

Planning & Investment Committee Meeting

February 26, 2015 11:00 – 12:30 CHIP

Attendance: Jeremy Turner, Betsy Whaley, Mary Jones, Brianna Sauer, Patrick Russ, Eric Wilka, Tyler Stumm, Dena Simpson, Cal Nelson

Jeremy opened the meeting with comments about the Investment Strategy and the need to make updates to it. Those updates should include links to the agencies listed on the matrix. Additional discussions were about:

- A point of contact for changes. Decided that suggested changes should be submitted through the COC web site <http://indycoc.org> then this committee would review and decide if the change should be made
- The matrix would be presented at the March 4 COC meeting
- United Way typically has a 2nd year Intern from August – April from the school of Social Work who could undertake an annual review and update of the matrix
- United Way is in conversations with the IUPUI school of Social Work about the CoC becoming part of an internship project
- Jeremy will make updates that have been submitted thus far and send them to Michael to post the revised document to the web site and for copies to be distributed at the CoC meeting
- Michael will collect any submitted revisions and get them to this committee for consideration and he will make any changes approved pending decisions on the Internship activities

Jeremy led the discussion about inclusion of re-entry programs on this committee and how to get representation. Mary recommended that a currently participating member of the Marion County Reentry Commission bring this topic up at a meeting and make an official invitation for representation on this committee. She knew that current CoC members participating on the MCR included Phil Smith, Christy Shepard, and Michael Butler. Mary will speak with Phil about presenting this issue to the MCRC. There was also discussion about the need for housing for ex-offenders, specifically persons with sex offenses. Michael briefly discussed a session he attended at the Family and Youth Homelessness Conference at which a program talked about using HOME funds for a TBRA program. He suggested this might be an option for housing ex-offenders and families that do not need PSH. He suggested that a pilot could be cobbled together that includes other funding streams and various partners to see if this is effective. He mentioned how this idea ties in with planning for and using the Investment Strategy.

Jeremy mentioned that the Tuesday Housing Committee is discussing how to implement a diversion program for households on the wait list.

Mary talked about an initiative from the United Way that she would like this committee to review and provide feedback on the protocols. She hopes to unveil the initiative to the community in March/April and asked that this committee not share the protocols until UWCI was ready for the unveiling.

There was discussion about how to better incorporate the faith community into the CoC and how to include their resources on the Investment Strategy. The discussion included the importance of asking the faith community about their goals and operational plans for serving people who are homeless and not trying to impose our standards on them. Mary talked about the efforts the PBSO (Professional Blended Street Outreach) teams are undertaking to improve their collaborations with the faith-based outreach programs. The committee identified the following opportunities:

- Invite Jim McElhinney to speak with this committee
- Invite Bill Bickel to speak with this committee
- CHIP may have a list of faith-based programs that could be contacted
- This committee needs to partner with the Community Education and Policy Committee, CEPC, on this effort

Michael talked about the work the Public Policy Institute was completing on phase 2 of the Gaps Analysis. Once that is final in March it could be the starting point to identify potential pilot projects.

Michael will send a Doodle survey to set a date to meet in late April.

This committee will discuss the Action Plan at the April meeting.

The question was raised “What mechanism can we use to look at project performance”, and can we create a performance improvement grid. This will be discussed in April.

There was a question about this committee’s responsibilities and if we could get access to the City’s reports to HUD for COC and ESG.

CHIP was asked if we could provide a report on the CoC web site activities and include the CEPC on the feedback.

Meeting was adjourned.