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# Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday January 12th, 2009

## In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith DuPage County Community Services
Sheri Cohen Chicago Department of Public Health
Lynn O'Shea Association for Individual Development

Lorrie Lynn United Way of Metro Chicago

Janelle Brown RTA

Olympia Moy

Center for Neighborhood Technology

Janna Stansell

Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

Candace King DuPage Federation on Human Services

Jim Lewis Chicago Community Trust
Walt Meyers Northeast Illinois Area on Aging

Tammy Wierciak Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

#### **Guest:**

Rebecca Hendrick UIC Karen Mossberger UIC

Peter Kamps City of Chicago
Courtney Barber Red Cross
Allison Youngblood Red Cross
Vincent Davis Red Cross
Lillian Lahr CTA

# **CMAP Staff:**

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

#### 1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves

# 2.0 Approval of November minutes.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

## 3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The chair stated that the next planning committee meeting would be taking place on Wednesday (1/14/09). A summary of the planning committee meeting would

be given at the next Human Service committee meeting. The vice-chair stated that the next programming meeting would also be on Wednesday (1/14/09) and that a summary of this meeting would be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

# 4.0 Human Services Issues

# 4.1 Townships and municipalities as human service providers report.

Rebecca Hendrick and Karen Mossberger from UIC gave a presentation based on their findings from a study they conducted on suburban local governments and the role they have in providing various human services. The presentation can be viewed using the link below. <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human\_services/minutes.aspx">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human\_services/minutes.aspx</a>
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It is anticipated that their report will be made public in February. The presentation highlighted some of the demographic shifts that are occurring in the suburbs. The trend is that there are more immigrants or individuals who are low income moving into the suburbs. There is also a wide range in human services offered throughout the region. Some townships and municipalities don't offer any programs while others have a wide array. Programs for seniors and the disabled were the most common. One of the limiting factors in providing services is that townships primarily receive revenue from property taxes. Townships that have a high need for services often do not have property tax base with which to support the needed services. It was also noted that there are a number of dedicated property taxes that are collected for specific functions but that most human services funding is derived from the general revenue fund. Combined with the fact that Townships do not have home rule authority this limits the amount of revenue streams at their disposal.

# 4.2 2-1-1 Update

CMAP staff provided an update on the current status of 2-1-1 efforts. There are three 2-1-1 activities that are on going

- 1. Getting the 3 Illinois 2-1-1 pilots up and running.
- 2. Proceeding with a statewide planning process.
- 3. Monitoring the 2-1-1 national calling act.

The three pilot programs (East St. Louis area, the Quad Cities area, and Bloomington) are currently operational but they have not signed contracts with the State of Illinois so they have not been able to promote the 2-1-1 number. Thus at this time it is unlikely that any callers would be aware of the 2-1-1 number. The hope is that the contractual language can be worked out and the pilots can be fully operational and marketed in February.

Once the pilots are up and running the next step is to develop a statewide planning process. CMAP, the United Way of Illinois, and AIRS Illinois have all agreed to sponsor a statewide planning effort to be conducted by the United Way of America. Unfortunately we have not been able to work out and understanding with the state on how to proceed and define what the state's role in the planning process is. This is primarily due to two factors. One is that the state is focused on getting the pilots up and running and all of their efforts are being spent on that endeavor. The other reason is that they recently hired someone to lead their 211 efforts. Before we can move forward on a planning process we will need to come to an agreement with the state regarding their role so that the outcome of the planning process is something that everyone can support.

Finally the United Way of America has stated that 2-1-1 is their top legislative priority for 2009. The calling for 2-1-1 Act was reintroduced in the senate and currently has 29 sponsors. We will keep everyone informed on the progress of this legislation.

# 4.3 Red Cross Presentation (Vince Davis).

The Red Cross gave a presentation on their Regional Preparedness Initiative <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human\_services/minutes.aspx">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human\_services/minutes.aspx</a>
The goal is to the region to a state of preparedness over the next three years so that they could if necessary respond to a catastrophic event. Specific mention was made by the Red Cross that it would like to partner with those who can help it in reaching out to Special Populations and Special Places so that their unique needs can be planned for. Anyone wishing to do so should contact <a href="Vince Davis">Vince Davis</a> at the Red Cross.

## 5.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

# 5.1 CMAP/CTT Partnership Update

A brief update of the activities that the lead agencies are currently undertaking was given by Jim Lewis from the Chicago Community Trust and by CMAP staff. At this juncture most of the committees are either working producing a report on the current conditions or are starting to develop strategies for the region. Starting in February some of the lead agencies should begin coming to the committee to solicit feedback/discuss their topics. Jim Lewis mentioned that the Hunger Committee will likely be ready to give a presentation at the February meeting.

## **5.2** Human Services Policy Discussion

A discussion was had regarding how CMAP can get various planning or other related efforts into the Go To 2040 plan and or other CMAP planning activities. The example that was given is the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) a *Blueprint for System Redesign* initiative. This is a 7 year effort that is designed to reshape the manner in which services to the developmentally disabled are provided in Illinois. One action area is providing support that enables individuals to remain a part of their community's thus reducing the dependency on institutionally

based services. It was decided that the best way to incorporate these types of efforts is for staff to review them, and then parse out the parts that are relevant to CMAP's planning efforts and disseminate them to the appropriate committee. As an example if there is a recommendation or initiative that has a transportation component than that specific part would be forwarded to the transportation committee where they would determine how best to incorporate it into the larger transportation plan and then into the regional comprehensive plan. Committee members were then asked to notify staff of any initiatives, planning efforts, or other relevant efforts so that staff can then examine, review, and disseminate the relevant information appropriately. Staff will keep the committee abreast of any policy recommendations garnered from staff reviews that have been disseminated to other CMAP committees.

#### 6.0 Other

6.1 2009 Meeting Schedule

The 2009 meeting schedule was presented to the committee. No committee members presented any objections to the proposed 2009 Human Services Committee meeting dates. Staff then informed the committee that the 2009 meeting dates would be posted on the CMAP website in the Human Service Committee section.

## 6.2 Other Announcements

Candace King announced that the DuPage Federation of Human Services announced its Making the Connection: Accessing Public Benefits for Low Income Persons training session. The session will contain practical information in an easy to understand format regarding the many programs available to assist low income persons (including SSI, Social Security, TANF, Medicare, Medicaid, All Kids, Food Stamps, and more). <a href="http://www.dupagefederation.org/makingtheconnection.htm">http://www.dupagefederation.org/makingtheconnection.htm</a>

- 7.0 Next Meeting (February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am)
- **8.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.