

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | AUGUST 24, 2017

Meeting Agenda

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Krannert Room, CHIP, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – GABIE BENSON

- A. In attendance: Rev. Antonio Alexander, Scott Armstrong, Gabie Benson, William Bumphus, Danny Camacho, Rev. David Greene, Zach Gross, Crystal Haslett, Sandy Jeffers, Jennie Fults, Courtney Purnell, Nicole Spacey, Kirk Taylor, Kay Wiles, Alan Witchey, Zachary Alexander (notes)
- B. Guests in attendance: Teri Bailey, Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Matt Holland, Don Sawyer, Rodney Stockment, Amanda Wilkerson

II. CONSENT AGENDA – MEMBERS

- A. *The Blueprint Council unanimously approves the June*

III. BLUEPRINT COUNCIL BUSINESS – GABIE BENSON

- A. PIT Report - Alan Witchey
 - i. 1,783 individuals counted in 2017 PIT Count
 - ii. 10% increase in total; 29% increase in shelters
 - 1. Wheeler increased beds, which is reflected in the 29% increase
 - iii. African-Americans are disproportionately represented
 - iv. Job loss is number one reason for individuals; domestic violence is number one reason for families
 - v. Zachary will send out PIT slide deck to the Council
- B. Mayor's Challenge - Rodney Stockment
 - i. 400 vouchers through Indianapolis Housing Agency equals to about \$4.5 million, which is just shy of the \$5.1 million granted through the CoC Program Grant
 - ii. Two Phase strategy developed by Rodney and Jeff Bennett
 - 1. Create 200 units of scattered site housing
 - 2. Create 200 units of permanent supportive housing
 - a. 150 units are available and are waiting to have the subsidy/services attached

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3. 12 developers responded to IHCDA's RFQ to create more affordable housing units
4. CICF has reserved a \$5 million pool to pay for the services that are attached to these units
 - a. Ideally looking to identify one organization to be the lead in deploying the case workers to provide the services for the housing units
- iii. What does the City need from the Continuum of Care and Blueprint Council to promote success of this project?
 1. In the process of creating an RFI to secure providers to administer services for the units
 2. Involve the Housing and Services Committee and Coordinated Entry System
 3. Keep in mind availability of units for individuals with criminal records which prevent individuals from being housed
 4. Hopefully still securing the 50 vouchers for the Boner families that were displaced
 5. Continue to increase client income as an additional way to offset costs per unit and/or to create new units
 6. Working with IHA to create limited-preference vouchers to set aside a number of vouchers each month for homeless clients
 7. Working with IHA to conduct a demonstration project to reunify offenders with their families
- iv. Zachary will send out the Mayor's Challenge slide deck

IV. CoC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Planning and Investment Update - Alan Witchey and Zach Gross
 - i. System Performance Measures - Alan Witchey
 1. Measures set by HUD, as well as added measures set by our community
 2. Increase in number people served; decrease in length of time people remain homeless

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3. The increase in number of people served will negatively affect our NOFA score
 4. We want Blueprint Council to become more and more familiar with these data sets because they directly correlate with our HUD funding
 5. Discussion
 - a. Make sure that we not only continue to train frontline staff on how to enter the data properly, but also find ways to simplify the input process
 - b. We need to campaign to log all clients to produce the most robust waitlist which will inform how much housing stock our community truly needs
 6. Zachary will send out the System Performance Measures slide deck
- ii. Blueprint 3.0 - Zach Gross
1. Blueprint 3.0 development is on track
 - a. Phase 2 starts in September/October which will consist of retreats to generate feedback and garner buy-in
- B. Program Application & Technical Assistance Update - Kirk Taylor
- i. NOFA Update - Zach Gross
1. DesignatedPLUS is a new designation for PSH beds - any new or renewal PSH projects may designate all or a portion of their beds as DedicatedPLUS
 - a. This allows for more flexibility in coordinated entry
 - b. Currently all but 2 projects have committed to 100% DedicatedPLUS beds
 2. Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) is a new project type that combines crisis housing with rapid rehousing
 - a. It can be used for any population, but HUD believes it can be useful for unsheltered homeless, youth, and domestic violence survivors
 3. Expansion Grants allows for existing projects to apply like a new project and be ranked to expand a currently existing project (can't be used for services only)

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4. System Performance Measures are scored for the first time this year
 - a. HUD has emphasized that these measures will be weighted more each year; for funding purposes, nothing will matter more in 5 years than system performance measures
 5. Housing Bonus Funds
 - a. To access Housing Bonus funds, we have to demonstrate the CoC actively encourages new and existing providers to apply for new projects through reallocation or have cumulatively reallocated at least 20% of projects
 - b. We have allocated 20% of projects given approval
 6. 8 viable new applications (11 in total) were submitted and the first draft of the CoC application will be completed this week
 7. Final rankings will be decided at the September 11 Blueprint Council meeting
 8. Submission deadline is **Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00 P.M. EDT**
- ii. Reallocation vote ***Action Item*** - Kirk Taylor
1. Voluntary reallocation of the City/John Boner Center Special Needs Scattered Site consolidated project - \$560,131
 2. Involuntary reallocation of the John Boner Center Our Town Project - \$71,717
 - a. Only non-conflicted members can vote on the reallocation
 - b. ***The Blueprint Council vote to approve the involuntary reallocation of the John Boner Center Our Town Project with a vote of 7-0-1***
- C. Housing & Services - Zach Gross
- i. Housing & Services / BPC Update
 1. Bri Gates has left HIP and is stepping down as the Housing Committee Chair and Blueprint Council

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representative; Cheryl Reed, her substitute, has also shifted job responsibilities and will no longer serve as the substitute

2. Dr. William Ross has nominated himself to be the Chair of Supportive Services Taskforce and the Blueprint Council representative for the Housing & Services Committee
3. Housing Committee still has a vacant Chair position that needs to be filled
- ii. Coordinated Entry - Matt Holland
 1. Access Point/Service Provider meeting was held in July and continuing monthly
 2. Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28
- D. Community Education & Public Policy - Rev. Antonio Alexander (2:40 - 3:00 P.M.)
 - i. Spirit and Place - Rev. Antonio Alexander
 - ii. Homeless Voices event is November 3 - November 11 at Tube Factory artspace in Garfield Park
 1. Looking for exhibitors and persons to help construct the exhibits
 2. Send suggestions and ideas to Zachary Alexander (zalexander@chipindy.org); if you need more information or want to get involved, don't hesitate to email Zachary!
 - iii. Communication Plan discussion - Rev. Antonio Alexander
 1. Committee has worked to develop a communication plan for emergency or crisis situations
 - a. This was spurred by the recent camp closings in the past year
 2. Discussion
 - a. Possible to look at Communication / Community Response Plan developed by IMPD as a model plan

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- b. How can we loop the CoC into the IMPD communication plan so we are at the table to discuss?
- iv. ACLU/City of Indianapolis lawsuit | Bridge evictions
 - 1. Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, August 29 from 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. in Room 145 at CHIP's building to talk about the eviction and the Homeless Persons' Protections Bill
 - a. The City of Indianapolis won't be able to be in attendance due to the pending lawsuit
 - 2. We will be generating ideas and action steps for what to do if a similar event takes place in the future

V. OTHER BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING – MEMBERS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – GABIE BENSON