



Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Monday August 13, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members

Present :

Sheri Cohen (Chicago Department of Public Health) Co-Chair, Stephanie Chennell (CNT), Jennifer Clary (Heartland Alliance), Laurie Dittman (City of Chicago), Kathleen Fernicola* (Asian American Institute), Tom Galassini (United Way of Metro Chicago), Jacky Grimshaw* (CNT), Brian Inman (Arts Alliance Illinois), Walter Meyers (Northeastern Illinois Area on Aging), Jay Readey (CLCCRUL), Laura Schneider* (Lake County), Janna Stansell (HMPRG), Janice Ward (Kane County), Tammy Wierciak* (WCMC).

** indicates attended by phone/webinar*

Staff Present:

Hala Ahmed, Bob Dean, Samantha Robinson, Pete Saunders, Andrew Williams-Clark (Liaison)

Others Present:

Kathleen Brannigan (Cook County Works), Jennifer Hall (Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness), Larry Joseph (Voices for Illinois Children), Lillian Lahr (CTA)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 State Budget for Health and Human Services

Larry Joseph, Director of the fiscal policy center at Voices for Illinois Children, provided an update on the impacts of the Illinois state budget on Health and Human Services

delivery. The state has a \$2.7 billion funding gap in unpaid liabilities for Medicaid services. There are two main reasons. The state previously received a more generous federal match (60%). Also, there were inadequate funding appropriations in the previous budget. As a federal entitlement, the state cannot stop paying Medicaid bills. Meanwhile, medical assistance enrollment grew 83% in past five years in collar counties. A plan was enacted to reduce the gap – by cutting projected liabilities, with the assumption that the general revenue fund (GF) will remain funded at same level. Most of the cost savings would come from enhanced eligibility verification, Illinois Cares Rx, FamilyCare, and others.

Section 25 of State Finance Act allows Medicaid payments to be pushed into the next fiscal year. As a result, there were \$600 million of backlogged liabilities. SB3397 phases out section 25 liability deferments, so there will likely need to be a supplemental appropriation in FY13 or FY14. Recently, DHS has received more budget cuts than any other state agency. Beneath the budget numbers, there are some policy changes, including restricted eligibility for in-home services for people with disabilities, more cuts to services for people with developmental disabilities and mental health conditions (non-Medicaid), and higher family copays for childcare assistance and others. DCFS was cut by 12% in operating expenses in FY13 and grants were cut by 5%. The Department on Aging received an increased appropriation (+37%), but it still has a backlog of liabilities for Medicaid expenses. The medical assistance backlog is to be reduced to \$600 million, but this is still under a cumulative backlog of about \$5B. There will continue to be deferments of payment to service providers.

In the fall session, there are vetoes planned for the Corrections and Juvenile Justice that will amount to about \$57 million, which might be reallocated to DCFS. There is a Democratic proposal to leverage \$550 million in funds from outside the GF, which would be used to reduce the backlog of unpaid bills.

5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Program Updates – Westchester Comprehensive Plan

Samantha Robinson presented an overview of the Westchester Comprehensive Plan project. Census data shows that this western suburb could be considered one of the oldest communities in the region. As a result, the draft Plan recommendations address aging in place policies that will impact future housing, transportation, land use and health. The draft plan recommends increasing accessibility by making infrastructure improvements at major intersections with traffic-calming measures; creating a bike-pedestrian path throughout the Village to connect neighborhoods, parks and Salt Creek Trail; and installing pedestrian facilities at bus stops. The draft Plan recommendations also call for supporting diverse housing options that include multi-family residential; and promoting energy efficiency and universal design in new construction and renovation of homes. Members noted that Pace recently completed a corridor study that included Westchester in its study area. This could be used to help inform transit connectivity analysis and recommendations. At the end of the presentation it was announced that Drew Williams-Clark would no longer be serving as committee liaison. Samantha Robinson will be taking over the role, beginning with the September meeting of the committee.

6.0 Review of 2013 LTA and Community Planning Program Applications

Hala Ahmed, CMAP staff, provided an overview of the applications received by the agency for technical assistance. Since the adoption of GO TO 2040, CMAP has established two programs, the Community Planning program and the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. The Community Planning program provides grants and consultant assistance to projects that link land use and transportation planning, and is administered in partnership with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The LTA program provides staff assistance and small grants for a wide range of projects. Both programs held a call for projects in spring and summer 2012. Applications were due on August 1, 2012. Between both programs, 88 applicants submitted projects. Of these, 76 submitted only to the LTA program, 5 submitted only to the Community Planning program, and 7 submitted to both programs.

Applications for both the LTA program and the Community Planning program were due on August 1, and both recommended programs will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on October 10. Between early August and early September, a summary of applications received will be shared with CMAP's working committees for discussion and comments. The same will occur with other stakeholder groups, including technical assistance providers, transit agencies, Counties, the City of Chicago, COGs, and others. The Community Planning program grant recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Transportation committee on September 14. Both the Community Planning program and the LTA program recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their joint meeting on October 10.

CMAP will look at community need as one of the criteria for project selection as with the previous review of applications. Staff will update the committee on how need was used after projects have been selected. Staff will continue to provide project updates via the monthly board reports. The agency has not found that the highest need communities are also the least engaged. Committee members were encouraged to submit all additional feedback by emailing Samantha (srobinson@cmapp.illinois.gov) by September 5, 2012. A follow-up email was sent to all committee members on August 13th that included Samantha's email address and that deadline.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Updates

Janna mentioned that HMPRG is doing some research on outcome based budgeting and what data could be used to support that in the public health field. Members and interested parties were encouraged to submit ideas as soon as possible.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

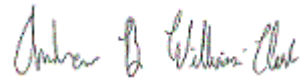
10.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on September 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew B. Williams-Clark".

Andrew Williams-Clark, Committee Liaison