

Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness

MINUTES

DATE: JUNE 18, 2014

START TIME: 9:37 AM

REVISED: YES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Felix Matlock, Chair
NOTE TAKER	Kathleen Molnar
ATTENDEES	<p>Members Present: Sherri Allen Reeves, Connie Bacon, Nonie Brennan, Kathy Booton Wilson, John Cheney Egan, Amber Damerow, Randall Doubet King, Richard Ducatenzeiler, David Esposito, Fred Friedman, Becki Martello, Felix Matlock, John Pfeiffer, Richard Rowe, Ed Stellan, Gwendolyn Turner, Peter Vilim, & Dorothy Yancy.</p> <p>Alternates Present: Maura McCauley, Larry Smith, Khen Nickele, Abi Peterman (for Cary Steinbuck), Sabrina Washington Christmas (for Ellen Ray).</p> <p>Guests: Arturo Bendixen, Regina Hodges, Susan Reyna, Jackie Edens, Suzanne Lemaire Lozier, Robert Cunningham, Mindy Taylor, John Martschinke, Sanja Stinson, Betsy Carlson, Ryan Breen, Bob Parlmer, and Kyu Yup Kim.</p> <p>Chicago Alliance Staff: Sherise Alexander, Lisa Mayse-Lillig, Kathleen Molnar & Padma Thangaraj.</p>
ABSENT	Denis Flint, Luz Hein, Mary Howard, Ellen Ray, Cary Steinbuck, Brandon Thorne, & Ray Willis.
QUORUM?	Yes

Agenda topics:

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Felix welcomed the group and asked everyone to introduce himself/herself.
REVIEW OF THE MINUTES	The minutes were reviewed and the following errors were corrected: No edits were made to the May meeting minutes. The minutes from the April meeting need the following revision -the last 2 sentences in the section say "HMY Committee" but should say "HMIS Committee".
CAEH AND DFSS UPDATE	<p>Nonie reported that everyone is anxiously waiting for news on Tier II. There is some speculation that the delay might be due to the change at the Secretary level but there has been no announcement.</p> <p>The HMIS team is pleased to welcome Adriana Moreno into the System Administrator position. The team is very busy right now preparing for the 25 Cities project.</p> <p>As of earlier this week there was only about \$50,000 left in State Homeless Prevention Funds and those will soon be gone. The program year ends on 6/30/14 and then Chicago will be without those funds until the state releases the next batch for the 2014-2015 program year.</p> <p>Nonie introduced Bob Palmer from Housing Action Illinois to give an update on the state budget. Bob talked about the results of attempts to get the 5% income tax to remain in place. There was not enough support for this effort so it did not pass. The state enacted a number of small fixes and one-time accounting maneuvers to balance the budget (since the budget is based on revenue projections some groups say it's balanced and some say it's not) but no major reform to taxes which is necessary to fund the state in a sustainable, ongoing manner. There were a few increases in funding: youth services received \$1m more in funding, some services for affordable housing were also increased. Homelessness prevention was flat funded. Childcare services experienced significant cuts. He briefly talked about the federal funding. The House has not proposed any new funding for homeless services and the Senate only proposed a small increase (less than the President recommended). Due to the increasing cost of renewals, flat funding is not enough to keep pace with the cost of funding projects which have been renewed.</p> <p>The all CoC Meeting is on 6/25/14. So far 177 people have registered and there is room for more.</p> <p>The Evaluation Instrument is due this Friday. Several have been submitted early.</p> <p>The New Project Selection Panel is convening since HUD now requires that changes to component type are conducted as part of the CoC competition (they should have been completed this way in previous</p>

