



Blueprint Council Meeting- August 15, 2022 Minutes
Aug 15th, 2022 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm

I. Welcome

Pastor Greene welcomed Council Members and guests.

a. Call to order and quorum check

The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm. Quorum was established at 3:40pm.

Blueprint Council Members Present: Pastor David Greene (in-person), Kay Wiles (remote), Ray Lay (in-person), Amanda Alvis (remote), Imani Sankofa (in-person), Sara VanSlambrook (in-person), Pamela Ross (remote), Carlette Duffy (remote)

Non-voting present: Chelsea Haring-Cozzi (in-person), Rodney Stockment (remote), Danielle Bagg Wireman (in-person), Julie Stanley (in-person), Amy Gibson (in-person)

Guests: Natalie Roberts (in-person), Andrew Merkle (remote)

b. Housekeeping

1. Zoom Procedures: Zoom meetings and the chat box are recorded and downloaded. Council members joining virtually 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

Overview of BPC official role in NOFO process per the CoC charter document.

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

II. Consent Agenda

Pastor Greene asked to move the consent agenda forward and opened the floor for questions,

- Approve the July 18th, 2022 meeting minutes.
- Approve the Racial Equity Committee as a standing committee of the Blueprint Council

➔ There was not any discussion on the consent agenda. Sara VanSlambrook move to approve the consent agenda. Ray Lay seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

III. New (Other) Business

- 2022 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and 2022 CoC Special NOFO- Unsheltered

Natalie Robert, CoC Grant Manger with the Department of Metropolitan Development, will be presenting on the two upcoming CoC funding competitions.

Natalie Roberts presented information for the 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the 2022 CoC Special Unsheltered Homelessness NOFO. The presentation is available for review.

Key Takeaways from the Presentation:

The annual CoC Program Competition is the largest funding source at \$9.4 million.

[FY 2022 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity - HUD Exchange](#)

Indianapolis CoC scored a total of 137.5 points out of 173 points for the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO. The majority of the points were lost for System Performance Measures and not receiving the bonus points for Coordination with Housing and Healthcare.

Applications for new projects were due by 11:59AM on 8/15/22. 3 applications were received.

Changes to the annual NOFO - this year there are 200 possible points. Indianapolis will not receive the 25 bonus points for consolidating with another CoC. SPM are now worth 59 points and Coordinating with Housing and Healthcare is no longer bonus, but rather 14 points.

NEW THIS YEAR - 2022 CoC Special Unsheltered Homelessness NOFO
[CoC Program Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) - HUD Exchange](#)

Indianapolis CoC could apply for \$9 million for this Special NOFO, however, it is an all or nothing grant. The CoC will need to be strategic in the amount applied for knowing Indianapolis will not receive any of the bonus points available.

70 of the 100 points available are for the Unsheltered Homelessness Plan. Sara VanSlambrook pointed out the Blueprint Council will need to utilize the completed plan when determining priorities and additional funding opportunities.

The Non-conflicted Workgroup prioritized the same for both NOFOS:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
2. PSH for families
3. Projects with some of all rental assistance covered by 3rd party and healthcare partnerships.

Asks for the Blueprint Council:

1. Schedule a special meeting on 9/8/22 to review and vote on the 2022 CoC Program NOFO policies and procedures, as well as the priority listing recommended by the Non-conflicted Workgroup.
2. The 2022 Special NOFO's priority listings will be the agenda for the regular Blueprint Council Meeting on 9/19/22.
3. Assist with Healthcare Partnerships - bring Medicaid, Medicare, public health organizations to the table. Help funded projects create MOUs to partners.
4. Focus on SPM - help develop strategies to address the SPM Indy scores consistently low (length of time, returns to homelessness)
5. Assist with building a coalition of individuals with lived experience - these individuals are the greatest asset of the community
6. Invite organizations who serve underrepresented populations to join the Indy CoC efforts

b. Overview of Funding for Homeless Housing and Services- Current State, Opportunities, and Alignment

Rodney Stockment, Policy Director for Homelessness with the Department of Metropolitan Development will be presenting on the current funding state, upcoming opportunities, and places for further alignment.

Rodney Stockment presented on the various funding sources available in Indianapolis. The full presentation is available and outlines traditional HUD funding, other HUD funding that can target homelessness, specialized COVID/Recovery Funding, and local public funding. Rodney provided details for each source.

The group acknowledged funding silos need to be broken down and the Blueprint Council needs to strategically think about the available funding and how it can fit together.

One challenge that was named is around many of the funding sources require match and grassroots organizations do not always have this available. How can the Blueprint Council help with establishing partnerships, as Natalie

Roberts mentioned in her presentation, with smaller organizations, not typically involved in the Indianapolis CoC?

IV. Discussion and Reports

a. Follow-Up on OPHS Navigation Center

This agenda item was not addressed due to time constraints and tabled until a future meeting.

V. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. Announcements

1. Blueprint Council- Racial Equity Work Update

The Blueprint Council Racial Equity Committee was approved during this meeting as a standing committee of the Blueprint Council.

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. Special Meeting Request- September 8th 2022

Based on the NOFO timeline and required HUD deadlines, a special session of the Blueprint Council is being requested to review the priority listing options for the Annual CoC competition and to vote on the priority listing.

A meeting invite will be sent. It is very important quorum is met so voting can occur.

b. Regular Business Meeting- September 19th 2022 3:30-4:45

1. Need to determine format and location

This meeting will be hybrid. In-person option is the City County Building, Room 2001. Zoom link will be sent to the full group.

VII. Adjourn

Pastor Greene adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.