

**SPC Executive Committee Meeting
3-12-09**

Members	Constituency Group	Present	Alternate
Christine Achre	Wrap-Around Services	X	
Kathy Ahler	Concerned Providers	X	
Melanie Anewishki	Community-Based Black Caucus		
Bridgette Baker	Alternate	X	
Michael Banghart	Permanent Supportive Housing	X	
Arturo Bendixen	AIDS Housing Providers		A. Miller
Mattie Butler	At-Large		
Alvena Clark	Chronic Homelessness		
Joyce Coffee	Domestic Violence	X	
Teresa Cortas	Homeless Committee of ONE	X	
Johanna Dalton	Alternate	X	
Ceandra Daniels	Alternate	X	
Richard Ducatenzeiler	At-Large		C. Daniels
Aaron Eckhardt	Interim Housing	X	
Sol Flores	Latino Council on Homelessness	X	
Carlos Freytes	At-Large	X	
Bill Hayes	Homeless Action Committee		
Eileen Higgins	At-Large		
Katy Kelleghan	Health Care for the Homeless	X	
Flora Koppel	Homeless Youth Providers	X	
Fred Maclin	At-Large	X	
Felix Matlock	At-Large	X	
Maura McCauley	Homeless Families	X	
Audalee McLoughlin	At-Large		
Kathleen Molnar	Homeless Prevention	X	
Jennifer Nelson-Seals	At-Large	X	
Delia Ramirez	At-Large	X	
Ellen Ray	Alternate	X	
Susan Reyna-Guerrero	At-Large		B. Baker
Sanja Stinson	At-Large	X	
Peter Toepfer	Alternate	X	
Israel Vargas	At-Large	X	

Alliance Staff: Nancy Radner, Sherise Alexander, Nicole Sauler, and Nicole Prichard

Introduction and rounds:

Michael Banghart (sitting in for Sol Flores) began the introductions and announcements:

- Permanent Supportive Housing Providers are meeting on 4/17 from 12-3 for their quarterly meeting
- The Wrap-Around group is meeting on 3/19 from 9:30-11
- If you know of any homeless people who need health services please see Katy Kelleghan for more information
- On 4/14, the Council on Latino Homelessness is holding a symposium from 9am-3pm. A flier was distributed in today's meeting

- There will a homeless youth lobby day in Springfield at the end of the month

Please see the calendar on the Alliance's website for more detailed information on upcoming meetings and events.

Later in the meeting, our 2 new members were welcomed: Christine Achre from Wrap-Around Services and Israel Vargas as an At-Large member. We also have 5 alternates attending today's meeting.

Approval of agenda and minutes:

The minutes were approved with 2 last name spelling changes.

Update on the NOFA Process:

Nicole Prichard of the Alliance gave an update. You can view the timeline on the website if you have questions. The tool committee finished the tool and has sent it to HMV for review. It will then go to the Planning Council for final approval. The Evaluation Instrument is only for renewal projects only and will be due on 5/13/09. For new projects, the process will be different this year and is still being finalized. The bonus project is worth \$4 million dollars and can be distributed among more than one project. More information on the application process will follow. The LOI for new and bonus projects will most likely be due by 4/17/09.

The Client Satisfaction Survey has been distributed and organizations should be giving it to their clients. The survey is a required part of the NOFA application process.

A special budget seminar will be held on 3/25/09 at Interfaith Council. This is designed to help agencies move service dollars into housing. HUD and Alliance staff will be presenting. Space is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible if you want to attend.

There was a question about the release of the NOFA. There's no set date yet but likely will be in May or June.

We did score above the funding line for our 2008 application, but we do not have details on the score yet. HUD gave a 4% increase for leasing dollars for all SHP renewal projects. This was a surprise since the Alliance has been asking for it for many years and they haven't increased this.

Report from the SPC Representatives to the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness:

Jennifer Nelson-Seals gave the update. The timeline for the NOFA process was presented. The Planning Council will be looking at the Evaluation Tool and determine the ranking policies later this month. A Bonus Panel has been developed. The HMV Committee asked the Planning Council to come up with a strategic plan and they said there's a long document on the website that's in used. The HMIS Committee is working on addressing glitches in the system. The HPCC SOP passed-there was no direction from this committee on how members should vote. The Emergency Fund is going to distribute the funds next year. The Executive Committee of the Planning Council is going to consider what they will do once the Emergency Fund has distributed the last year of funds awarded per the RFP. There was a question about how the Alliance approaches distributing funds that come directly to the Alliance. There are 2 pools of money and there is no set procedure for those funds.

The Planning Council is meeting on 3/26 where the Planning Council Executive Committee will propose the 2009 Ranking Policies for the NOFA process. They will meet again on 4/15 to discuss and vote on the Ranking Policies. In between these two dates, the Constituency Groups will need to meet and discuss the Ranking Policies, and provide feedback and recommendations to their representatives on SPC. SPC will meet on 4/13/09 to further discuss recommendations on the Ranking Policies for the next Planning Council meeting.

