

Community Education & Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes: March 12, 2018

Attendance: Amanda Wilkerson, Damien Center; Megan Henderson, Anthem; Emmy Hildebrand, HVAF; Zach Alexander, CHIP; Erin Brown, School on Wheels; Danny Camacho; Don Sawyer; Sandy Jeffers, Pathway; William Bumphus, Wheeler Mission

Veteran Lunch and Learn: Emmy explained that we had approximately 60 participants for the Lunch and Learn. Cindy Borden from NCHV presented a national perspective on veterans' homelessness as well as best practices from other communities. Bryan Dysert from HVAF presented a more local perspective. Amanda asked for an update on the veterans' programs brochure. Zach loaded it on the CoC website.

Unhoused Advisory Council Update: Don explained the first meeting is on April 5 at 1518 Deloss St. Transportation will be provided for participants. More information will be pushed out this week to promote the first meeting. The direction and management of the council will be decided by currently homeless individuals who attend the meetings. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to focus.sawyer1@gmail.com. Zach asked about any connection with FBSO. Both Danny and Don had reach out and will continue following up. Emmy asked about the help offered on the flyer. Don explained that they will help link individuals with CES and referrals to the next sources of assistance.

CoC Flyer Update: Amanda explained the goal is to create a brochure that would help recruit participants in the CoC. She and Rev. Alexander discussed adding component such as who should volunteer, how to become engaged, contact info for the Executive Council, committee structure/contact info. Zach explained that the original flyers were CHIP documents and we should be free to draft new material. Members discussed edits to the flyers and the needed information. It should incorporate community wide data on homelessness, including the causes of homelessness, success of prevention and intervention, etc. This brochure can also be used in the work that Planning and Investment is doing to bring more funders to the CoC. Megan would like more data to be included so that potential funders see the impact. Erin advocated a broad flyer to be used for multiple audiences. Zach would like to explore other mediums other than brochures, including dashboards, infographics, website, etc. William advocated for an increased social media presence as well. The CoC website will be updated in May.

Blueprint 3.0: The CoC will be meeting on March 19 to review the Blueprint 3.0 draft. Amanda asked if the committee structure of the CoC would be changing. Zach responded that the Blueprint doesn't address committee structure, but there would be an upcoming meeting to discuss this. Sandy asked about the timeline for review. Zach explained the CoC will meet Monday followed by a Blueprint Council meeting. There will also be a forum for homeless/formerly homeless individuals to provide feedback. Date is TBD. Zach reiterated that Monday will be the community opportunity to review and provide suggestions for edits. Don asked who is the authority to allow revisions to the plan after Monday? Zach explained that the Blueprint Council and the Blueprint 3.0 Steering Committee have oversight responsibilities. There was concern that information may not be readily available for CoC members to have participated in the process and understand the timeline. Robust discussion was held on the timeline and plan participation. Zach will include on emails, newsletters, etc how to provide feedback if you aren't present on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.