris, Christy Shepard, Jen Hunt, Jeri Warner, Rebekah Bricker, Derek Reinbold, Tahirah McCall, Pamela Fleck, Matt Holland (Blueprint Council President, Phil Smith, collaborator)

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Policy Issues: steps for integrating the Blueprint Council and full CoC

Discussion pertaining final message of Policy issues-Integrating the Blueprint Council and Full Continuum of Care –

- Committee approved the following insertion of language into existing document (Red, White and Blue font document)

“Pertaining to information sharing only”

“The Community Education and Policy Committee will provide general information to the Blueprint Council and Indianapolis Continuum of Care about issues of public, legislative or regulatory policy of interest to membership. Such information will be provided as “information only” with no position taken.”

“Individuals and/or community members, even if not affiliated with the COC are welcomed to add information or diverse perspectives into the Committees conversation as it relates to above issues for incorporation into the policy vetting process.”

Additional updates in language and following paragraphs can be noted on ancillary document entitled “Policy Issues: Steps for integrating the Blueprint Council and Full Continuum of Care” **The above entitled document once updated will be presented to the Blueprint Council for adoption at the first scheduled meeting of 2015 (scheduling to be worked out within the next week or so)**

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Proposal 215 – Fair Housing Discrimination proposal (Amy Nelson to review)

Amy updated the Committee as to the upcoming January 27th Rules and Policy Committee and is still in need of individuals who have been discriminated against as it relates to Section 8 or other form of subsidized housing opportunities that would be willing to testify and share their experience. Please contact Amy Nelson (anelson@fhcci.org) if interested to learn more.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Proposal 291 – Protections for the Homeless

Christy, Phil and Jeri spoke to the most recent meeting with Councilor Robinson and some of the CCRH leaders regarding discussions about language recommendations, definitions and service provider perspectives on Prop 291. The meeting was originally scheduled for one hour but extended to at least 2 hours which was seen as an olive branch and the spirit of understanding, learning and collaboration. Bill Moreau was also present within these discussions. The outcome of the meeting was a positive one with no promises but when asked

if any reworked version of the Proposal was likely to be forwarded, the councilor indicated that at most it would be within a 24 hour period prior to the next Rules & Policy Committee meeting but most felt that it may be only viewed directly prior to the next meeting.

Mary from Horizon House asked if the donation from the Rubin Family Trust was still in play or off the table as he stated in the last full City Council meeting that unless an updated proposal was put forth prior to December 31st of last year, that he would ask for those funds to be utilized in another fashion. Christy said that in fact, Progress House had put forth what Mr. Rubin felt was a proposal in good faith and he felt that the process could continue to be monitored with those funds in mind.

AGENDA ITEM 4- Omnibus report for Fiscal Year 2015

Derek spoke briefly on the Omnibus report that he forwarded to Joan and Matt regarding any funding increases or decreases for the fiscal year in question. Derek indicated that some monies were redirected (Ex: CDGB grant funding removed from homelessness efforts and put towards youth focused endeavors) and that most funding remained flat but that if inflation was taken into account any increases were truly just a figure flat to the last fiscal year. Copies were distributed and an electronic copy is attached to these meeting minutes.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Pep Rally for Support Proposal 291 on Monument Circle Saturday January 24th at 2pm (Sponsored by A Bigger Vision) **Not a COC or CE&P Committee sponsored event.** Flyer was sent for informational purposes by Matt on 1/13/15 to Committee members.
- Rules and Policy Committee Meeting, Tuesday January 27th at 5:30pm City County Building room 260
- Full City County Council meeting, Monday February 9th at 7pm City County Building
- Next Community Education & Policy Committee meeting, Tuesday February 10th from 9am to 10:30am at the Homeless Initiative Program (1835 N. Meridian St.) unless a meeting is deemed necessary after the Rules & Policy Committee meeting and before the Full Council on Feb. 9th