

CoC Advocacy Committee Meeting

April 5, 2017

10am – 11:30am

Ounce of Prevention, 33 W. Monroe, Suite 2400

Attendees in-person: Carie Bires, Deon Williams, Erica Cornelisen, Keith Richardson, Chris O'Hara, Gail Schechter, Jenna Temkin

Attendees on phone: Tedd Peso, Jennifer Nelson-Seals, Barbara Shaw, Tamela Milan

- I. Agenda and minutes approved
- II. Reviewed June 2016 All CoC meeting survey priorities
 - a. Priorities that received 30 votes or more were highlighted and then cross-referenced with items from landscape document
 - b. SSI recipients saving money for purpose of home ownership was a high priority at the All CoC meeting. What does that mean and how we would we get to those people?
 - i. SSI does not allow people to save a lot of resources and doesn't account for saving money to buy a home. We could try removing barriers to saving.
 - c. We need to push for a stronger affordable housing ordinance; \$5M missing from fund. We'll put that in the parking lot.
- III. Barbara provided recap from last meeting
 - a. Committee reviewed the full policy landscape without any prioritization. They made additions, which are highlighted.
- IV. Plan 2.0 Advisory Committee- Gail provided an update from their last meeting
 - a. Local TIF as affordable housing –Julie Dworkin updated them that 100 units working with CHA on had to do with funded for services from low income trust fund – tied into TIF money-
- V. Overview of advocacy priorities document
 - a. Clarified that "Protected class" meant protecting those who have a voucher, SSI, child, support from discrimination from landlords
 - b. Recidivism plan update: Tom Dart's office has been meeting with other groups about mental health and seeking recommendations to help people leaving prison system.
 - c. Anything missing?
 - i. Tedd- Question about federal budget line – as part of that discussion, can we talk about funding for US Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is slated to be eliminated; will add to document
 - ii. SNAP is missing.
 - iii. We can come up with a running list of the state and federal budget advocacy items we're most interested in

- iv. Tedd- Big concern for youth providers is Runaway and Homeless Youth Reauthorization. Trying to reauthorize for three years and it's not passed; last attempted it in 2015. The controversial piece is around LGBT providers and nondiscrimination against that population. It will be brought up again in senate soon.
 - 1. Will create a new bucket under the federal category to identify monitor and advocate as needed on legis. Can identify timely things pass along

VI. Prioritization Discussion

- a. What items seem most achievable/actionable to you?
 - i. ACA is safe for now
 - ii. State youth mental health consent passed the house already and is moving onto the senate
 - iii. Protecting T+HUD funding
 - iv. CHA reserve
 - v. Just Housing Initiative
 - vi. Encouraging CoC members to contact legislators and register support as well; sending out communications to encourage CoC members to act
- b. What are items we feel already have great leadership and we should be a follower?
- c. What are issues that we could play a key role in? Filling a gap?
 - i. CHA reserve
 - 1. If we're taking a lead on CHA, one of our strategies should be to meet with HUD
 - ii. TIF as affordable housing
 - 1. IHDA should prioritize homeless for low income housing trust fund
- d. We should choose one to two things we can lead on
 - i. ID budget line items or legislation that isn't getting a lot of attention and play from other lead organizations
 - ii. Deon- Indianapolis has an adult and child program that helps the adult with jobs, housing, seeing doctors, etc. Adopting this two-generation approach would be great for Illinois.
 - 1. If we develop a model, we could meet with a legislator like Robyn Gabel
- e. Getting involved with local policies that might be losing traction
- f. Potential to do advocacy around the north side viaducts
- g. Anything someone feels really strongly about?
 - i. Housing as Infrastructure

VII. What is most important?

a. **Achievable**

- b. Time sensitive
- c. ****Impactful**
- d. *****Fills a critical gap**
- e. *****Low hanging fruit**
- f. ***Integrates** (focus on items that force us to collaborate with other entities)

VIII. Announcements

- a. CCT on the table discussions coming up

IX. Nest meeting: May 3, 10am – 11:30am – Ounce of Prevention