



Minutes

Blueprint Council Meeting December 14, 2020

📅 Mon December 14th, 2020

🕒 1:00pm - 2:30pm EST

📍 Zoom (Details Below)

👤 In Attendance

Jeff Bennett, William Bumphus, Virginia Caine, David Greene, Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Ray Lay, Breanca Merritt, Chris Ray, Rachael Sample, Rodney Stockment, Sara VanSlambrook, Kay Wiles, Amanda Wilkerson, Tamara Winfrey-Harris

I. Welcome

Pastor David Greene (vice-chair) called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

a. Attendance / Quorum

In attendance: Jeff Bennett, William Bumphus, Dr Virginia Caine, Pastor David Greene, Ray Lay, Breanca Merritt, Chris Ray, Kay Wiles, Tamara Winfrey-Harris, Sara VanSlambrook, Amanda Wilkerson.

Jeff Bennett, Dr Caine joined late and were not in attendance for the 2 voting decisions.

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**

Non-voting individuals in attendance: Chelsea Haring-Cozzi, Rodney Stockment and Rachael Sample (note taker)

II. Consent Agenda

a. Review and approval of meeting minutes

1. **Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from the August 17th, 2020 Blueprint Council Meeting**

Decision: The Blueprint Council adopted the meeting minutes. Kay Wiles made a motion to approve that was seconded by Ray Lay. Consent was unanimous; minutes approved.

2. **Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from the October 19th, 2020 Blueprint Council Meeting**

Decision: The Blueprint Council adopted the meeting minutes. Kay Wiles made a motion to approve that was seconded by Ray Lay. Consent was unanimous; minutes approved.

b. Review and Approval of CES Policy Changes

1. **Motion: To approve the adoption of language using rapid rehousing as a bridge to permanent housing.**

The CES Leadership Work Group adopted changes to the existing language about rapid rehousing (RRH) transfers to permanent supportive housing (PSH.) The new language highlights the intentional use of RRH as a bridge to PSH as a part of the ESG-CV2 strategy, and how individuals in RRH remain eligible for PSH when there is a need for PSH for those individuals.

Decision: Kay Wiles made a motion to approve and Ray Lay seconded. Vote was unanimous approval of the adoption of the use of RRH as a bridge to PSH.

2. **Motion: To approve the adoption of language prioritizing the use of Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) mainstream housing vouchers in the CoC.**

Non-elderly Disabled (NED) vouchers serve households between 18-61 with a disability. We have 55 vouchers and services are provided by a dedicated staff member from Eskenazi, and the prioritization for these vouchers was never codified. CES Prioritization work group met to codify how these vouchers will be used moving forward. The strategy and policy memo outlines these changes, with a focus of these vouchers being for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness (3rd party documentation is not necessary) and those with a score of 7-10 on the VISPDAT assessment.

Decision: Tamara Winfrey Harris made a motion to approve and Ray Lay seconded. Approval for the NED prioritization was unanimous.

III. Reports

a. **Community Plan Report Card- Progress**

Chelsea and Rodney presented the progress, priorities and challenges for 2020 in the Indianapolis Community Plan to End Homelessness. A copy of the presentation is available on Boardable.

Strategy 1 Suggestion: examine the model of DESC in King County/Seattle. Dr Caine suggested her contact with the health officer in King County as a connection to learning more about this work.

Strategy 3 Feedback/Question: do we have any supportive service needs that have changed as a result of COVID-19?

Strategy 6 Feedback: We have ongoing concerns about the data imports with shelters and the capacity it takes to ensure we have complete, streamlined entry and accurate data. The City may be willing/able to bring support and resources to ongoing integration efforts.

Veterans note: the influx of resources to promote safe sheltering for those experiencing homelessness has taken a lot of capacity for providers and focus away from typically SSVF RRH implementation. We are looking forward to data integration with the VA HOMES database. Providers are also receiving TA from ABT Associates.

Youth note: the YHDP funding has focused on a truly collaborative approach across providers serving this population as they begin their implementation.

1. **Permanent Supportive Housing Pipeline 2020-2022**

Rodney shared the timeline for the pipeline from 2019 through the next 24 months.

Pipeline Suggestion: gaps analysis for the current system and also projecting the need in 2023 so we can continue to expand our planning to address future needs too.

b. **2020 Successes and Challenges**

Information is available in the presentation.

CoC NOFA: Rodney spoke with John Dorgan the local HUD office director about the competition. They are attaching language for adjusting the competition requirement for NOFA funding is attached to the continuing resolution for government funding,. We may have some concern about the planning grant funding, but renewal projects should be secure.

c. **2021 Priorities and Risks**

Information is available in the presentation.

d. **Update on current crisis response efforts**

1. **Non-congregate Shelter**

Information is available in the presentation.

2. **ESG-CV1 and CV2**

ESG CV funding suggestion: There has been a longer process to contract and get started than anticipated. More robust tracking around the grant contracting from DMD given the new system. New director at DMD, Scarlett, will be joining the Council and can help support this.

3. **Coordinated Outreach Expansion**

Information is available in the presentation.

IV. **Discussion**

a. **NAEH Racial Equity Framework- Introduction**

Chelsea shared the access/outcomes and housing process portions of the racial equity framework. A copy of this is in the presentation in Boardable.

b. **Funding Opportunities**

1. **LEI Enhancing Opportunities in Indianapolis**

Flexible and collaborative funding with LEI to expand the infrastructure around housing.

2. **Day 1 Families Fund**

We will try to convene in January to plan around this opportunity. CHIP will be granting \$1 million to the community.

V. **New (Other) Business**

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

a. **Annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Service- December 21st, 2020
11AM-12PM (virtual)**

1. **Volunteer candleholders still needed. Contact Amy Gibson
agibson@chipindy.org**

VII. **Next Meeting Date**

a. **2021 Blueprint Council Meetings on Boardable**

1. **February 22nd, 2021**
2. **April 19th, 2021**
3. **June 21st, 2021**
4. **August 16th, 2021**
5. **October 18th, 2021**

6. **December 13th, 2021**

b. **2021 CoC Quarterly Convenings on IndyCoC Website**

1. **July 20th, 2021**

2. **November 16th, 2021**

3. **January 26th, 2021**

4. **April 13th, 2021**

VIII. **Adjourn**

Meeting was closed at 2:34 PM.

Parking Lot

There is ongoing interest/desire for future regular COVID-19 sessions. This will be evaluated for continuation in 2021.