



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Human and Community Development Committee Minutes 9/12/2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
DuPage County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Committee Members Present:** Sheri Cohen, Co-Chair  
Jay Ciavarella  
Kate Galbraith, Isiah Dolton  
Tammy Wierciak  
Jennifer Hirsch  
Laurie Dittman  
Janna Stansell  
Ngoan Le, Co-Chair  
Jay Readey  
Jan Ward  
Walter Meyers  
Greg Polman

**Staff Present:** Drew Williams-Clark, Liaison  
Bob Dean

### 1.0 Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair, Sheri Cohen, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No changes were made to the agenda.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – 08/8/2011

Changes suggested by committee members were made and a motion to approve the minutes, pending revisions was made and carried unanimously.

### 4.0 Co-Chair Report: Updates from Regional and Local Coordinating Committees

The local coordinating committee met in August. Eight Community Planning Program grants were approved. Jessica Simoncelli (CMAP staff) gave an overview of the public engagement efforts of the LTA program. Ngoan Le stated that the committee was focusing on public engagement and complimented CMAP staff for creating a set of

specific strategies that can be used to demonstrate best practices in the field. Bob Dean described the types of grants that staff propose to use to supplement staff assistance for the LTA program. Mr. Dean also described what future application processes my look like for the LTA program.

#### **5.0 Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) overview – Gina Massuda Barnett, Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)**

Gina Massuda Barnett provided an overview of CPPW, which is a project of the Alliance for Healthy and Active Communities, a collaborative led by CCDPH. Its overall goals are to increase availability, accessibility, and demand for nutritional options; decrease opportunities for excess caloric intake from unhealthy food and beverages; and increase availability or utilization of safe places to be physically active. Last November CCDPH, in partnership with the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, released an RFP for the Model Communities grant program, which made four million in grants available to local 38 local government, community organizations and school districts across suburban cook county. The purpose of these grants is to provide more healthy options to residents. Grants have enabled schools to provide healthier food options, park districts to plant community gardens and community organizations to implement chronic disease self management programs for English language learners. Committee members were interested in the program and had questions pertaining to performance measurement and program sustainability.

#### **6.0 Preliminary JARC/New Freedom Program of Projects – Jay Ciavarella, RTA**

Jay Ciavarella provided a brief presentation on the 2011 Job Access Reverse Commute/New Freedom Program. The Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) portion of the program is a federally funded program helps fund transportation to meet the needs of eligible low-income individuals and reverse commuters regardless of income. The New Freedom (NF) portion of the program helps fund public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The program is federally funded with project sponsors responsible for the local match. A five member committee of IDOT, CMAP and RTA staff evaluated project applications and recommended 6 projects for funding (they can be viewed at <http://rtachicago.com/jarc-nf/2011-jarc-nf-preliminary-program-of-projects.html>). The public comment period for the preliminary program began August 18 and lasted through September 30. Committee members thought all projects were worthy of funding and were interested in increasing coordination among planning agencies and service providers on disabled transportation planning throughout the region.

#### **7.0 GO TO 2040 Updates**

##### **7.1 LTAP Engagement Input and Documentation Update – Ngoan Le**

Ngoan Le and Simone Weil, from The Chicago Community Trust, submitted a memo and a draft document framing community engagement and public participation techniques based on previous committee discussions. It also drew from some of the experiences that committee members have brought to said discussions. Ms. Le provided an overview of both documents and asked committee members to read them over in more detail. She asked CMAP staff to

convert the draft framing document into a “wiki” so that committee members could make additions and suggest revisions. The document will be used by CMAP staff as a resource when developing community engagement strategies. It will also be revisited from time-to-time at committee meetings to keep members abreast of changes and resolve conflicts if they arise.

#### **7.2 Year-1 Implementation Report – Bob Dean**

Bob Dean distributed a memo describing CMAP’s effort to document implementation of GO TO 2040 one year after approval. He encouraged members to read the memo, as well as an early draft outline of the report ahead of the next committee meeting. At the next meeting, the committee will be asked to suggest projects in other organizations that are helping to implement one of the plan’s recommendations. Committee members discussed the idea of framing projects not initiated by CMAP as plan implementation.

#### **7.3 Update on CMAP Legislative Agenda – Drew Williams-Clark**

Drew Williams-Clark encouraged committee members to email him with specific pieces of legislation that should be followed by staff in the next iterations of the CMAP Legislative Agenda.

#### **7.4 MetroPulse iPhone App – Drew Williams-Clark**

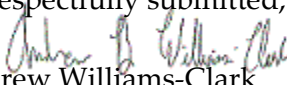
Drew Williams-Clark announced that CMAP and The Chicago Community Trust released the MetroPulse iPhone app on August

#### **8.0 Next Meeting**

The Human and Community Development Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. However, committee members that work in the public sector identified that the 10<sup>th</sup> was Columbus Day. At the time of the September meeting, it was tentatively decided that the meeting would take place on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Ultimately, the October meeting was cancelled. It was determined that meetings would resume, as previously scheduled, on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:00 am in the DuPage County Conference Room at CMAP.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 12:15p.m. carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Drew Williams-Clark  
Committee Liaison

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