



Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday November 8th, 2010

In Attendance:

Members:

Laurie Dittman	City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
Sheri Cohen	Chicago Department of Public Health
Mary Keating	DuPage County
Walt Meyers	NEIL Area Agency on Aging
Laura Schneider	Lake County Department of Public Health
Lynn O'Shea	Association for Individual Development
Jan Ward	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Janna Stansell	Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Tammy Wierciak	Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Guest:

Lillian Lahr	CTA
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CMAP Staff:

Pete Saunders	CMAP Staff
Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP Staff
Bob Dean	CMAP Staff

1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of meeting minutes.

The minutes from the September 2010 meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The Chair of the committee, Sheri Cohen commented on the GOTO 2040 plan release event and asked if anyone else wanted to say anything about the event. It was also mentioned that METROPULSE would soon become operational. The Vice Chair, Tammy Wierciak did not have any updates from the programming committee.

4.0 Implementation of *GO TO 2040*: Technical Assistance – CMAP Staff

Bob Dean led a discussion with the committee regarding local technical assistance. At future meetings other areas related to implementation of the GO

TO 2040 plan will be discussed. Handouts were provided to the committee to supplement the discussion, <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human-services/minutes>.

As was mention in the memo distributed to the committee as part of their meeting packet, CMAP is considering a variety of approaches to technical assistance. The likely approach will involve a combination of staff assistance and grants. CMAP is in the process of hiring more planners to help specifically with local technical assistance. The intent is to do this in combination with other planning efforts, most notably in conjunction with the RTA community planning and subregional planning programs. <http://www.rtachicago.com/initiatives/funding-programs.html> At this time the focus is on providing assistance to municipalities and planning efforts that combine transportation and landuse.

Q. When will the plan be evaluated?

A. The plan will be reviewed/monitored on an ongoing basis. Planning activities are funded via the UWP process on an annual basis, so that is one opportunity for review. Federal requirements also call for the plan to be updated every couple of years.

Q. What are the deliverables associated with the HUD grant.

A. The deliverables are things such as hiring staff, distributing grant money, completing 10-20 housing, zoning, planning projects a year. In addition local match money for grants is being provided by CMAP.

Q. Will Brownfields/greenfields be a focus?

A. The focus will likely be on reinvestment opportunities.

Q. Is there a copy of the application on CMAP's website?

A. Bob Dean stated that a copy of the application can be sent on request.

Pete Saunders then led a discussion (power point presentation) that examined the role that MPO's in other parts of the country have regarding technical assistance. CMAP reviewed the 20 largest MPO's to see what type of technical assistance they are offering. The various types of service were categorized into 5 different tiers, from 1 being the most involved to 5 being the least involved. A number of MPO's were then mentioned as examples of different levels of service.

Q. Was there any correlation between assistance and where zoning decisions are made?

A. Areas where growth is limited (geographically) more assistance may be sought, particularly to help with coordination.

Q. Is CMAP a level 1?

A. CMAP is likely a level 2 at this time. One thing that CMAP does have that a lot of other MPO's do not is a strong relationship with non-profits and philanthropic organizations.

Q. What are the end products/results?

A. Getting local ordinances to be more consistent across the region. Including new ideas and infrastructure investments to be consistent with local plans, are some examples. Raising the bar for greater consistency between plans and implementation is a goal.

Q. Human Services needs to fit in. These issues need to be examined. Can the committee have a role or some impact on this?

A. A committee member stated that the Chicago Community Trust has been hired to tract CMAP's health indicators. Also CMAP staff suggested that they would be coming back to the committee on a regular basis for input and feedback. That being said a lot of the work will be done at the local level, outside of CMAP's offices.

Q. Has CMAP thought more about the roles of the committees, about new members...?

A. This is still being discussed by CMAP staff, but no decisions have been made yet.

Q. Are there other regional issues being looked at by CMAP?

A. CMAP is looking at other issues such as tax policies for example.

5.0 Regional Planning Updates: Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP

Sheri Cohen stated that the Chicago department of health is in the process of developing their new we-plan. As part of this process they have conducted a survey which yielded 1800 responses. They have also worked with focus groups on issues that have been frequently mentioned. They have also secured a 6 month extension so that they can incorporate soon to be released census data into their process.

Walt Meyers stated that the 3 area agencies on aging have partnered with the VA to help provide services so that Veterans can remain in their homes.

Lynn O'Shea stated that there will likely be changes coming related to how Illinois provides assistance to individuals with cognitive disabilities, specifically those that are Medicaid eligible. In sum the money that is used to provide assistance to these individuals will stay with the individuals, enabling them potentially to live in non-institutionalized settings, likely community based setting instead. There are a host of challenges associated with doing this, such as the lack of community/group homes, but by in large this should be a much better system and will likely by far less costly than institutionalizing individuals is. It was also

stated that the state is beginning a pilot integrated care program in most of the CMAP region. This program would move care services into an HMO type system in which care would be organized more around a medical home model.

It was also decided that at the next meeting there would be a presentation on CMAP's new data site METROPULSE.

Q. Will this have data other than indicators?

A. Yes, and as CMAP acquires or forms agreements to share data more data will be made available.

Q. Will CMAP provide information on funding opportunities?

A. CMAP staff will have to think about this. We did do something like this with ARRA funds but haven't done this on a regular basis.

6.0 Next Meeting (December 13th at 10:00am)

7.0 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.