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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday September 14th, 2009

In Attendance:

Members:

Craig Adams	Pioneer Center for Human Services
Janelle Brown	RTA
Jim Lewis	Chicago Community Trust
Lynn O'Shea	Association for Individual Development
Sheri Cohen	Chicago Department of Public Health
Henry Sullivan	CNT
Janna Stansell	Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Mike Sullivan	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Tammy Wierciak	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Guest:

Lillian Lahr	CTA
Greg Pullman	Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
Rebecca Burgstahler	Age Options
Richard Sewell	UIC School of Public Health
Ted Byers	United Way of Lake County

CMAP Staff:

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

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of May meeting minutes.

The minutes for the June and July meetings were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The chair commented that the planning committee met and discussed the public engagement effort related to Go To 2040. They also discussed the Invent 2040 workshops and the preferred scenario development process.

The vice-chair stated that the programming committee met. At their meeting the main item that was discussed was an update on the Northeast Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan.

4.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

4.1 Go To 2040 Public Engagement (Erin Aleman, CMAP)

The committee was given an update on the various public engagement activities that took place in support of the Go To 2040 process. A summary document of the public engage activities was referenced; this document will be posted to the CMAP web site. CMAP conducted a number of workshops throughout the summer that were attended by nearly 1,400 people for an average of about 25 attendees per workshop. There were also Invent 2040 Kiosks installed at several locations throughout the region. CMAP also maintained a booth at each of the county fairs in the region, which generated over 2,800 survey responses. A number of people also visited CMAP website and use the online scenario development tool to create their own scenario. There were a number of communities that participated in design workshops to help visualize what the future might look like in their communities

Some of the initial feedback results stated that people wanted more transit options (even if it cost more), safer communities, effective schools, and a reduction in energy and water use. One theme was increased transit options across the region. There was a desire for faster public transportation options that are clean, 'green', and safe. In addition to more public transportation there was also a desire for more walkable and bike-friendly communities. Participants also told us that if there were faster, seamless, and more accessible transportation options they would take them. Another theme that was brought up at almost every workshop was the desire to have better educational opportunities across the board

Q. Did outreach meet its goal?

A. We (CMAP) are analyzing the data to see what can be done better. One of the things that were done was to send a follow up email to everyone that participated in a workshop to keep them engaged.

Q. Did you collect any demographic information?

A. We did collect some such as age and sex.

4.2 Preferred Scenario Development, and Trust Reports Update: Bob Dean, CMAP

Bob Dean gave a presentation on the preferred scenario development. http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human_services/minutes.aspx (click on scenario development presentation).

The presentation recapped the activities that have taken place to date regarding the development of the preferred scenario and outlined what the next steps are. The goal at this time is to have a draft of the preferred scenario to the CMAP board in late fall. Between now and then there will be discussions with the working committees regarding the preferred scenario. Endorsement of the preferred scenario is expected in January 2010. The final plan is scheduled to be approved in about a year. One of the things that needs to be done at this time is to prioritize the

recommendations that have been made. The larger policy directions were then discussed. Landuse and Housing recommendations are not to change who governs landuse. However, there is a focus on compact mixed use development and but increasing densities in existing, built up areas can be a challenge. Housing affordability is also a concern and is something that the plan will address. Regarding the economy, the region has a good supply of infrastructure and increasing compact development makes good use of infrastructure investments. It is also thought of as a positive for human and community development issues. Improving education is also a critical component. There will likely be a focus on green jobs and the tax policies will be examined. An equitable distribution of economic growth can help reduce crime, hunger, etc. As for the environment there will likely be a focus on local food production, addressing “food deserts”, and resource conservation. Some of the possible transportation recommendations are maximizing the existing system, improving transit, investing in high speed rail and congestion pricing. There will be a direct approach to dealing with freight issues and an emphasis on technological improvements.

Q. How effective can congestion pricing be?

A. It has been shown to work in other areas, but there are concerns regarding equity and the impact that it could have on local communities and arterial streets since some people will choose not to pay to use the expressways and will instead use local roads to travel.

Q. Would this be done on the tollway?

A. It could be and there are a variety of ways to implement this from time of day to pricing some lanes, etc.

In terms of governance and social systems the “unsiloing” of federal and state grants and programs would allow flexibility in identifying the best ways to achieve identified outcomes. Sharing of data and increasing transparency is also important.

The next steps for the Human Service committee are to help prioritize the recommendations put forth in the various reports sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust. Of particular interest to this committee are the recommendations that were made regarding health, hunger, crime & safety, and human relations. There are executive summaries for each topic area that have been posted on the CMAP website. The full report of each of the topic areas is scheduled to be finished by the end of October. At the next 2 or 3 committee meetings the committee will be asked to focus on one or two topic areas, read the executive summary, and help prioritize the recommendations that were put forth. There are more recommendations than can be incorporated into the report, thus narrowing them down into a shorter list is the goal. After some discussion it was decided that the committee would look at 2 topics at each of the next 2 meetings, leaving

the December meeting to summarize and address any topic that were not covered yet.

5.0 2009 JARC & New Freedom Program of Projects Presentation: Janelle Brown, RTA

The RTA presented the 2009 program of project for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Grants. Handouts were distributed that detailed the various projects that had been selected for the 2009 program of projects. It was noted that the Transportation bill that authorizes these programs expires at the end of the month. What happens next is somewhat unclear. There could be an extension from anywhere from 3 months to 18 months or there could be a new bill. Future calls for projects will be dependent on what is done once the current bill expires. At this time there is still JARC money available and the possibility exists that a new call for JARC projects could happen. Some of the highlights in this year's program are the Pace call centers that a designed to serve south Cook, Will County, DuPage County, and Kane County and the Safer foundation which has designed a transportation to work program for ex-convicts. The next step is to for the RTA board to formally approve the program of projects at their October meeting.

6.0 2-1-1 Statewide Planning Process: Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP

The 2-1-1 statewide planning process is underway. A statewide steering committee has been formed to help in this process, which is being lead by the United Way of Illinois, CMAP, and AIR's Illinois, who have contracted with the United Way Worldwide to put together the statewide plan. At the end of the month there will be a series of community forums and stakeholder interviews designed to provide information about 2-1-1, answer questions and solicit feedback that can be incorporated into the statewide 2-1-1 plan. In the CMAP region there will be forums in Elgin on the 29th, CMAP on the 30th, and Tinley Park on the 1st. At the time the state is preparing to conduct an RFP by the end of the year to select a 501c3 organization that would be responsible for overseeing 2-1-1 in Illinois. A 501c3 is being put together that would be comprised of most of the same people who are currently conducting the statewide planning process. Whoever is chosen by the state to run 2-1-1 it is assumed that they will use to the plan being developed to guide the implementation of a 2-1-1 system in Illinois.

7.0 Public Health Initiatives: Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP

A brief discussion took place highlighting some of the various health planning efforts that are ongoing in the region, with an emphasis on CMAP's involvement. CMAP is interested in examining the impacts that transportation and landuse projects or policies can have on health. We are still investigating the best way to do that and would welcome suggestions by the committee.

8.0 Other

Erin Aleman from CMAP spoke about the FLIP program that is design to engage high school students from throughout the region in planning and leadership

development. CMAP was still taking applications if anyone knew of someone that might be interested they should feel free to contact CMAP. Also, if anyone is interested in helping the FLIP students participating in this program understand Human Services issues as they relate to planning you are encourage to contact Erin.

9.0 Next Meeting (October 19th at 10:00am)

10.0 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:57a.m.