

I. Welcome

a. Housekeeping

1. Zoom Procedures: Zoom meetings and the chat box are recorded and downloaded. Council members should have videos on and names displayed.
2. Blueprint Council meetings are open meetings. The public may listen in but there is not a public comment period, unless expressly scheduled by the Executive Committee
3. Conflict of Interest: Members of the Continuum will disclose potential conflicts of interest that they may have regarding any matters that come before it in full session, Council, committee, or other group of the CoC.

II. Consent Agenda

a. Approve meeting minutes- 4.16.24

Meeting minutes are available in the Documents section.

Unable to vote due to attendance not meeting quorum.

III. Committee Business

a. Racial Equity Committee

1. The Racial Equity Committee has reconvened to discuss barriers related to the CoC goal, which will be discussed later in the agenda. If interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Siara.

b. Charter and Governance Review Committee

1. Update: Vendor has been selected, and the contract is in the review process.

IV. Agenda Topics

a. System Performance Measures

Abe will share a snapshot of areas the CoC did well in and areas where improvement is needed.

Please refer to the presentation within the agenda packet for presentation details.

A solution is needed for including Wheeler data and improving HMIS utilization with shelters.

b. 2024 CoC Goal Updates

Danielle will share goal updates. Please note, PIT data is not yet public, however it will be released during the State of Homelessness event.

Please refer to the presentation within the agenda packet for presentation details.

families = at least one minor child under 18, any parental composition

-Black households are experiencing homelessness for the first time

-Not receiving street outreach, permanent housing at same rate as others

-New people entering first time, black individuals, but once served, they receive services

-CES is more equitable

-Currently receiving 30 vouchers/month, 1 family per month; vouchers are being used for black households

-only 14% of referrals are for PSH for families

-family PSH options are decreasing, projects have been reallocated

-there are currently 109 families, 70% black households currently in the CES pool that are eligible for housing (34 of those are chronically homeless)

1. Discussion

- Is the CoC focusing on tactics to move the goal forward based on the data?
- How does the CoC support decreasing homelessness for black families? What do family shelters need to progress?

Focus areas include vouchers, diversion to limit, more housing, increased numbers of those entering the homeless system making it difficult to keep up. There are delays within the inspection process, as it is slowing down the process of families obtaining housing.

There needs to be specific request/priority to keep vouchers moving for families. IHA is being told there is too much of a focus on homelessness, so there needs to be a briefing to prepare the mayor's office to advocate for this change. Chelsea will be meeting with the mayor's office on Monday to ensure the city and mayor's office are prepped for the information the CoC needs them to hear.

Getting closer to funding a CoC liaison for between the CoC and IHA. There needs to be a method to remove the navigation and inspection load off of IHA to allow for smoother processes.

Access to housing and engaging landlords - housing acquisition team at RDOOR, utilize more tools to increase the number of housing options in Padmission. **HomeNow team or family shelter workgroup may own this. Next family workgroup meeting is next Thursday. This needs to be brought up in discussion.**

Challenge: cost to build larger homes isn't compensated through rent; damage control

Requirements for rehab are barriers for accessing rehab funding.

Suggested: Landlord Roundtable - conversations to identify what resources are available for landlords and encourage usage of what is currently existing but unused. This will also allow for the CoC to communicate exactly what the need is as it relates to housing. This would also allow for education for landlords (expectations, what helping means, they are receiving market rate on a regular basis).

Suggested: Conversation with Lauren Rodriguez regarding this. Now that she is in charge over at RDOOR, we have a great person we can connect with about HAT and make sure she is aware of our needs.

Diversion: Who owns this?

HIP is currently leading this, which is also funded by Day One grant. **Diversion was not previously called out when discussing the tactic, but this needs to be called out and named as a key tactic.**

Question: What is the issue that is requiring diversion? Cost of rent? Landlords increasing rent substantially? (26% increase from 2023-2024 for Indianapolis)

-How can resources be obtained and outsourced? More organizations are not necessarily the answer, but how to make the resources more accessible.

-HIP served 718 individuals in their Holistic Housing Diversion program in the last year with 85% permanent housing rate!

-OPHS has eviction data; OPHS is working to get a grant from the DOJ to address diversion for those reentering.

Data to review (select Indianapolis): <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hominc/viz/FMRMSAJitterPlot/FMRLargeMSA>

Eviction Data by census tract in map form: <https://evictionresearch.net/indiana/>

V. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

Jenne Fults will represent DMD in BPC moving forward.

Master leasing interviews begin next week, and there will be a push for larger units.

a. Announcements

Beyond the Bridge Homelessness Event

8/20/24 @ 4pm

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-bridge-a-solution-to-homelessness-tickets-910665875147?aff=oddtcreator>

1. CHIP will be hosting a State of Homelessness Event

June 26, 2024

3-4:30pm

Anthenaeum Basile Theater

Please contact Siara for the registration link to attend.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/920866505507?aff=oddtcreator>

Release of PIT data, drivers of homelessness, how community is being unified, what data is showing related to progress, specific call to action related to what resources are needed, what the issues are.

2. Q3 CoC Convening

9/25/24

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. August Blueprint Council Meeting

8/20/24 2pm

b. Racial Equity Committee Meeting

TBD but will be within the next 1-2 weeks, likely sooner rather than later.

Will meet after State of Homelessness event.

VII. Adjourn