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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday July 13th, 2009

In Attendance:

Members:

Sheri Cohen	Chicago Department of Public Health
Candace King	DuPage Federation on Human Services
Jacky Grimshaw	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

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP Staff
Shana Alford	CMAP Staff
Erin Aleman	CMAP Staff
Ylda Pineyro	CMAP Staff
Randy Blankenhorn	CMAP Staff

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of May meeting minutes.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

CMAP's executive director, Randy Blankenhorn spoke to the committee. He stated that at this time CMAP's budget issues have not been resolved but that IDOT had agreed to provide the 20% local match that CMAP needs to access federal funds, for at least the 1st quarter of the fiscal year. While the match is good and enables CMAP to continue operations it does restrict the use of money to projects that are transportation related. He also expressed concerns about the State's fiscal situation and not just the impact that it is having on CMAP but also on non-profit providers of Human Services. He also stated that he believes there will be a solution to the state fiscal crisis but that it will likely not be immediate. The practical impact for CMAP is that as we go forward we need to be very

Careful in what we are working on and try to tie everything to transportation. In general the Federal government has taken a more expansive view of what is transportation related than IDOT has. CMAP is still committed to Human Services but in the current environment we need to try emphasizing the ties between Human Services and transportation.

The chair did not have any comments, but staff provided an update on what took place at the last planning committee meeting. The vice-chair commented that the programming committee met and discussed the DRI draft application and had a presentation on the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways Trails plan.

4.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

4.1 Scenario Development (Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP)

The elderly and disabled summaries based on the discussion at the June meeting were discussed. In general the committee agreed with what was presented. The summaries will be put on CMAP's website for comment. Also discussed were the initial conclusions from the scenario evaluations. Committee members were encouraged to read the initial conclusions and provide any comments that they may have. Scenario evaluation is still ongoing. The next step is to develop a preferred scenario, which will be discussed at the September meeting.

4.2 Go To 2040 Workshops (Erin Aleman, CMAP)

The committee was given an update on the various public engagement activities taking place at CMAP in support of the Go To 2040 process. At this point in time 11 Invent the Future workshops had taken place. After each workshop there is follow up within a week. Media, particularly newspapers have been reporting on various workshops. In addition the website has seen a spike in activity with a 50% increase in traffic. Finally 12 communities have participated in design workshops to help visualize what the future might look like in their communities. In general the results indicate that communities would be slightly denser, invest more in transit, with mixed results in regarding road investments. A few questions were asked by the committee.

Q. Have there been any regional differences.

A. Yes, as one would expect the suburbs favor cars more than what we have found in the city.

Q. How do you weight the input from the workshops?

A. We are not exactly sure how this will be done yet. The goal is to see if there is a consensus forming throughout the region.

It was also noted that information is available in Spanish and that there are some workshops designed to engage Hispanic residents.

5.0 Human Services Issues

5.1 FY10 Human Services Activates

Staff discussed some of the activities that they will likely be working on in the coming year and the impact that the budget has had. In general work in support of 2-1-1 activities will continue, however CMAP is currently unable to contribute, financially to the 2-1-1 planning effort as originally thought. CMAP is also going to examine paratransit coordination efforts, finish work on the aging snapshot, look at ways to bring Public Health into the CMAQ process, work on a variety of Public Health issues, continue to work on school siting issues, and hopefully work with public health departments on developing their I-Plans. There will likely be others issues that CMAP will work on but what was present is thought to be the core of CMAP's Human Services efforts in FY10. The committee commented that they thought that this was a good list of projects to work on and they will be interested in the results that stem from this work.

5.2 2-1-1 Update

A brief update on 2-1-1 planning and legislative activities was presented. In general it was explained that there will be some community forums in the fall to gather input and answer questions from those interested in 2-1-1. Also, legislation is pending the governor's signature to create the 2-1-1 service act and federal legislative efforts related to the 2-1-1 calling act are still ongoing.

5.3 Health Impact Assessments (HIA's) (Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP)

The committee was provided with an overview of what is a Health Impact Assessment, why CMAP might be interested in using one, and what the committee's role might be. As this was an introduction to the topic several websites including links to UCLA and the CDC were presented. It was mentioned that developing a mechanism that links the effects of transportation and landuse projects and policies on Public Health is something that is of interest to CMAP. What that mechanism is has not yet been agreed upon. A Health Impact Assessment might be a tool that could be used to accomplish that goal. Discussions on this topic will continue at future meetings.

5.4 Legislative Updates

Updates on the federal transportation reauthorization bill were given to the committee.

6.0 Other

7.0 Next Meeting (September 14th at 10:00am)

It was decided that the August meeting should be canceled, with the next meeting taking place in September

8.0 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:47a.m.