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## Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### In Attendance:

#### Members:

Jay Ciavarella  
Sheri Cohen  
Bob Gleeson  
Jim Lewis  
Jan Ward  
Janna Stansell  
Sheri Meyer

Regional Transit Authority (RTA)  
Chicago Department of Public Health  
Northern Illinois University  
Chicago Community Trust  
Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors  
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
CMAP Citizen Advisory Committee representative

### Guest:

Lillian Lahr  
Kim Blechschmidt  
Karen Kolb

CTA  
Age Options  
Mather Life Ways

### CMAP Staff:

Randy Blankenhorn  
Russell Pietrowiak  
Bob Dean  
Terri Dixon

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### 1.0 Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

### 2.0 Approval of meeting minutes.

The minutes from the August 2010 meeting were approved.

### 3.0 Comments from the Chair or Vice Chair

The Chair, Sheri Cohen stated that the planning committee recently met and reviewed the public comments of the GOTO 2040 plan. It was stated that while there may be some additional comments added here or there, particularly regarding public health that the plan is basically finished and will be brought to the CMAP board and MPO policy committee in October for approval. The acting vice-chair, Jan Ward did not have any comments.

### 4.0 2010 JARC & New Freedom Program of Projects Presentation: Jay Ciavarella, RTA.

The 2010 JARC and New Freedom program of projects was presented by the RTA. A handout listed all the projects and the award amounts. At this time the

program of projects (POP) is out for public comment, part of which involves discussing the POP at the CMAP Human Services Committee. Anyone is free to comment on the proposed POP. In addition to the presentation at the Human Services Committee comments can also be received at the RTA website <http://www.rtachicago.com/jarc-nf/jarc-nf.html>

The RTA explained the process by which projects are ranked and chosen. There is around \$8 million (federal and local) in JARC and New Freedom projects within the region for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 that is being proposed. All of the applicants that requested funding will receive funding, except the CTA. The CTA has received funding for various JARC and New Freedom projects in the past and has yet to implement a number of these projects. In order not to tie up more JARC and New Freedom funds a decision was made by the RTA, with the support of the project selection committee to not fund any more CTA projects until they have begun implementing projects that have already been awarded JARC and or New Freedom funds. The RTA stated that the RTA board would be asked to approve the POP after the public comment period had closed. It was also mentioned that all of the previously approved JARC and New Freedom projects could be seen using the Regional Transit Asset Management System (RTAMS) <http://www.rtams.org/rtams/planningProgram.jsp?id=5>

Q. It was asked if the RTA is receiving enough applications.

A. The RTA does conduct outreach, hosts open houses, sends out emails, etc. to get the word out.

Q. Will there be another call for projects.

A. The RTA plans to do another call in the Spring of 2011 much like they have for the last couple of years.

## **5.0 2-1-1, & Public Health Planning Updates: Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP**

An update on 2-1-1 was given to the committee. The state has chosen a lead entity, 2-1-1 Illinois. They are in the process of forming a board, developing by laws, etc. As more developments take place CMAP staff will brief the committee. Sheri Cohen provided the committee with an update on Chicago's I-plan development. Some surveys have been conducted, which will be posted on the internet.

[http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp\\_info/community\\_health\\_or\\_gs/chicago\\_partnershipforpublichealth.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/community_health_or_gs/chicago_partnershipforpublichealth.html)

It was also mentioned that the Cook County Health Department is in the process of developing their I-Plan too. In Kane County their fit for kids plan is a 10 year plan aspect of which will be incorporated into their county's long range plan, which would include a focus on improvements to the built environment. It was also mentioned that it would be a good idea to have the DuPage County Health Department present their recently completed I-Plan. CMAP staff stated that they would reach out to DuPage County to see if they would be interested in giving a presentation to the committee.

**6.0 GOTO 2040/Human Services Committee Discussion: CMAP Staff.**

Randy Blankenhorn, CMAP's Executive Director stated that CMAP would be reevaluating the various committees so that they would be geared more toward implementation of GOTO 2040. What this would entail or look like is not clear at this time. He stated that Human Services is important and will likely become more important in future planning/implementation efforts. At this time the plan is to have staff work on this and then discuss with each committee and the board what some of the ideas that can best help to implement the GOTO 2040 plan. The plan is scheduled to be approved on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Dean from CMAP then spoke with the committee about adding specific references or wording to specific parts of the GOTO 2040 document to address some of the concerns that had been raised related to health not being mentioned as strongly in the plan as some would have liked. It was decided that those members that were interested in refining or adding some language to the plan should follow up with Bob Dean after the meeting.

**7.0 Other:**

Bob Gleeson from NIU mentioned that the center for governmental studies at NIU held a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference. There were a number of interesting presentations which can be found at <http://40th.niucgs.org/>

**8.0 Next Meeting (November 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am)**

**9.0 Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.