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## **Human and Community Development Committee**

### **Draft Minutes**

Monday, November 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, Michael Davidson, Chicago Community Trust; Fluturi Demirovski, RTA, Greg Polman, Chicago Lighthouse\*; Dominic Tocci; Cook County Bureau of Economic Development; Enrique Salgado, Jr., WellCare Health Plans, Inc./Harmony, Laura Schneider, Lake County Health Department\*, Jacky Grimshaw, Center for Neighborhood Technology\*

(\*indicates via phone)

**Others Present:** Joan Fox, DuPage County\*, Oboi Reed, Equiticity, Aesha Binion, Cook County Dept. of Public Health, Veramarie Baldoza, Chicago Hearing Society, Megan Napierkowski, Northeastern IL Agency on Aging

**Staff Present:** Joseph Szabo, Katanya Henry-Raby, Lindsay Bailey, Kelwin Harris, Ricardo Lopez, Aseal Tineh

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Michael Davidson, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Kelwin pointed out an agenda change and noted that Ricardo Lopez will be giving the recap from the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> joint Housing and Human and Community Development committee meeting instead of himself which was previously noted.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **4.0 Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting Recap and Public Health Ricardo Lopez, CMAP staff**

Ricardo Lopez gave a recap of the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the CMAP Housing committee.

He highlighted main themes and take-a-ways including:

- Inclusive growth should be emphasized across all strategies and as a component of health equity.
- Strategies that tap organizations already working on housing, environmental justice, and climate resilience are key in the health equity space.
- Funding gaps exist and will require innovative approaches to overcome.
- Making the cross-silo connections between active transportation, open spaces, and safe design standards more apparent is important.
- CMAP should emphasize its convening role in bringing together partners around planning for healthy communities.

#### *General Policy Gaps*

- Bringing jobs to people, not people to jobs
- Food security
- Food system resilience
- Role of anchor institutions in building community health, especially hospitals
- Use of Internet of Things and applications of technology to address health disparities
- Analysis of transit system priorities beyond ridership (i.e., EDAs need transit resources too)
- Safety concerns around the use of public infrastructure to promote health (e.g., parks, transit)
- Clean air and water enforcement

#### *Built Environment Gaps*

- Need more emphasis in planning on healthy housing and built environment (e.g., lead, asbestos)
- Low-income homeowners often struggle with healthy housing; more rehab programs and property tax abatements are needed
- Landlords need more education on and incentives to abate health risks like lead and radon
- Weatherization and energy efficiency investments can promote health
- Poor stormwater management has a role in dampness leading to mold and respiratory issues
- Addressing poor housing conditions can also promote job training in construction and home repair
- Streamlining building regulations could promote easier / faster solutions
- Promote smoke-free housing
- More housing appropriate to peoples' needs is required (e.g., seniors, people with disabilities)

- Infrastructure for walking and biking is key
- Investments must be made in a way that does not precipitate gentrification / displacement

*Potential health equity partners*

*Note: Sustained and authentic outreach across all the region's communities is important for implementation*

- Private sector (businesses, realtors, developers, insurance companies)
- Elected and appointed officials at the federal, state, and local level
- Law enforcement; first respondents (fire districts); emergency management
- Youth and schools
- Community residents and groups
- Service providers
- Disability community

*Potential Indicators / Research Needed*

- Asthma rates
- Infrastructure condition (especially related to stormwater / chronic flooding)
- Health outcomes (e.g., heart disease, diabetes, asthma); hospital admissions
- Geographic disparities in health outcomes
- Number of residents living in homes with environmental concerns
- Climate resilience index
- Commute times; H+T index
- Analysis of long-term costs of not remediating various contaminants

Michael Davidson said that he is curious about the health equity relationship to Inclusive Growth and how CMAP is thinking about implementation. Ricardo Lopez said that CMAP communicates internally and that there's parallel language and similar indicators between both topic areas. Joe Szabo said there are strategies under development and that the public health strategy will strengthen CMAP work overall. Jennifer Becker expressed excitement about the resource group meeting on Friday and said her colleague Jackie Forbes has been working diligently with the group.

**5.0 Economically Disconnected Areas Policy Update**  
**Aseal Tineh, CMAP Staff**

Aseal Tineh, CMAP staff, presented her work on Economically Disconnected Areas. Raj Shah said that commute times might not be normally distributed. He talked about looking at disconnected areas and seeing where there is available land to develop. Jennifer Becker talked about aggregating commute times among collar counties and not just East/West. Enrique Salgado said the impact of longer commute times is not the same for all residents. He mentioned that the cost of travel and housing is much greater among economically disconnected people, including additional trips for social services and child care. Jennifer Becker asked about the ramifications of the red/purple line

modernization costs. Dominic Tocci mentioned that the case study idea is good and that CMAP should go further. He was surprised that three City of Chicago clusters had the highest commute times. Michael Davidson suggested that this number could be attributed to reverse commuters. He also mentioned that improving municipal capacity is good to look at across the board.

## **6.0 ON TO 2050: [Public Engagement Summary](#)**

### **Kelwin Harris, CMAP Staff**

Kelwin Harris, CMAP staff discussed findings from the 2017 public engagement period. Michael Davidson and Enrique Salgado suggested comparing themes from GO To 2040 to now. Katanya Henry said some of the questions and processes were different then but there are some trends we can gather. Michael Davidson said the 61,000 people engaged by CMAP is a good number. Raj Shah suggested highlighting the responses from students because they will be the future in 2050. Enrique Salgado mentioned that he participated in a keypad polling workshop with Cindy Cambrey and was impressed.

## **7.0 Committee 2017 activities discussion and recap**

### **Kelwin Harris, CMAP Staff**

The committee discussed areas that they found useful in 2017 and discussed ways to improve effectiveness in 2018. Michael Davidson discussed focusing on implementation as the plan gets closer to adoption and potentially a joint meeting with the Transportation committee. Enrique Salgado said we should focus on access to health care and strengthening our work on reducing travel times and transit access. Jennifer Becker said we should evaluate membership and reaffirm the commitment of existing members of the committee while seeking new ones. Raj Shah said we should be thinking about dissemination and messaging for the plan and implementation so they are not documents sitting on shelves. Michael Davidson mentioned looking at how we can help municipalities do more with less. Jacky Grimshaw agreed that implementation should be a guide and requested that 2018 meeting dates not be on Mondays. Michael Davidson suggested this discussion be continued at the top of the first meeting of 2018.

## **8.0 Public Comment**

Oboi Reed discussed his work with Slow Roll Chicago and Equiticity and requested comment on his definition of transportation equity and his feedback on CMAP's ON TO 2050 Preview report.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

Kelwin will send a Doodle calendar request to see what dates work best for the committee to meet in 2018.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison