



## Human and Community Development Committee

### Minutes

Monday, January 14, 2013

10:00 a.m.

**DuPage County Conference Room**

**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**

**Chicago, Illinois**

#### **Committee Members**

##### **Present :**

Sheri Cohen (Chicago Department of Public Health) and Ngoan Le (Chicago Community Trust), Co-Chairs; Jay Ciavarella\* (RTA), Jennifer Clary\* (SIRC), Laurie Dittman (City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities), Mary Keating (DuPage County), Rene Luna\* (Access Living), Walter Meyers (Northeastern Illinois Area on Aging), Greg Polman\* (The Chicago Lighthouse), Jay Readey\* (CLCCR), Janna Simon\* (HMPRG), Jane Ward (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors), Tammy Wierciak (WCMC),

*\* indicates attended by phone/webinar*

##### **Staff Present:**

Erin Aleman, Andrew Williams-Clark, Ricardo Lopez, Samantha Robinson (Liaison)

##### **Others Present:**

Jennifer Becker (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors), Greg Cott (United Way of McLean County), Lillian Labe (CTA)

#### **1.0 Call to Order/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### **3.0 Approval of Minutes—December 10, 2012**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

#### **4.0 Regional 2-1-1 Update**

Greg Cott of United Way of McLean County provided an update about [Illinois 2-1-1](#), a non-emergency phone line and database that provides callers with referrals for human services agencies and related community information.

Mr. Cott spoke about how 2-1-1 service has expanded throughout Illinois, highlighting [PATH](#) (Providing Access to Help), a community resource located in Bloomington that became a United Way 2-1-1 provider in 2009. PATH provides service to a number of counties in Illinois including Christian, DeWitt, Livingston, McLean, Menard, Ogle, Sangamon and Winnebago. In addition to speaking about 2-1-1 service in other Illinois counties, Mr. Cott mentioned that there are conversations taking place with the City of Chicago about creating a combined call center that will handle both 3-1-1 and 2-1-1 calls.

To provide 2-1-1 service, funding must be available and phone issues must be resolved. Based on the call volume, there is a need for 2-1-1 service; many calls deal with housing, homelessness, trouble with paying rent or mortgage, and utility assistance. The calls show unmet needs and give insight into why such needs are unmet. Human services planning should take into account 2-1-1 call data. Illinois service providers can also be found online at [www.findhelp211.org](http://www.findhelp211.org). For more information about the status of Illinois 2-1-1, please contact Greg Cott at [Gcott@uwaymc.org](mailto:Gcott@uwaymc.org).

## 5.0 Immigrant Integration Toolkit Update

Erin Aleman and Ricardo Lopez, CMAP staff, provided an overview of a new LTA project to develop an Immigration Integration Toolkit with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Latino Policy Forum. This toolkit will be designed to assist municipalities with addressing diversity needs and better integrating immigrants into the civic life of their communities. Staff shared a preliminary toolkit outline with the committee.

The committee discussed the outline and suggested that the following be included: healthcare, specifically the need for changes that will occur in the future and who will need services; education; faith-based options; drill down 'Community Facilities and Services' to more focused areas such as public safety and law enforcement; overcrowding; discrimination; fair housing; immigrants with disabilities; citizenship; and the senior population among immigrants.

The committee also recommended that staff connect with the following organizations to assist with the project: Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) and Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

For more details about the preliminary toolkit outline, please access the staff [presentation](#) on the HCD webpage.

## 6.0 ADA Transition Plans Overview

Tom Murtha, CMAP staff, gave an [overview](#) of the CMAP community briefing [paper](#) "ADA Transition Plans for Your Community: Accessibility for People with Disabilities." This paper will assist local governments in improving accessibility and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by conducting a self-evaluation for accessibility and updating their transitions plans to address necessary physical improvements.

Staff and the committee discussed the paper. Staff will return to the committee to discuss the possibility of adding an executive summary to the paper and incorporating changes that will lead to a more comprehensive approach to ADA transition plans. For more information about the “ADA Transition Plans” paper, please contact [tmurtha@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:tmurtha@cmap.illinois.gov).

#### **7.0 Updates**

The [Social Impact Research Center of Heartland Alliance](#) recently released its latest [report](#) on poverty in Illinois – Illinois’s 33%: Report on Illinois Poverty.

The Office of Attorney General has released its [Request for Qualifications and Proposals](#) for organizations to provide services that will help reduce foreclosures. Responses are due February 15, 2013.

#### **8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **10.0 Next Meeting – February 11, 2013**

The committee meets next on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 10 a.m. at CMAP offices.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Robinson, Committee Liaison