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Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday May 12th, 2008

In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith

Walt Meyers

Tammy Wierciak

Jim Lewis

Holly Smith

Jacky Grimshaw

Candace King

Kemberly Dailey Johnson

Jay Ciavarella

Katina Cummings

Sheri Cohen

Lorrie Lynn

Laurie Dittman

Joan Frankel

Pat Lazuka

DuPage County Community Services

Northeast Illinois Area on Aging

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/Council of Mayors

Chicago Community Trust

Kane County DOT

CNT

DuPage Federation on Human Services

Pioneer Center

RTA

Health and Medicine Policy Group

Chicago Department of Public Health

United Way of Metro Chicago

MOPD, City of Chicago

MCIC

Village of East Hazel Crest

Guest:

Joe Voccia

Marc Rittle

Jeff Wilkins

Elsa Gutierrez

Greg Pohlman

Virginia Chandler

RTA

UWMC

Kendall County

CTA

Chicago Lighthouse

Metra

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak

Bob Dean

Jon Hallas

Drew Williams-Clark

Diana Torres

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1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves

2.0 Approval of April minutes.

The minutes for the April meeting were approved, with one correction noted.

3.0 Comments from the Vice Chair

The planning and programming committees were going to be meeting later in the week and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

4.0 JARC/New Freedom (RTA Staff)

4.1 FY07 Projects:

Joe Voccia from the RTA provided an overview of the recommended list of JARC and New Freedom projects using FY07 federal funds. A list of the proposed projects can be found at

http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/human_services/minutes.aspx

All of the applications that were submitted were deemed eligible and received funding. A number of projects were able to receive funding for both the first and second years of their projects. A brief description of each project was also provided. There was a brief discussion of what an endorsement by the Human Services committee means. The consensus was that an endorsement signifies that the committee doesn't have any objections to what was presented and that as RTA proceeds with the proposed program it does so with the support of the Human Services committee. A recommendation was then made (Candace King) and seconded (Tammy Wierciak) to endorse the FY07 JARC and New Freedom proposed list of projects. The Human Services committee unanimously (with 4 abstentions) endorsed the FY07 JARC and New Freedom proposed list of projects as presented by the RTA.

4.2 Proposed Selection Criteria Revisions:

The RTA discussed some proposed changes to the selection criteria that would be used the next time there was a call for projects. The proposed changes were distributed and comments were being accepted through May 13th.

5.0 Youth Involvement: FLIP Program Overview (Dianna Torres)

A brief overview of CMAP's new program to engage youth in the region in planning was presented by CMAP staff. The effort involves trying to get students from each part of the region to become engaged in CMAP's planning efforts and to garner the perspective of these students to help shape GoTo 2040.

6.0 Go To 2040 Plan Development

6.1 Human Services Research Topics (Chicago Community Trust)

Jim Lewis from the Chicago Community Trust briefed the community on the work that the trust would be doing with CMAP in support of the Go To 2040 plan. Issues such as Education, health, food security, arts and culture, human relations, etc. would be issues that the Trust would take the lead role on to do the work. It is anticipated that this work would continue throughout the rest of the year. At this time the goal is to identify the groups that will be the lead agencies on each issue, which will do the bulk of the work. This effort will not only lead to a variety of research activities on various topics but will also support the indicators project.

6.2 Human Services Indicators Discussion

6.2.1 NAPC Conference Information (Russell Pietrowiak)

A review of the National Association of Planning Councils was provided by CMAP staff, Phil Smith, and Candace King. At the conference there were a number of discussions related to indicators projects from throughout the country. The most important aspect is that the issue of concern needs to be at the forefront not the indicator. Indicators themselves do not generate interest in a topic or issue. Issues that are important however can benefit from the use of indicators to either highlight a particular condition or trend or as a measurement devise to tract progress towards a particular goal. In addition to discussions on indicators there were also discussions on overall demographic trends and on 211 systems. Illinois does not have a 211 system. CMAP is considering looking into this in more detail to see what it would take to have a 211 system in the region or state.

Kemberly Daily Johnson from McHenry County then informed the committee that McHenry County had applied for a grant to have a pilot program 211 system and were anticipating finding out if their grant application was successful in the next week or so. The committee thought that it would be worthwhile to have an update on McHenry's 211 application at the next meeting.

6.2.2 CMAP Indicators Discussion/Update (Drew Clark)

A handout was provided by CMAP staff for the committee to review which detailed the many categories and data sets that are available. The indicators work would be discussed in more depth at the next Committee meeting.

6.3 Scenario Construction for the Go To 2040 (Bob Dean)

Bob Dean stated that it was still too early to have a discussion on various aspects related to scenario development and that this would be something that he would be bringing back to the committee throughout the summer.

6.4 Aging Snapshot Presentation Feedback (Russell Pietrowiak)

A review of the feedback that was provided by the other working committees and the planning committee was given. In sum it was stated that the aging snapshot had been well received and generated a good deal of interest and discussion. In addition CMAP held a meeting with a number of individuals that represent groups or organizations that deal with seniors to have a conversation about senior issues. The goal was to reach out to groups or individuals that represent specific groups that CMAP has had a difficult time engaging in the planning activities. By targeting specific groups (seniors being one such group) CMAP can be sure that they are part of the planning process and that their voices are heard.

7.0 Next Meeting (June 9th at 10:00am)

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.