



Minutes

Blueprint Council Meeting- August 16, 2021

📅 Mon August 16th, 2021

🕒 3:30pm - 5:00pm EDT

📍 Zoom (details below)

👤 **In Attendance**

I. Welcome

a. Quorum Check

In attendance: Jeff Bennett, William Bumphus, Dr. Virginia Caine Pastor David Greene, Angie Carr Klitzsch, Ray Lay, Kay Wiles, Amanda Wilkerson, Tamara Winfrey-Harris, Sara Van Slambrook.

Guests in attendance: Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Rodney Stockment, Natalie Roberts, Greg Stocking, Hannah Edwards, Jami Schnurpel, Kirk Taylor, Nicole Rivelli, Danielle Bagg-Wireman, Hannah Edwards, Nicole Rivelli

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**
- 3. Reminder: Please submit annual Blueprint Council forms: conflict of interest and member information sheet.**

II. Consent Agenda

a. Approve meeting minutes- June 21, 2021

1. Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from the June 15th, 2020 Blueprint Council Meeting

Decision: Pastor Greene made a motion and it was seconded by Amanda. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Action Items

Meeting packet was provided in Boardable on 8/9/21.

Chair Jeff Bennett requested that we adjust the agenda to first discuss the second agenda item. The group agreed to adjust the order.

a. Endorse System Performance Target Methodology

Discussion and endorsement of a methodology for us to set targets for system performance. Options are presented in the board packet based on a peer community review.

1. Motion: Endorse system performance target methodology based upon the 3 options presented.

The goal setting strategies were presented to the Council based on information presented in the packet. Suggestion for how to approach the goal setting is to set reasonable/realistic goals at a decrease. The pandemic negatively impacted some of our Community Plan goals, particularly our length of time homeless. The endorsement today would be to approve a methodology. This methodology would be taken to a work group where the actual targets would be set.

Decision: Pastor Greene made a motion to approve a methodology to use previous years performance, using input from relevant committees to set those annual target reductions/increased. Seconded by Dr. Caine. The methodology was approved to be sent to committee for target setting.

b. Endorse Permanent Supportive Housing Rental Subsidy Transformation

Chair Jeff Bennett presented this transition to the group and introduced the topic for discussion.

1. **Motion: Endorse Permanent Supportive Housing rental subsidy strategy for CoC PSH to transform structure of rent and services.**

City Dept of Metropolitan Development (DMD) has been discussing this with service providers and have been receiving TA on how to approach this. Projects were selected to be a part of this transition because they are tenant-based vouchers, which means that the projects that are not site-based/project-based. Individuals in these projects already choose where they live. Anything that would be eligible expenses under CoC services would be acceptable under the grant. All of the PSH projects have met with DMD and have expressed interest in this transition.

Suggestion brought to the Council that more time be given to the planning process before this strategy is endorsed. 226 vouchers would be impacted. The restructure would be done gradually. The endorsement was clarified to mean that the work groups would still need to convene and support implementation planning, and that future decisions would be brought back to the Council for approval.

Decision: Moved by Pastor Greene, Seconded by Ray Lay and Amanda. The Council endorsed the strategy with the expectation that future decisions from the work group will be brought forward.

IV. Discussion

a. **Emergency Housing Voucher and Housing Choice Voucher Strategies**

Discussion of the strategies, process and partnership with IHA to implement the EHV's and HCV's by end of 2021.

1. **More than 700 vouchers available for this year.**
2. **What are the risks to successfully implementing these strategies?**

Concerns brought forward: criminal history. Advocacy from the Blueprint Council would be helpful to help increase support from landlords to work with individuals with criminal history.

Concerns brought forward: capacity to get people through the system/process.

3. **What role can the Blueprint Council play in supporting the strategies?**

Advocacy with landlords.

Advocacy with social security office to decrease length of time to get a card. Jeff volunteered to speak with congressmen.

Supporting the strategy to transition those that need a voucher already in a unit.

Blueprint Council should be accountable for supporting these strategies so that barriers/risks are reduced.

Task: Blueprint Council members: please review the EHV MOU posted in Boardable. Rachael will post after meeting.

Task: Ongoing information update from the project management team to the Blueprint Council on progress, coordination, alignment with MOU, outcomes, and other items identified by Blueprint Council.

b. **Rehousing Non-Congregate Shelter and ESG-CV1 and CV-2**

1. **Current spend-down and compliance training and support.**

Amber Hayes from the City presented information about the spend-down and the technical assistance and support that is being provided.

Task: Blueprint Council would like ongoing updates at upcoming meetings from Amber about spending. The next target we are hoping/needing to hit is 80% by March 2022 (for all ESG-CV funded projects.)

2. **Current information on timeline and targets.**

3. **What are our lessons learned?**

V. **New (Other) Business**

VI. **Comments, Announcements, and Other Business**

a. **Nominating Committee Update from 8/11/21**

Nominating Committee members are asked to use the Boardable committee discussion to provide input/suggestions on candidates through the end of August. Non-committee members please discuss your suggestions to committee members for addition on to the list of possible candidates. Seats to consider: 4 system seats, 2 funder seats, business partner seat,

b. **Racial Equity Work Group Update**

The Racial Equity Work Group will provide a brief update on a technical assistance opportunity that is available, and they are submitting a Letter of Intent to receive.

Task: CoC will submit a letter of intent to join the Racial Equity cohort for this year. The Work Group will be meeting in early September to prepare for the potential Racial Equity TA that will be announced in mid-September.

c. **Point-in-Time Count Lunch and Learn Recording Now Available!**

[View the PIT Count Lunch and Learn Here](#)

d. **HUD Technical Assistance Update**

1. **Selected for Coordinated Entry System Technical Assistance- Launched 8/2/21**

This TA will work with CES Leadership Work Group around the assessment tool.

e. **Mayor's 2022 Budget Priorities- Highlights**

Updates were provided by Jeff. Additional funding was requested from the state (IHCDA), legal support has been provided to individuals at risk of eviction through courts, \$12 million was allocated to possibly fund a low-barrier shelter pending the outcome of a needs assessment. The funding was allocated prior to the completion of the assessment as a matter of process. The Blueprint Council will be fully engaged in the next steps after the needs assessment is complete. The needs assessment is being conducted by Planning Plus. Presentation of the assessment will be in either October or November.

Next possible steps for the Blueprint Council: advocating for best practice, advocating for Housing First throughout the process, if a shelter is what is suggested, advocating for a commitment we need from the City for ongoing

funding and not relying on philanthropy that could take away from our permanent housing efforts. Supporting permanent housing alongside the sheltering.

VII. **Next Meeting Date**

a. **Business Meeting- October 18, 2021**

1. **Zoom**

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VIII. **Adjourn**