



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### In Attendance:

#### Members:

Kemberly Dailey Johnson	Pioneer Center
Jacky Grimshaw	Center for Neighborhood Technology
Phil Smith	DuPage County Community Services
Candace King	DuPage Federation of Human Services
Bob Gleeson	Northern Illinois University
Walt Meyers	Northeast Illinois Area on Aging
Caroline Gimble	IDHS
Tammy Wierciak	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors
Jay Ciavarella	RTA
Jim Lewis	Chicago Community Trust
Lynn O'Shea	Association for Individual Development (AID)
Dan Strick	CMAP Citizens Advisory Council

#### Guest:

Ted Byers	United Way of Lake County
Elsa Gutierrez	CTA

#### CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP Staff
Bob Dean	CMAP Staff
Shana Alford	CMAP Staff

### The Human Services Committee meeting commenced at 10:00am.

#### 1.0 Introductions

The meeting began with those in attendance introducing themselves to one another.

#### 2.0 Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### 3.0 Comments from the Chair and Vice-Chair

Bob Dean provided the committee with a recap of the planning meeting. He stated that the sustainability snapshot report generated a number of comments for the committee. The sustainability snapshot was then revised based on some of these comments prior to its release. During the sustainability snapshot some of the committee members specifically mentioned areas of concern that fall into the Human Services umbrella. What is noteworthy is that Human Services was an

integral part of the discussions that took place at the planning meeting. The interest in Human Services remains strong outside of the Human Services Committee. Some of the committee members remarked that planning needs to go beyond just landuse and transportation. It was mentioned that Human Services could likely benefit from applying planning principles and techniques while planning can benefit by incorporating Human Services activities in the planning process. It was also mentioned that Human Capital needs to be recognized during the planning process.

#### **4.0 Comprehensive Regional Plan:**

##### **4.1 Regional Vision Development**

The committee undertook a regional visioning exercise that dealt with equity. Some of the issues around words and phrasing that was discussed are as follows:

- The definition of equity and how it is used and in what context was discussed among members. There was a strong concern about CMAP making any vision statements that state or imply that everything can be made equal. However, equity was viewed as an important theme that needs to be covered in the vision statements.
- The description of winners and losers was requested to be removed and replaced with a better description that states that the regional plan aims to improve the lives of all residents.
- Transportation was a point of discussion which emphasized that both suburban and City of Chicago residents face issues of accessibility. Cultural diversity and celebration were debated because all members agreed that these terms are vague and do not hold concrete value.
- The need to distinguish between diversity and equality was also mentioned.
- The difference between equitable outcomes versus equality impacts was discussed, along with the need to have equality among communities, transparency, balance, and proportionality.

##### **4.2 Strategic Analysis**

Bob Dean presented the Boston Indicator Project to the Human Services Committee and explained how this project could be used to garner ideas for CMAP staff and the committee on measurable indicators for analysis. The committee was asked to think about available and accessible data that could be used in CMAP's modeling process that will be part of the development of the regional comprehensive plan. A more detailed discussion regarding data would take place at the next meeting. The question was posed to CMAP on how much is known about geo-political breakdowns along racial lines. It was expressed by majority of the committee that in order to present useful data related to human services, that the data could not solely be fed through a model without looking at the most at-risk groups.

##### **4.3 Update on Aging and Ethnicity Snapshot Report**

The update was tabled

**5.0 Human Services Committee Information:**

**5.1 Define Human Services.**

This discussion was continued from the last meeting and will continue in the next meeting. It was felt that the definition should not focus on deficits but should instead be related to policies and planning.

**5.2 Baseline data discussion.**

Due to time constraints this discussion was relatively brief, but will be continued at the next meeting where a more in-depth discussion is planned to take place with Kermit Wies from CMAP.

**5.0 Other:**

The availability of using conference calling for future meetings was asked about. It was stated that this can be done upon request.

**6.0 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at CMAP.

**8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00