

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | JANUARY 29, 2018

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

2:00pm-4:00pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Review of Blueprint 3.0 draft with public comments – Marla Taylor (Hedges)
 - a. Voting on the Blueprint will occur at June 18 Blueprint Council meeting
- III. Opening Section Feedback & Review
 - a. More information on Rueben Engagement Center services needed; Hedges will reach out to REC to clarify
 - b. Discussion of whether the city currently has the housing stock needed to meet demands, and need is for subsidy and services
 - c. **Decisions:**
 - i. delete the word “including” and keep statement on page 1
 - ii. add paragraph on page 2 describing what 2023 will look like when we achieve the goals outlined in the plan – executive summary to be written by Hedges and shared with the Council for review prior to next meeting
 - iii. add notation within the narrative that the baseline data will be more accurate as data collection and review continues to improve
 - iv. add CHIP’s one page narrative regarding data as an addendum
- IV. Definition of Homelessness Feedback & Review
 - a. Page 3, paragraph 3 regarding re-entry – includes individuals who enter correctional and treatment programs and lack resources to secure housing upon exit
 - b. 28 responses favor the definition, 4 say it should be broader, 7 said too broad
 - c. Discussion around concerns of “nighttime residence”
 - d. Discussion that system does not currently have the capacity to serve needs with reaching positive outcomes, will broadening the definition further decrease outcomes?
 - i. Program eligibility will not change, thought this may shine light on unmet needs/unserved (or underserved) populations, need for additional/new service providers and may increase odds to receive new funding sources to meet those needs
 - e. **Decisions:**
 - i. Leave “nighttime residence” as is
 - ii. Maintain this definition, with notation that the new community definition of homelessness will not change data collection for Point in Time nor will it change federal funding restrictions for program eligibility
 1. Will also include statement about possibility of accessing new funding
- V. Vision & Values Feedback & Review
 - a. 1 public comment to simplify values
 - b. Are current values truly values/emotional guides or tactical strategies?
 - c. Feedback to add values of safety, collaboration, and dignity (dignity was also recommend at lived experience discussion session)
 - d. **Decisions:**
 - i. Add dignity and respect to client choice and transparency & cultural competency
 - ii. Add collaboration into existing values

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- iii. Housing first – include language on “ongoing opportunities for engagement to services”
 - e. Discussion on changing “client” to “consumer” or “tenant”
- VI. The Path Forward (page 5)
 - a. No changes recommended
- VII. Strategic Priority #1
 - a. Diversion is no longer listed as a strategy
 - b. Discussion on changing Strategy 1.1 to two strategies: one for diversion and one for street outreach to connect households to permanent housing
 - c. Correct terminology for substance use/abuse/addictions?
 - d. Strategy 1.6: discussion on including TH in length of stay, recognizing need to decrease length of time homeless overall
 - i. SPM include all housing interventions
 - ii. CoC has not yet determined best practices for decreasing length of stay in TH
 - e. Change “evidence based populations” for TH to more easily understood language
 - f. Review of data from CHIP – use current year’s data (86 days length of stay) or previous year (109 days length of stay)?
 - g. **Decisions:**
 - i. Substance use disorder will be used throughout the plan
 - ii. Hedges will craft language to reflect concepts of decreasing length of time homeless/length of stay by more rapidly connecting households in TH to permanent housing
 - iii. Use current year data (starting with 86 days as baseline) with the goals of 30 days length of stay by 2023
- VIII. Strategic Priority #2
 - a. 5 year goal will reference “subsidy slots”
 - b. Discussion on ability to rehab abandoned homes/buildings to permanent housing; concern over camp closings and multiple moves since 2010
 - i. Need to address strategies regarding camps in the plan? Stable placement while waiting for housing?
 - c. **Decisions:**
 - i. Update Key Strategy 1.5 to include low-barrier shelter for all experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - ii. Include extra strategy to include “safe stable option” while waiting for housing
- IX. Next Meeting: June 7, 2018, 1:00pm-5:00pm at CHIP building
 - a. Rachael Sample will send updated calendar invite
 - b. Resume conversation at Strategic Priority #2
 - c. Resume conversation around camps and short-term safe housing until permanent housing is available