

All Chicago

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

MINUTES

DATE 8-30-16

START TIME 3PM

MEETING CALLED BY	All Chicago
NOTE TAKER	Tremel Daniel & Elizabeth Perez
ATTENDEES	Present: Nonie Brennan, Consuella Brown, Dave Thomas, John Egan, Jeri Linas (TLP) Flora Koppel (Unity), Maura McCauley (DFSS), Ted Peso (Night Ministry), Sol Flores (LCN) Molly Burke (CPS), Wayne Richard (CCH), Teresa Cortiz (Covenant House), Alaina Duca (DCFSS), Josie Lynne Paul (Chicago House), Alicia Vega, Amanda Borta, Elizabeth Perez, Tremel Daniel Absent: Chapin Hall (Invited)

Agenda topics

I.	Introductions
II,	Purpose of Meeting
III.	Overview of NOFA
IV.	Key Decisions
V.	Timeline
VI.	Next Steps
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4:20PM	

Welcome and Introductions by Nonie Brennan

Consuella Brown proposed the question: What is one thing that you would like to come away with from this meeting?
Some of the responses were:

- Who will the lead agency be?
- Who will be the best leading agency?
- How can we support?
- How do we all work together?
- How will the entire system be funded?
- What is this opportunity about?
- What will the Youth Advisory Board look like?

Consuella Brown provided the purpose of the meeting

Overview of the NOFA provided by Dave Thomas

- Mentioned it is very important that everyone read the NOFA
- Appendix A & B would be helpful to read as well as it dives deeper into the projects
- High level focus on NOFA and mentioned heavily scored portions and the overall idea of the community approach through the grant

Questions presented and comments presented from the NOFA overview:

- Are any capital expenditures allowed? Or Infrastructure support?
- It is going to be a challenge to end youth homelessness by 2020
- Will all of the models be renewable in the CoC competition? Will they be evaluated by them in the HUD competition?
- How can we be inclusive of other needs that they youth need to end homelessness? For example, mental health.
- Need HUD to not be narrow minded with this grant and it not just be housing solutions.
- Is HUD committed to this and willing to provide additional resources and supports for the long haul
- What is the big picture and purpose of this grant?
- Are we going to be evaluated as individual or in rural areas or in conjunction?

- What is HUD's commitment in pulling in alternative funding resources?
- Concerns about the time it takes to fund the projects?
- Reunification of families should be included and it should be a large family engagement part in this grant
- We should use existing resources. Can we evaluate transitional housing, drop in centers, low thresholds?
- Can the evaluation process be incorporated?
- Questions regarding the access to data (Youth PIT Count) from the Voices of Youth Count before it is released to the public for this grant purposes
- Chicago has been creative in working with Mental Health Services and other sectors, but have had problems working with CPD in the past
- We play well in the sandbox together!
- Keep in mind that the age 24 is an arbitrary number and many youth homelessness continues well past 24 and what supports will they have. (Maybe a transition plan)
- A lot of strengths in Chicago and the diverse housing models.
- Reminder that there will be the opportunity for rolling project request and that all of the answers and number need to be figured out upfront.

Key Decisions and Suggestions

- Chicago is in. Everyone at the table agreed we should move forward in applying for this grant
- All Chicago will submit the actual application as it is the current Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum
- A Youth Advisory Board will be created
- A lead agency will be chosen through some process
- Process for choosing a lead agency will be decided
- Ask who wants to be the lead agency
- Suggestion that lead agency not be a provider
- Suggestion that the lead agency be neutral and be committed and have knowledge about youth homelessness and the people that are at the table
- Because of timing the lead agency should have an understanding about our system
- Possibly choose an agency that does advocacy
- Possibly choose a researcher or university
- Nonie and Maura described the leadership team that exist for the Veteran's Initiative and that there is no funding available in their coordination. Possibly use a model like this to lead this project. CSH was contracted through the city for the Veterans Initiative
- Note that CSH seems to have a relationship or a part with HUD in this project
- John Egan stressed that the New Project Selection Committee and the Board should be involved in the selection of the lead agency and this grant
- Reminder that the planning grant is not renewable, but may be like the planning grant that already exist. (Treated like a new project every year, but is available)
- Expand the table. Who should be at this table? (List below)

Expanding the Table

- Chapin Hall
- Ounce of Prevention
- Public Health
- CHA
- ICOY
- Safe Line (National Runway Hotline)
- City Employment
- Center on Halsted
- New Moms
- Howard Brown
- Puerto Rico Cultural Center
- ASH
- UCAN
- CCBYS Agencies
- Erie
- HHO
- Juvenile Justice
- Human Trafficking
- Workforce
- Polk Brothers
- The Trust
- Mc Arthur Foundation
- Landlords
- City Colleges
- Pride Action Tank

- Youth Advisory Board (Note: DCFS has a youth advisory board)

Youth Advisory Board

- 3 youth
- 24 and under
- 2/3 homeless or formerly homeless
- Be involved in every process of the decision making process
- Wayne from CCH stated they would start and they can support and recommend what works best
- Questions around paying the youth and incentives for them to join the board
- Accommodating youth during the evening or weekends
- Can we learn from entities that are already doing this work already?
- Make sure the board is diverse
- All Chicago agreed to possibly do training for the youth
- Possibly have every organization provide one youth and an alternative
- Use youth 18 to 24 so that they can sign the signature page required for the application
- Consuella mentioned a possibility of 15 youth on the advisory board
- How do we develop this board?
- Is there an organization that oversees this board?
- The night ministry has an 11-week youth program with an advisory board.

Time Line Reviewed

Next meeting September 7th @ 3:30pm at the Thompson Center (35-50 People) Specific information from John Egan
3rd Meeting September 22nd @ 9:30am downtown (HHCS has offered downtown space)
4th Meeting October 13 @ 3:30pm

Next Steps

E-mail to be sent to group from Consuella regarding the lead agency
Notice out regarding the next meeting on the 7th
Fill in the blanks for the expanded table