



Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2017

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Becker, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors;
(*indicates via phone) Sheri Cohen, Chicago Dept. of Public Health; Laurie Dittman, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, City of Chicago, Melody Geraci, Activ Transportation Alliance; Judith Gethner, Illinois Partners for Human Service, Dominic Tocci, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, Eden Hurd-Smith, IFF; Tiffany McDowell, Chicagoland Equity Network, Gina Massuda Barnett, Cook County Dept. of Public Health; Marla Fronczak, Northeastern Illinois Area on Aging*; Janna Simon, Illinois Public Health Institute, Fluturi Demirovski, Regional Transportation Authority; Darnell Shields, Austin Coming Together, Greg Polman, Chicago Lighthouse*, Enrique Salgado, WellCare Health Plans, Inc./Harmony.

Others Present: Joan Fox, DuPage County*, Dan Cooper, Adler Institute on Social Exclusion

Staff Present: Kelwin Harris, Ricardo Lopez, Elizabeth Scott, Noel Peterson, Aseal Jineh, Noah Boggess, Donald Hughes

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Sheri Cohen, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed newer members including Melody Geraci of Activ Transportation Alliance and Darnell Shields of Austin Coming Together

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Sheri Cohen updated the committee on the March 8th [CMAP Programming committee meeting](#).

3.0 Approval of Minutes – [January 9, 2017](#)

Minutes were unanimously approved with the correction of Marla Fronczak's name being mentioned twice.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Inclusive Growth

CMAP Staff, Elizabeth Scott updated the group on [CMAP Inclusive Growth](#) work. Janna Simon asked if we are looking at property taxes in relation to school funding. Enrique Salgado suggested looking at Land Banks vs. Land Trusts and the pros and cons as they relate to sustainability. Gina Massuda Barnett mentioned incentivizing housing policy that can support health, including incorporating health factors into building inspections. Greg Polman mentioned looking at strategies that attract employers including transportation to connect people to jobs. Enrique Salgado mentioned that changing community demographics should be considered. Jennifer Becker mentioned that indicators are shifting. Sheri Cohen stressed the need to show measurement and alignment.

5.0 ON To 2050: Public Health

The committee participated in an exercise to get direction on CMAP's Public Health strategy. The exercise was led by CMAP staff Ricardo Lopez and Tiffany McDowell of the Chicagoland Equity Network. Some themes posed for consideration include: 1.) Build livable communities, 2.) Form alliances with collaborative stakeholders, 3.) Ensure equitable access to resources, 4.) Maximize health and well-being, 5.) Reduce health inequities, 6.) Eliminate structural racism, 7.) Challenge root causes of health inequities. During the exercise, the committee was asked to identify their top three priorities. They came up with: 1.) Ensure Equitable Access to Resources, 2.) Reduce Health Inequities, and 3.) Maximize Health and Well-Being. The committee also suggested increasing quality early learning and housing options for communities, especially those experiencing gentrification. Enrique Salgado suggested getting input from the Southland Human Services Leadership Council and the Center for Supportive Housing. He also mentioned structural barriers to getting technology resources as being an issue and asked CMAP to look at overlaying geographies of anticipated job growth. Greg Polman mentioned addressing impacts of electronic devices on public health. Judith Gethner suggested involving Candace King from DuPage Federation. Gina Massuda Barnett suggested hearing from the Forest Preserves and UIC School of Public Health. Sheri Cohen mentioned that changes in immigration policy could threaten all topic areas. Janna Simon mentioned legislation by Rep. Sonya Harper to address food deserts.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Indicators

CMAP staff, Noel Peterson discussed CMAP's [ON TO 2050 Indicators](#). Gina Massuda Barnett suggested thinking about indicators for public health. Tiffany McDowell said that she could make some recommendations. Janna Simon asked about regional income inequality indicators. Enrique Salgado suggested looking at education as an indicator. Melody Geraci suggested looking at K-12 walkability and bikability including a sidewalk index. She asked if CMAP has good data on bad sidewalks.

7.0 Public Comment

Fluturi Demirovski mentioned [RTA Section 5310](#) – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities Program has a call for projects that is due May 1st. Sheri Cohen asked about [CMAPs call for LTA projects](#). Elizabeth Scottt and Ricardo Lopez referenced the [CMAP LTA Symposium](#) on May 16th at Roosevelt University where there will be additional information. Dominic Tocci told the committee about Cook County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) application: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/content/grant-applicants-cdbg-esg> - which is due March 29th.

8.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 10 am.

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison