



I. Welcome

Meeting called to order 3:32 PM

a. Name, Organization

In attendance: Jeff Bennett, Kay Wiles, Ray Lay, Amanda Alvis, Dr Breanca Merritt, Pastor David Greene, Carlette Duffy, Scarlett Martin (remote), Marcia Lewis (remote), Imani Sankofa

Absent: Angie Carr Klitzsch, Dr Virginia Caine, Sara Van Slambrook

Non-voting: Rodney Stockment, Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Rachael Sample, Danielle Bagg-Wireman (remote), Guests: Chris Walsh (remote), Kendol Enzinger (remote), Tom Albaneses (remote), Lisa Huffman (remote)

b. Housekeeping

- 1. Zoom Procedures: Zoom meetings and the chat box are recorded and downloaded. Council members should have videos on and names displayed.**
- 2. Blueprint Council meetings are open meetings. The public may listen in but there is not a public comment period, unless expressly scheduled by the Executive Committee**

c. Grounding

1. Blueprint Council purpose according to CoC Charter

- Set strategy & annual implementation priorities
- Monitor system performance and progress
- Review and approve policy
- Align resources and activities and allocate funding to meet priorities
- Manage ranking of proposals under annual NOFO
- Ensure transparent governance and managing conflicts
- Delegation to workgroups for implementation
- Designation of an individual or entity to speak for the Continuum
- Designate Collaborative Applicant, HMIS, Lead, and CES agencies by MOU

- 2. Pastor Greene is asking us to prioritize policies, discussions, and actions that will help house more people quickly and help them remain housed.**

II. Consent Agenda

Pastor Greene will ask if there is a motion to approve the consent agenda items. There will be an opportunity for discussion, and once discussion is finished then he will call for a vote to approve them.

a. Board Packet Items

- 1. Approve CES Policies and Procedures Update on TH-RRH policies**
- 2. Approve MOUs with CHIP for Lead Entity, CES Lead, and HMIS Lead**

Please go to Group tab and view the new MOU drafts there. The old MOU drafts can be found on the CoC website, and a link is provided in your Board Packet.

b. Approve meeting minutes- 4.18.22

1. Approve the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2022 Blueprint Council Meeting

c. Motion: Approve the Board Packet items and meeting minutes from April 18, 2022.

Meeting minutes are available in the Groups tab under Documents section.

Carlette made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ray Seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

III. New (Other) Business

a. Blueprint Council and Encampment Closures

Pastor Greene provided context over recent discussions about camp closures at community meetings. The Blueprint Council has not yet responded as a group. Discussion: is there an opportunity for us to prioritize people who are in encampments that are closing for housing? This has been discussed by CES Leadership Work Group. CES Leadership has developed a pilot policy to determine if the policy of prioritizing during camp closure is effective. Concerns about whether prioritization for housing is a long-term solution, and if prioritizing based on a camp closure has unintended consequences. How does this play a role in the larger discussion of the new definitions of vulnerability and our housing/CES assessment tool?

Opportunity for there to be communication from OPHS about the encampments that may be considered for closure. Information being shared with CoC about camps that are having a cleaning or restrooms being brought out to them. The community reporting has driven some closures, but others have been on the radar longer. Opportunity for information being shared with Blueprint Council, OPHS/Mayor's office on the availability of units, moving through CES, how CES functions and how well the system is keeping up.

Coordination between partners and departments on the ground continues, but what coordination is possible between leadership of CoC and City? Relationship building between offices, proactive discussions prior to decision.

What resources are necessary in these situations? Housing, storage of materials, outreach services, mental health services, housing services, time, location for people to go safely when they are displaced (shelter, other encampment site, etc)--what else are people asking for?

Ongoing questions from community on low-barrier shelter, which has been taking attention away from permanent housing focus.

Unit inventory needs- what information about inventory does the Blueprint Council need to know/see? If there was more information about inventory shared with the Council, what support/resources could be brought to housing efforts?

1. Discussion of Drafting Statement Requesting a Moratorium on Camp Closures

Moratorium framework is drafted and will be available on Boardable. It uses Prop 76 Language, CoC Charter and Community Plan.

Council members can review the issues they see in their area of expertise/system to report back to the group, provide greater context to the situation with individuals living unsheltered and encampments closing.

Information from other communities/cities that are facing issues in their unsheltered population. What solutions are other communities using? Communities that are having success, what did they do?

What would we want to see happen? Identify opportunities to share information on issues outside of Council meetings--discuss with Exec on what is a memo in Boardable and what is brought to a Committee/Full Council?

-Communication: Health Dept, OPHS/City Leadership/Blueprint Council-CoC information and proactive relationship building (the framework that will be on Boardable will have details on types of communication, information that groups need to know/understand, status updates, etc), understanding the impact of closures and how we get that data

-CES Prioritization for Individuals in Closing Encampments Policy Pilot will continue and CES Leadership can report back to Council as that policy is tested

-CES: Update to Blueprint Council on vulnerability/prioritization and assessment updates, similar/more detailed information to OPHS to understand access to housing (this can be in a memo on Boardable)

-Unit Inventory: provide information to Blueprint Council about unit inventory, identify who on Council has relationships or communications with developers that could bring more resources and how to connect those landlords to housing programs, also the funding available to rehab units if they are connected to CES/housing individuals experiencing homelessness

b. Dept of Veteran Affairs Technical Assistance

Danielle will introduce Kendol and Tom who will be joining the meeting at 4 PM virtually.

Kendol Enzinger from the VA, Tom Albanese will be providing technical assistance (TA) to VA and veteran service provider partners.

1. Kendol Enzinger and Tom Albanese introductions

Kendol provided an update about the work she has been engaging in with partners and direct staff, with a focus on collaboration to improve services for veterans experiencing homelessness. Kendol requested the TA from the National VA Programs Office, Tom is the TA provider. This is a part of the national initiative to house 38,000 veterans nationwide. They will be focused on alignment with the CoC, formalization of policies that align with best practice and the Blueprint Council. Tom will be coordinating a new leadership work group among the veteran service providers. Kendol will be reporting back to the Council on a regular basis, TA is through the end of September (for now).

IV. Discussion and Reports

a. System Performance Dashboard presentation on length of time to housing, system navigation and trends in our data.

Data was presented by Danielle Bagg-Wireman about length of time to housing. The data presented was from program enrollment to move-in date. Some data quality issues are present, but those are being addressed in monthly HMIS meetings. Our system has significant issues in the veteran services world, with a number of factors contributing to the challenge of moving individuals quickly in to housing. This has been flagged for priority in the veteran system TA and Kendol is aware that it needs to be addressed. There are opportunities to provide more education to the Council about the data.

System navigation is a system component that would support individuals after they are assessed and referred but before they move in. This component is being formalized right now with a new program model and implementation will begin soon. The staff in these roles will have goals focused on reducing the length of time from referral to move-in.

V. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. Announcements

- 1. Indianapolis CoC submitted their Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count last week. PIT report anticipated June 2022.**
- 2. Call for Members- Racial Equity Work Group is re-organizing. Interested members can contact Pastor Greene.**
Imani Sankofa expressed interest.

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. Business Meeting- June 20, 2022

- 1. Meeting will be held at City County Building 2001, and available online. Online meeting option is open through July 2022 when Council we reassess the hybrid meeting structure.**

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM