

## **Community Education & Policy Committee Meeting**

Minutes: May 14, 2018

**Attendance:** Antonio Alexander, Zach Alexander CHIP, Megan Henderson Anthem, Erin Brown School on Wheels, Sandy Jeffers Pathway, Emmy Hildebrand HVAF, Michael Schwing, Chuck Kern and Amanda Wilkerson (by phone), James Voss We Are Family, Jacqueline Voss We Are Family, Scott Bratton We Are Family, Andrea Manning We Are Family, Stephanie Fulk VOA, Don Sawyer, William Bumphus Wheeler Mission

**Unhoused Advisory Council:** Rev. Alexander shared that the Unhoused Advisory Council has met a few times and asked Don to provide a more specific update. Don explained that Tuesday he will be going out to promote a meeting of the Council on Thursday. There are specific concerns about camp closing procedures and appropriate information being shared with camp residents. Don will be collecting feedback about this to share with the entire CoC. The focus of the council seems to be concerns about employment, education/training, drug abuse, NIMBY-ism, availability of shower/laundry facilities, addiction services, housing navigators. Rev. Alexander concluded by adding that the feedback received from those with lived experience is critical for inclusion in the plan. Scott also asked questions about how to secure a seat on the BPC. Michael shared his own experience. Sandy added historical context to the origin of the BPC, the positions, term limits, etc. She also urged all committee members to get involved and make sure your voices are heard at community meetings.

**William explained that showers are available at Wheeler for men who are not staying at the mission. He will check to see if this is available for women. He will provide specific information soon by email to this committee.**

Zach recommended looking at housing/apartment developments who might have laundromats onsite and could have days open for folks to do laundry.

### **CoC Flyer Discussion:**

People like bullet point information for the flyer; people want statistics. We should include the committees and how to get involved in the flyer.

**Blueprint 3.0:** Zach shared with the committee that the Blueprint 3.0 is intended to be our 5 year strategic plan for better serving homeless individuals in our community. The public comment period closed on Friday and Hedges and Assoc. is reviewing those comments. The Blueprint Council will review a draft next week to finalize any edits to publish for the community the end of June/July time frame. Rev. Alexander added that the plan will include measurable goals/targets for our community to achieve in the short term and longer term goals to strive for. Scott asked if he could attend the BPC meeting next week. All Blueprint Council members are open to the public and all committee members are welcome to attend. Zach will share the draft for anyone who hasn't seen it.