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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday August 13th, 2007

In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith	DuPage County Community Services
Lynn O'Shea	Association for Individual Development (AID)
Holly Smith	Kane County DOT
Tammy Wierciak	WCMC
Jay Ciavarella	RTA
Erica Interrante	Illinois Department of Transportation
Kemberly Dailey Johnson	Pioneer Center
Bob Gleeson	Northern Illinois University
Walter Meyers	Northeast Illinois Area on Aging
Katina Cummings	Health and Medicine Policy Group
Carrie Newton	Cook County

Guest:

Laurie Dittman	Mayors Office for People with Disabilities
Vicki Gordon	Lake County Workforce Investment Board
Jim	Metra
Bob Jans	CDT
Tak Williams	CEDA
Sheri Cohen	Chicago Department of Public Health
Greg Pohlman	Chicago Lighthouse
Leticia Boughton	HCI
Dan Strick	CMAP Citizens Advisory Council
Debbie Pittman	ECP
Bruce Christensen	Lake County
Joe Voccia	RTA
Jonathan Lavin	Age Options
Virginia Chandler	Metra
Joan Frankel	MCIC
Kaven Tamley	Mayors Office for People with Disabilities

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP Staff
Bob Dean	CMAP Staff
Jon Hallas	CMAP Staff
Janet Bright	CMAP Staff

The Human Services Committee meeting commenced at 10:10am.

1.0 Introductions

The meeting began with those in attendance introducing themselves to one another.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes from the July 16th meeting were approved.

3.0 Comments from the Chair and Vice-Chair

The dates for the next few meetings were discussed. It was decided that the alternative date that would be used is the 3rd Monday of the month. This date will be used whenever there is a conflict with the regular meeting date (the 2nd Monday of the month) such as a holiday.

The meeting dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

September: No meeting, instead committee members are encouraged to attend the Visioning workshop on September 12th, at ITT

October: Monday, the 15th (the 8th is Columbus Day)

November: Monday, the 19th (the 12th is Veteran's Day)

December: Monday, the 10th.

The committee also decided that Tammy Wierciak would serve as an alternate for the programming committee.

4.0 Comprehensive Regional Plan:

4.1 Regional Vision Development

Bob Dean discussed with the committee the themes that have been created by each committee (see handouts posted on the CMAP website). In the brief discussion it was stated that equity would be a separate category and that system interdependence would become part of the coordinated planning and government theme.

4.2 Strategic Analysis

A discussion on the strategic analysis aspects of the regional comprehensive plan took place. It was explained that a strategy had to be something that the region could do and that staff was in the process of developing regional strategies. While this may be a challenging task it is however something that CMAP and the Human Services Committee will attempt to do.

Developing regional strategies that capture the major Human Services issues in a manner that can be used to test different scenarios and the impacts or influence they will have on Human Services and from Human Services onto other areas, such as transportation or land use is something that is both challenging and is likely a first of its kind. This will be one of the main activities for the committee in the coming months. Several questions and statements were made by committee members regarding this issue. It was suggested that CMAP become more familiar and look into using the I-plans that all of the counties have put together. It was also

suggested that CMAP staff conduct a literature review of Human Services and Health Services planning and possibly create a best practices template from based on that review. Other members stated that CMAP should proceed with caution as it relates to modeling the impacts or influences of Human Services at a regional scale. It was also suggested that CMAP try to talk to the community to get Human Services issues into a format that can be analyzed.

4.3 Ethnicity and Aging Snapshot

A presentation by CMAP staff (Jon Hallas) was given regarding a snapshot that CMAP staff is putting together on aging and ethnicity. Staff solicited feedback on the various lenses (land use, transportation, housing, health, employment, education/workforce) that these two topics would be viewed through. It was suggested that the scope of the snapshot be expanded to include other ethnicities or lens. Specifically the committee suggested that CMAP look at including recreation, retirement income, and immigration policies as additional lenses. It was mentioned that the Human Services committee is the committee where this project will be housed. Staff will report back to this committee from time to time to provide updates and review drafts of the snapshot.

4.4 Education Update

Staff (Russell Pietrowiak) provided the committee with an update regarding the status of incorporating the issue of education into the regional comprehensive plan. It was explained that the first step is meeting with key people in the education field and receiving meaningful feedback from them on the issue. This would be followed up by developing themes, goals, etc. with these key individuals and then sharing them with the committee. It was felt that this topic needed to catch up to the other themes that had been previously identified and that this was best done outside the committee structure by meeting with key individuals. Once the issue of education has caught up to the other previously identified issues that the Human Services Committee was already working on, it will be incorporated into the mix of issues that the committee is working on. At the same time CMAP staff will remain in contact with various education experts in order to keep a mechanism for continuous involvement and feedback open.

5.0 Regional Information Presentations:

5.1 RTA Human Services Transportation Plan Update (Jay Ciavarella)

The RTA gave a presentation on the final draft version of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) for the region http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/human_services/min-human_services.asp . The plan has a variety of components to it. A needs assessment was conducted, gaps in service were identified, and strategies recommended for future projects. All of this was put together with the assistance of an advisory committee and extensive public out reach efforts. More information regarding the plan can be found at <http://hstp.rtachicago.com/>

5.2 Transed 2007 (Russell Pietrowiak)

A brief presentation was given regarding the Transed 2007 International conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons.

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/transed2007/home.htm>

A memo was distributed to the committee that summarized the conference, provided some recommendations, and identified a few issues that were highlighted at the conference. The memo can be found at

http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/human_services/agendas/attachments/2007-07-16_transed07.pdf

6.0 Other:

Various members provided updates to the committee. Erica Interrante stated that IDOT had hired a coordinator for DeKalb and the rural parts of Kane County. Lynn O'Shea stated that the Ride in Kane project was put on hold as the RTA funding bill (SB 572) still needed to be approved by the general assembly.

7.0 Next Meeting:

The next meeting is October 15th at 10:00am in the DuPage Room at CMAP's offices. The September meeting is being replaced by the CMAP visioning event which is September 12th.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:45