Discussion on Supportive Service Funding:

Nicole Sauler talked about what the city and the Alliance have been doing to help increase funding for supportive services. Alliance staff made a list of the all the current efforts and sent it out in their last emailed newsletter.

Local

- Boeing and People's Gas are holding a breakfast on 3/31/09 where Nancy and Commissioner Caron will speak to the corporate grant making community about our issues.
- The Alliance is advocating for more money for homeless services when major city assets are sold/leased.
- They're working with local philanthropic groups to develop a pool of funds to be used for supportive Services. It looks this there will be \$400,000 in this pool to be shared among programs that had service Dollars cut. If a program had cuts of \$10,000 or less they will most likely not see any of these funds.

State

- The Alliance is working with partners around the state to maintain funding for specific homeless-related line items, including homelessness prevention, homeless youth, and supportive services in supportive housing.
- PAC is working with the state to try to use Medicaid funding to support some supportive services (ex. mental health).

Federal

- The FY 2009 budget was signed yesterday. The SAMSA line item was \$75 million (which includes a \$22 million increase). There are several new SAMSA programs that are accepting proposals for funding.
- The Alliance has been trying to get a member appropriation funding to serve chronically homeless families for several years. Some progress is being made on this. The Alliance has hired a lobbyist to help with this task over the next 4 months.
- The Alliance has a representative on the Region 5 Interagency Council on Homelessness where we Continue to advocate for finding ways to fund supportive services.
- The Alliance is also working with other groups around the county to advocate that HHS or other parts of the government need to help fill in the gaps as HUD steps away from funding services.

The Advocacy Committee consists of 3 elected members of the Consumers Commission, 3 elected members of the Service Providers Commission, and one representative from each constituency group. Other people are welcome to attend though they can't vote.

Procedural Issues:

A. Attendance of At-Large Members on Committees

Maura McCauley and Sol Flores drafted a document that lists attendance policies for SPC and Maura presented it today. The draft ends the practice of sending people in place of members and gives members more meetings they may miss. There was a suggestion to change CAEH to SPC since the presented policy in not for the entire Alliance. A question/concern was raised that some attendees in meetings might be there under different attendance policies and discussion about various attendance policies for other Alliance committees ensued. Aaron Eckhardt made a motion to take the draft document to the Consumers Commission to collaborate on joint attendance language which will be reviewed at our next meeting.

The vote was as follows:

17 in favor

4 opposed
1 abstention

Therefore, the motion carried. Maura is unable to attend the next Consumer's Commission so Aaron volunteered to take the draft to their next meeting.

B. Vacancy of Alternate Position on the SPC Executive Committee

One of the people elected as an alternate at our last meeting is now on the committee representing a constituency group. Therefore, we need to elect another alternate which will take place in the next full SPC meeting on 4/21/09.

Possible Agenda Items for the next full SPC Meeting:

- NOFA update including ranking policies
- Planning Council update
- Supportive Service funding update (Nicole Sauler)
- PAC and Advocacy Committee update
- Consumer Commission update
- There a suggestion to have someone from the Donor's Forum present their report on trends in foundation giving and/or to give some information on managing the economic crisis; if that doesn't work out we could have some organizations share what they're doing.
- Update on the Low Income Housing Trust Fund since there are continued issues

As part of this discussion, a question was raised about how issues discussed in constituency groups get to larger groups for discussion. The example was related to the models chart which is being addressed in the PAC. The issue was raised that it's difficult for people to learn about this group. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that this issue be presented to the membership committee for further discussion.

Update on City Reorganization and Meeting with Commissioner Caron:

Sol provided an update on a meeting convened by the new Commissioner, Mary Ellen Caron, with approximately 20 different agency leaders on homelessness (including: Inner Voice, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Polk Bros Foundation, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Corporation for Supportive Housing, The Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness, et al.). She reiterated her commitment to learning more about our services and who we serve (invite her to your organization as she is eager to learn). She asked us to develop and articulate clear speaking points on homelessness, to identify key policy issues, and to hear what agencies need. The Commissioner said she wants our voices to be aligned or various organizations and groups can be pitted against each other. A small group has met to develop this. They talked about making sure affordable housing in the capital budget, prevention funding, and supportive service funding are key points. Sol asked about where the CDBG funds will go and was told that the Mayor is/was planning on putting it into the formerly named **MOWD**. The people who met with her strongly encouraged her not to forget about employment needs of the special populations we serve. She introduced her leadership team including Jim LoBianco (operations/contracts, vouchering, emergency centers, emergency services), Tony Raden (policy), and Betsy Benito (reporting to Tony and focusing on policy and advocacy).

Alliance Board Update

Randall suggested that Nancy talk about how the Alliance Board recruitment process is going. Nancy had 3 top candidates she wanted and she has succeeded in recruiting all three: Quintin Primo as Board Chair, Abner Mikva, and Chris Kennedy. Additionally, Prudence Beidler, Jim Reynolds, and Les Coney will be joining the new Alliance board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

