



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Since we last meet the work of the agency and the working committees has been more clearly defined. CMAP is embarking on creating the next comprehensive plan for the region. This will be CMAP's central focus for the next 2-3 years. While CMAP commonly refers to this as the new integrated plan for the region some people have likened it to creating the next Burnham plan. Related to this effort is the upcoming 100th anniversary of the famous [Plan of Chicago](#), by Daniel Burnham in 2009.

The integrated plan process has 4 main components (see flow chart below):

- Development of vision and goals – using the Common Ground goals as the starting point.
- Regional snapshot series – existing conditions/data bulletin reports.
- Data collection and regional model development
- Policy analysis.

Each of these initial activities includes: Technical work, CMAP committee involvement, and Public involvement.

The Human Services working committee will have a hand in all four components of the integrated plan. Our main task is going to be developing a vision for what we, from a Human Services perspective, would like to see the region look like in 2040. Each of the six working committees is going to conducting a similar exercise and then what is produced by each committee is going to be woven together into a compressive integrated plan for the region. This is an excellent opportunity to do something that likely has not been done before in our region. By creating a vision of Human Services it will force us to examine where we currently are as a region and outline the steps on how we can get to where we want to be by 2040.

One of the first tasks is going to be developing a current picture of Human Services in Northeastern Illinois. This likely will involve a robust data gathering effort, an assessment of the current infrastructure, defining Human Services, etc. We will use the goals developed during the NIPC common ground process as a starting point (see handout). Input from committee members will be essential to identifying the various components that will fall under the banner of Human Services, what the relevant data sets are, and who we need to be working with. We will also need to start to understand what currently works and what doesn't so that we can begin to discuss what we might want to see in the future.

Chart 1
Flowchart – Integrated Plan Development Process