	<p>years but have not been). There will be an upcoming training on how to do this and everyone is encouraged to register for the training even if you are not considering making changes this year.</p> <p>The city is in the process of drafting the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for the next 5 years. A large amount of data is collected to demonstrate Chicago's need for continued ESG and CDBG funds. Service Providers will be surveyed about the need for services and there will be an opportunity for public comment in mid-summer.</p>
CONVEYANCE MOTION FOR THE GOVERNANCE CHARTER	<p>The motion was drafted by the Executive Committee following last month's lengthy discussion on the Governance Charter. There was no additional discussion about the motion, no second was needed, and it passed unanimously without any abstentions.</p>
UFA MOU RECOMMENDATION	<p>The motion recommending that agencies sign a MOU to allow the CAEH to apply to be the UFA for Chicago was made by the Executive Committee so a second was unnecessary. Randall asked for a better understanding of the thought behind making MOU completion a recommendation rather than a requirement. Nonie said she and Ellen Ray of the SPC EC have spoken and the SPC is willing to support the completion of the MOUs. Lisa thinks that we should be ok on timing since HUD has not yet announced Tier II and the CAEH will know by July 15th (the due date specified in the motion). There was discussion about how to work out issues that might keep an agency from signing the MOU. There was a lengthy discussion about options for placing the requirement for the MOU in the Evaluation Instrument, the relationship between some service providers and the CAEH, and the importance of the PC supporting efforts to get MOUs completed. Connie offered the Lived Experience Commission as a mediator for the conflict between the providers and the CAEH. The motion passed with 3 abstentions.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>The HMIS Committee Co-Chair, John Martschinke, shared the Interface Policy which was approved by the HMIS Committee and introduced to the PC in the April meeting. Richard Rowe asked if there was any kind of report on how much time HMIS staff is spending on the two Interface agencies since there are limited resources and the whole system needs them. No such request was noted in the minutes from the April meeting so none was prepared. Arturo Bendixen shared that AFC is one of the two organizations and he expressed concern about the tone of today's discussion. He believes the delays are related to protecting the confidentiality of HIV status and are not the sole responsibility of AFC (something he believes is being stated today) but equally CAEH and the HMIS vendor. Randall Dubet King and John Cheney Egan both asked some questions to clarify the concerns which were expressed. David Esposito talked about Thresholds experience as the other Interface agency. The motion to accept the policy was made and seconded but then there was additional discussion about the issues including concerns that AFC staff aren't here to speak to the impact of the policy. John Cheney Egan and another PC member reminded the PC that this policy came from the HMIS Committee and was presented one meeting ago per this group's procedures. Fred made a motion to postpone the vote until the next meeting (August 20,2014) and Kathy Booton Wilson seconded. The vote to postpone the motion passed with 2 opposed and 1 member abstaining.</p> <p>Plan Advisory Committee charged a task group to look at Interim Housing and to develop some recommendations around where they move next. The group developed 5 recommendations (which were shared in advance of the April meeting and were shared again today). Maura encouraged any of the recommendations related to CRS to be sent to the CRS Managing Entity Board to be addressed. She also mentioned that the 25 Cities pilot projects will be using a standard assessment tool which might help with some of these items. Ed Stellon expressed concern about the first recommendation based on his years of outreach experience. Betsy explained that it's a timing issue. The task group will take these issues to the CRS Managing Entity Board since there are some questions about which questions on the CRS assessment are scored.</p> <p>HMV Committee reported that the Evaluation Instrument was released and is due this Friday, the 20th. Every project is expected to submit an instrument this year. The Committee is working on the development of a site visit process.</p>
SSO TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Art gave an introduction on the charge of the group (following the decision to put most SSOs in Tier II) to explore strategies for funding support services. The group shared a piece of art, created by Connie Bacon, which represents their view of the CoC and how supportive services fit in. The group was open to anyone, not just supportive service providers and started meeting in March and met monthly thereafter. Several sub-committees were also developed and met as well. Four objectives were developed: to preserve existing</p>

funds for support services, gain access to public funds, gain access to private funds, and explore legal resources/advice (ex. use funds from law suits designed to assure the legal and constitutional rights of people who are homeless). The task group feels strongly that the PC needs to take responsibility for supportive services like they do for HUD funding and State Homeless Prevention Funds. There was a question about sharing this with SHPA-it's been done and they are willing to help advocate for the continued support service funding. Art asked Ed Stellan to talk about the legal options. Connie Bacon recommended looking at hospitals which are not providing the amount of charity care they are legally required to provide to maintain NFP status-they could either provide the services or they would be targets for lawsuits. Some organizations were suggested to assist with this or take it on: LAF (they have done it in the past but now get federal funds so they can't do this anymore), the ACLU, and Equip for Equality. Felix thanked the task group members for all their efforts. He also asked the members to continue to be available since the Governance Charter will take a great deal of time and it's important that the support services concerns not get lost.

ADJOURNMENT:	MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	APPROVED BY:
Adjourned at 11:58am	Kathleen Molnar	