



Blueprint Council Meeting- June 27, 2022 Minutes

Jun 27th, 2022 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

I. Welcome

David Greene welcomed Council Members and began the meeting at 3.32 PM.

a. Quorum Check

Quorum was met at 3:32 PM.

Blueprint Council Members Present: David Greene (in-person), Kay Wiles (in-person), Amanda Alvis (in-person), Carlette Duffey (in-person) Sara VanSlambrook (remote), Marcia Lewis (remote), Pam Ross (remote), Breanca Merritt (remote), Scarlett Andrews (remote), Imani Sankofa (remote)

CHIP Staff Present: Chelsea Haring-Cozzi (in-person), Danielle Bagg Wireman (in-person), Lisa Huffman (remote) Colleen Curtin (in-person)

Guests: Daniel Higgs (in-person), Yvette Markey (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

Chelsea grounded the group with reminders about the role of the Blueprint Council.

BPC is a strategic body, policy body, holds vision, values, priorities of the COC, BPC is NOT a political body. BPC is focused on smart, right and equitable work.

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. 2022 Priorities: Reducing the Length of Time Homeless, Reducing Returns to Homelessness

II. Consent Agenda

David Greene asked to move the consent agenda forward and opened the floor for any questions.


a. Approval of May 16th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

No questions or discussion.

b. Approval of 2022 Collaborative Application MOU

Kay Wiles asked for clarification about the role of the collaborative applicant in the Dimensions of Quality work and next steps, particularly in terms of aligning the various performance measures being used across the CoC (scoring tool, performance dashboard, etc.). Chelsea provided greater context to the initial cohort of the Dimensions of Quality (DoQ) work for permanent supportive housing projects as a demonstration of how the CoC may want to address legacy projects and set a standard for evaluating and improving supportive housing and supporting more shared accountability around performance.. The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is wrapping up the first cohort and sharing the process and results with targeted groups. The BPC will be the body determining how this moves forward, if the DoQ process is something that the CoC wants to adopt, and how it would be funded.

There were no further questions.

 With no further discussion on the consent agenda, Kay moved to pass the consent agenda. Breanca Merritt seconded. The consent agenda was approved.

III. Discussion and Action Agenda

a. Understanding and unpacking Coordinated Entry

1. Discussion and Questions

Danielle Bagg Wireman explained CES, prioritization, and resourcing community members. Shared its creation and development including how it is used in Indianapolis as well as common terms and definitions. Danielle Bagg Wireman described what the assessments looked like as well as how they function, explained diversion, assessors, housing placement, provided a description of past and current system access ie in person and via phone. Danielle Bagg Wireman explained that having an assessment completed does not equal automatic housing these folks are able to access housing as it opens up but are not automatically housed due to constraints with supply in the community. In 2021 - 7,400 individuals were counted as homeless, 4,000+ are part of the CES the other 2,000 are not accessing this system and likely self resolved. Danielle Bagg Wireman explained prioritization and the process of accessing housing via CES. Refer to the BPC packet for graphs and charts from 2021. Additionally the CES Dashboard is accessible online following the link in the BPC packet which has CES data for the current year and historic data for years past.

b. Defining vulnerability to inform prioritization


Guest: Lisa Huffman

The BPC is being asked to endorse this definition. Please refer to the link and included pages in the BPC packet for descriptions of this work group and the impact this definition of vulnerability will have on our community's system.

1. Discussion and Questions

Lisa Huffman discussed the workgroup, the phases of the project, the development of the definition and how it will be used to create an assessment tool, implemented across the system, and the importance of assessor training. Kay Wiles requested ongoing updates for the BPC throughout the process. BPC members discussed the importance of racial and LGBTQ equity and specific vulnerability as well as the requirement for the adherence to Fair Housing policy. Carlette Duffey expressed her concerns about equity and the vulnerability especially of Black mothers and inquired about how without weighting the demographic data their risk and vulnerability factors would be accurately accounted for in the assessment. Included in the discussion of the work group were reflections from members of the work group, Daniel Higgs and Yvette Markey, on the work they have been doing and their commitment and focus on equity. David Greene and Kay Wiles reiterated the BPC involvement and requested to regularly see data to ensure that the process is adaptable and accountable as it is developed and implemented. Chelsea Haring-Cozzi reminded the BPC that the work group could not proceed until the definition has been approved.

2. Action Item: Endorsement of definition of vulnerability *Motion Passed and Accepted by the BPC*

 Kay Wiles made a motion to pass the Definition of Vulnerability. Carlette Duffey seconded. The motion passed.

c. Addressing camp closures without a coordinated strategy

This agenda item was not addressed at the meeting due to time constraints.

1. Action Item: Approval of statement on camp closure moratorium.

This action item was tabled until the July 18th meeting.

2. Action Item: Rejection of May 9th Camp Closure and Prioritization Amendment.

This action item was tabled until the July 18th meeting.

IV. New (Other) Business

V. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. CoC Lunch & Learn- July 19th, 2022

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. Business Meeting- July 18th, 2022

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VII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.