human services and public safety policy committee

July 28, 2017

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Walter A. Scheiber Board Room (3rd Floor)

777 N. Capitol St, NE, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20002

(Lunch will be available beginning at 11:30 A.M.)

DRAFT AGENDA

12:00 p.m. 1. CALL TO ORDER, introductions and announcements

Courtney Tierney, Vice Chair, Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee

Co-chairwoman Tierney will call the meeting to order, welcome everyone and request self-introductions.

**Recommended Action**: Provide self-introductions.

12:05 P.M. 2. approval of april 21, 2017 meeting summary

Courtney Tierney, Vice Chair

Co-chairwoman Tierney will ask for recommended changes to the draft summary of the April 21, 2017 meeting and for a motion to approve the draft summary with any recommended modifications.

**Recommended Action**: Approve draft meeting summary from April 21, 2017.

12:10 P.M. 3. changes at the federal level: what does it mean for housing?

Richard Michael Price, Partner, Nixon Peabody

Changes at the federal level have caused uncertainty regarding the future of housing programs and the ability of jurisdictions in our region to continue making progress on goals to expand housing affordability and end homelessness. Attorney Richard Price will share an overview of potential impacts to housing programs from the federal FY18 budget and how those changes may impact our region.

How are you responding? Following Mr. Price’s remarks, committee members will be asked to share how his/her agency and partners are planning to adjust (if at all) to proposed federal budget cuts to housing programs.

**Recommended Action:** *Receive briefing and discuss possible regional responses to possible federal budget cuts to housing programs.*

12:50 P.M. 4. update on Pay for success: regional innovations in providing permanent supportive housing for persons at the intersection of homelessness and the criminal justice system

Uma Ahluwalia, Director, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee member

In June of 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the American Institutes of Research (AIR) one of only seven demonstration grants nationwide to test cost-effective ways to help persons cycling between the criminal justice and homeless services systems. The site for this award will be a joint effort between Montgomery County and Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Pay for Success (PFS)strategies are public-private arrangements that help government test or expand innovative programs while paying only for those activities that achieve agreed-upon target outcomes. These grants will support PFS projects that implement a Housing First model for the reentry population who experience homelessness and are frequent users of homelessness, health care and other crisis services.

Montgomery County Director of Health and Human Services and Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee member Uma Ahluwalia will share a brief overview of the project and the collaborative’s preliminary efforts to examine the feasibility of implementing a Pay for Success model to finance permanent supportive housing in the two counties. Committee members are invited to provide feedback on the effort to date and explore other opportunities for cross-jurisdictional collaboration in financing permanent supportive housing.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing and provide feedback on the Pay for Success initiative.

1:00 P.M. 5. collaborating on a regional assessment of fair housing: making a difference for inclusive communities and housing opportunity in the metropolitan washington region

Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager

In August 2015, HUD published an updated rule on how jurisdictions must analyze and address their duty to affirmatively further fair housing. The new tool – the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) -- presents a unique opportunity to collaborate regionally to assess opportunities to strengthen inclusive communities and remove barriers to housing opportunity. COG Housing Program Manager Hilary Chapman will share an overview of the new HUD rule, why it matters, and how our region is coming together in a concrete, substantive way to make a difference for creating inclusive communities region-wide.

**Recommended Action**: Receive briefing and discuss opportunities to strengthen regional cooperation around fair housing.

1:15 P.M. 6. *how safe are our roads?* – key findings from the 2017 report

Kurt Erickson, President Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)

Kurt Erickson will provide a briefing on the annual report on the impact of drunk driving on road safety in the Washington, DC metropolitan region – “*How Safe Are Our Roads?”*

***Recommended Action***: *Receive briefing.*

1:30 P.M. 7. other business / jurisdictional roundtable

Vice Chair Tierney and COG staff

Staff and committee members will be invited to bring old/new business before the committee and provide updates.

COG staff will also be available to share results of the recent committee survey and will be asked to provide input for the remaining meetings of 2017.

**Recommended Action:** Receive briefing on results and discuss next steps.

2:00 P.M. 8. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2017.

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