



Blueprint Council Meeting Minutes

Tue June 26th, 2023, 2:00pm-3:30 PM EDT

Committee Members Present: Pastor David Greene, Imani Sankofa, Rodney Stockment, Kay Wiles, Ray Lay, Roxy Lawrence, Rodney Stockment, Andrew Merkley, Rusty Carr, Carlette Duffy, Sara VanSlambrook, Kendol Enzinger

CHIP Support Staff Present: Chelsea Haring- Cozzi (Executive Director), Danielle Bagg Wireman (Director of Systems Strategy), Mia Clark (Administrative Specialist)

Guest Present: Nicholas Hunot, Elliot Zans, Sara Nowlin, Terrence Harper, Natalie Roberts

I. Welcome

Pastor David Greene welcomed the committee members and guests and asked about their wellbeing.

a. Quorum Check

Quorum requires 8 members.

Quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order by Pastor David Greene at 2:09pm.

b. Housekeeping notes were reviewed by Pastor Greene.

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

As a reminder of what we, as the CoC Governing Board, are here to do:

(set strategy and priorities, monitor progress, align resources, and hold accountability)

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

d. CoC Goal: To Reduce Black homelessness by 35% by January, 2025 in the aggregate and across priority populations (veterans, families, youth & young adults, chronic)

As a reminder, this is the goal driving us over the next 18-months.

Pastor David Greene summarized the goal and thanked everyone who presented and attended the June 27th, 2023, CoC Convening today. Members of the committee expressed their excitement towards the goal and their pleasure to be in attendance.

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.

Consent Agenda Item 1: April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Consent Agenda Item 2: Annual CoC Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's)

The Blueprint Council must designate a grant recipient to be the Collaborative Applicant. The Blueprint Council must select the CoC Lead Agency, HMIS Lead, and CES Lead.

Roles, responsibilities, and priorities must be outlined, reviewed, and approved annually in an MOU. This is typically done at the June Blueprint Council meeting.

2023-2024 Annual MOU's included in the board packet for approval include:

- Collaborative Applicant MOU- Naming the City of Indianapolis
- CoC Lead Agency MOU- Naming CHIP
- HMIS Lead MOU- Naming CHIP
- CES Lead MOU- Naming CHIP
-

Consent Agenda Item 3: HMIS Data Quality Plan Amendment

A recommendation to amend the HMIS Data Quality Plan's measure of timeliness was brought forward by the HMIS Advisory Workgroup to extend the time. The amendment is included in the council packet.

Action Item: To approve the consent agenda items.

Need a motion to approve the consent agenda inclusive of the meeting minutes, annual MOU's, and HMIS Data Quality Plan amendment.

Pastor Greene called for a motion to approve all the consent agenda items. Kay motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Ray seconded. Motion carried.

III. New (Other) Business

a. Measuring Progress and Performance of CoC Goal to Reduce Black homelessness

Danielle presented three ways to measure progress and performance toward the goals. These included by-name list, key metrics, and dashboards. Key things that were noted were:

1. A reduction of homelessness is needed specifically in emergency shelters where there are higher numbers of Black individuals and families
2. A 35% reduction of homelessness based on 2023 PIT numbers is 849 to 552
3. By-Name lists will provide more real time data and include homeless statuses- Newly homeless, return from housed, return from Inactive, Active
4. Description of By-Name Lists - Veterans, Youth, Families, Chronic

b. Tactical Plans for Advancing CoC Goal

Danielle provided an overview of the workgroup/ implementation structure for the three key tactics to reduce Black homelessness:

1. HomeNow (Housing Command Center Model)
2. CES Equity Refinements
3. Case Management/ Supportive Services

She noted that she has identified leads for the workgroups for the By-Name Lists (Veterans, Youth, Families, and Chronic) and for the first two tactics. She noted that the tactic leads will meet regularly and report to the BPC Executive Committee via BPC memo. She noted that there will be more updates related to workgroups at the next Blueprint Council meeting.

Pastor Greene asked the committee members if they had any suggestions or recommendations for leading the third tactic, Case management.

Chelsea noted that it would be beneficial to reach out to organizations to see if well experienced and passionate case managers could be "lended to the system" and play the role to lead this tactic. She noted that there are already great leaders in case management.

- ⊙ Chelsea noted that she will take the lead on asking organizations for leads, Rusty and Kay noted they will help her make the ask to these organizations.

c. Holding Accountability to the Goal

Pastor Greene asked for an update on which organizations have signed on to the CoC goal.

Chelsea provided an overview and efforts to continue to push out the membership agreements.

Blueprint Council members expressed a need to engage with shelter organizations and make sure that they are in alignment with the goal. They noted that they are essential to the Continuum of Care.

Members of the council noted that there should be a tracking of metrics, outputs, outcomes, strategies, etc. so that data can be compared and so that organizations are held accountable.

Chelsea mentioned that it would be beneficial for the CoC to work with TAC to make sure that there is a shared understanding of this goal, how the goal was determined, and how progress will be tracked across organizations. Next steps are TBD.

IV. Bi-Monthly Memos

To support shared awareness and open communication with the Blueprint Council, the Office of Public Health and Safety, the Department of Metropolitan Development, and CHIP provide informational memos on key initiatives and/or funding related to homelessness. Items can be pulled out for questions or further discussion.

a. DMD Memo

Rodney noted that Hanna Commons is a supportive housing project that will be beginning soon and has about 55 units.

b. OPHS Memo

Andrew Merkley may be available to answer questions on the OPHS memo.

No further discussion on this memo.

c. CHIP Memo

No further discussion on this memo

V. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. Blueprint Council Committee Updates

1. Nominating Committee

Chelsea noted that the Blueprint Council needs recommendations for the Nominations Committee.

Imani Sankofa, Anthony Dumas, and Roxy Lawrence expressed interest in serving on the Nominating Committee. There is still a need for one more committee member. Blueprint Council Members will continue scouting and asking for recommendations.

2. Racial Equity Committee

Rodney reached out to CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing) for funding of the position of the Racial Equity Officer. Rodney and Pastor Greene are seeking individuals with lived experience who look like the people that are being served. A job description has not been finalized and more details are to come.

b. CoC NOFO Updates

Natalie gave the committee a quick update on the upcoming 2023-2024 CoC NOFO application. She noted that they received the GIW (grant inventory worksheet).

There will be a two-week review, and HUD will present the finalized GIW on July 28th. The NOFO will be ready for review, approval, and submission in August.

c. Other Business/ Discussion

Kendol shared that they are seeing more apartment complexes they work with choosing to NOT renew leases/selling properties and rehab the units into unaffordability. They are seeing a new trend of homelessness with Veterans being priced out of housing.

Chelsea noted that the Housing Acquisition team are monitoring this but there are policy implications here in terms of protecting affordability, and this will continue to be discussed.

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. August 22, 2023

VII. Adjourn

With no further business or topics of discussion, Pastor Greene adjourned the meeting at 3:13pm.