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Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present: Raj C. Shah, MD, Rush University/Center for Community Health Equity; Jennifer Becker, Kane County; Marla Fronczak, Agency for Aging of Northeastern Illinois; Gina Mussuda Barnett, Cook County Department of Public Health; Janna Simon, Illinois Public Health Institute; Eden Hurd, IFF; Kendra Freeman, Metropolitan Planning Council; Joan Fox (for Mary Keating), Dupage County Community Services; William W. Towns, Benefit Chicago; Tiffany McDowell, Chicagoland Equity Network; Dominic Tocci, Cook County Planning and Development; Kirsten Peachey, The Center for Faith and Community Health Transformations; Laura Schneider, Lake County Health Department; Chrissy Carlson, Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium; Sheri Cohen, Chicago Department of Public Health, Tiffany Ford (for Wesley Epplin*), Greg Polman*, Chicago Lighthouse.

(* indicates that member participated via phone)

Staff Present: Kelwin Harris, Bob Dean, Evelyn Zwiebach, Elizabeth Schuh, Heidi Persaud, Katanya Henry

Others Present: Mike Klemens, Kate Portillo

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by co-Chair Sheri Cohen who welcomed the committee back together after a year with a special welcome to new members. She introduced new CMAP staff liaison, Kelwin Harris (Senior Outreach Planner). Kelwin welcomed the committee and thanked everyone for reconvening along with welcoming

new members on behalf of the agency and CMAP Executive Director, Joe Szabo. Kelwin promised to have name plates for new members at the next meeting in November.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Committee Vision and Charge

Bob Dean presented on the committee's structure, history, and operations. He explained the process and the range of topics that are important to CMAP's mission.

4.0 ON TO 2050

Elizabeth Schuh provided an overview and update on the next long-range comprehensive plan, ON TO 2050. She discussed plan topics and progress to date and answered questions about CMAP's mission and function in the region.

5.0 Discussion of Committee Priorities

CMAP staff (Kelwin Harris and Evelyn Zwiebach) facilitated a "needs mapping" activity that identified the current needs and expertise of the committee based on topics that the committee can address. Committee members wrote on Post-It notes, areas of existing expertise and other places where they considered emphasis to be needed. A discussion was then had on defining the role of the committee.

A summary of the priorities and themes that emerged from the exercise include:

Community Development

Working at the grassroots level to help the voice of the community be heard through various ways of engagement (participatory approach). Using data – collecting and analyzing data to help create policies and strategies to address issues. Using data to leverage issues within government (i.e. Safe Routes to School). Community development can be defined as encompassing all the topics we address to improve the communities where people live.

Public Health

Assessing the needs and gaps in communities and prioritizing which ones are practical and realistic to address. Addressing obesity, diabetes, and the root cause of these issues is important. Violence, safety, and overall not feeling safe in communities should be addressed. Public health also includes jail diversion strategies and mental health services in jails. Public health encompasses multiple different strategies. Trying to create livable communities that emphasize the importance of public health. How can we acknowledge the health disparities and measure outcomes while thinking of equity issues? Health plays a major role in a discussion of inclusive growth.

Equity

Equity can be defined as groups that are not accessing resources (not only poor/underserved). Need to plan for different needs and show people how to get the necessary information. We should consider making recommendations addressing racism

and discrimination - making it very clear. The point of equity is to go the extra mile and going forward and addressing racism and discrimination – actively promoting equity. We must address hypertension – seeing almost double the rate in African-American communities. How do we focus limited resources where it’s most needed and target certain communities? Equity for people with disabilities should be addressed – universal design for equal access. Accessible items are often built after the fact – it is important to design ADA accessible facilities up front. The question was asked why equity is a separate topic in On To 2050. Equity should be embedded in all of the topics. CMAP staff shared that it is separated to highlight and enforce its significance and will still be embedded in numerous ways throughout the Plan. Capacity building – need to build leadership and governance structures that are critical to addressing these issues to ensure we’re all on the same page. A number of agencies present are very interested in capacity building.

Other topics the group highlighted as being important to address include: Faith-based collaborations, healthy food systems, housing, active transportation, built environments.

A general consensus was that HCD committee equity work should be incorporated in what other committees and the rest of the agency are working on and incorporate different lenses.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

7.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

8.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 10 a.m..

9.0 Adjournment

Sheri Cohen and Kelwin Harris thanked everyone for coming and expressed excitement about having the committee reconvened. Meeting adjourned at 11:39am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison