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## Human Services Committee Minutes from Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

### In Attendance:

Members:

Phil Smith	DuPage County Community Services
Kemberly Dailey Johnson	Pioneer Center
Candace King	DuPage Federation on Human Services
Lynn O'Shea	Association for Individual Development (AID)
Holly Smith	Kane County DOT
Tammy Wierciak	WCMC
Bob Gleeson	Northern Illinois University
Jay Ciavarella	RTA
John Labaj	McHenry County
Jim Lobianco	Chicago Department of Human Services

Guest:

Mary Keating	DuPage County
Alice Segal	Anixter Center
Debra Quakenbush	McHenry County Department of Health
Katina Cummings	Health and Medicine Policy Research Group

CMAP Staff:

Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP Staff
Bob Dean	CMAP Staff
Jon Hallas	CMAP Staff
Kerry Leigh	CMAP Staff

### The Human Services Committee meeting commenced at 10:09am.

#### 1.0 Introductions

The meeting began with those in attendance introducing themselves to one another.

#### 2.0 Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

#### 3.0 Comments from the Chair and Vice-Chair

- 3.1 Phil Smith (Chair) attended the planning coordinating committee as a representative of the Human Services Committee on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>. He updated the committee on the activities of the planning committee. There was some discussion regarding CMAP's budget for the upcoming year. Specifically the question was would there be the necessary funds to

do planning that is not transportation related. It was stated that at this time there is a firm commitment to undertake a regional compressive planning initiative that includes human services issues, viewpoints, and inputs. CMAP's budget will only set the parameters regarding the breadth and depth of the analysis not whether or not any analysis will be conducted. There was also some mention of the CMAP Regional Water Supply Study.

- 3.2 Holly Smith provided the committee with an update of the activates from the recent programming committee meeting. Specifically she mentioned the Unified Work Program (UWP) had been recommended for approve by the CMAP board. The UWP lists the planning projects the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and other agencies undertake each year to enhance transportation in northeastern Illinois and to fulfill federal planning regulations. CMAP is recommended to receive around \$10.3 million for FY08 or which \$274,000 is designated to provide staff support to the CMAP Board, the MPO and the committees that report to both policy boards. Currently there was no money dedicated to supporting the work of the various committees. More information can be found at <http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/uwp/default.asp>

#### 4.0 Regional Informational Presentations

##### 4.1 Candace King (DuPage Federation on Human Services):

Candace King from the DuPage Federation on Human Services gave an overview of their organization and made a presentation on their report, *Who are the New Neighbors? "Facts about Demographic Change in DuPage County"*. <http://www.dupagefederation.org/comprehensive.htm>  
This document is the fifth in a series of profiles of vulnerable population groups living in DuPage County. The goal of this project is to provide a factual basis for public policy and funding decisions about the human services needs of DuPage County. The value to CMAP's Human Services committee is the approach that was used to conduct the study and the data that was accumulated to support policy recommendations. In general the approach was to collect data and then use the data to tell a story and identify issues. The value in doing this is that for anyone that is not familiar with the topic or has had limited exposure to the subject matter the data can provide insight and prospective on not only the magnitude of the issue but also on emerging trends. A more in depth discussion on the data and process that was used will occur at a future meeting as the committee begins to develop some baseline data and identifies emerging issues and trends.

##### 4.2 John Labaj (McHenry County Deputy County Administrator):

2006 McHenry County Healthy Community Study.

[McHenry County Healthy Community Study](#)

Debra Quakenbush from the McHenry County Department of Health gave a presentation on the 2006 McHenry County Healthy Community Study. Unlike the DuPage study that used primarily data available via the U.S.

Census Bureau, the McHenry county study used household surveys, focus groups, and interviews to gather much of the data and then supplemented it with data from the Census Bureau and other data providers. In each step of their research, which was a collaborative effort with a variety of health care providers lead by University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, they asked participants to identify both the strengths and weakness of the current system. The McHenry County Healthy Community Study seeks to improve the health, human services and quality of living for McHenry County residents. The first step in moving toward a better place to live is to assess the current status of the community. How are we doing in terms of the health and well being of local residents? How is the current health and human services system working in order to meet needs? What are the strengths and weaknesses of living in our communities? What unmet needs or gaps exist that are not being met?

While the results of the analysis were not surprising it does provide insight on other sources of information view the current conditions in McHenry County. This type of analysis provides a link between what traditional data sources such as the Census Bureau may indicate and what the people who live, work, and use the available resources think about McHenry County. It is also important to note that the approach that was taken is that a “Healthy Community” is based on the concept that the “health” of a community goes well beyond the statistics that describe how “healthy” the population is or what medical resources are available. Rather, each community develops a shared vision of what can be in terms of quality of life. Both the approach and the types of data that were collected will be explored further at a future meeting as the committee begins to comprise a baseline data set.

#### **4.3 Katina Cummings (Health and Medicine Policy Research Group):**

Katina Cummings from the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group gave a brief overview of the Regional Healthcare Safety Net. This initiative will be discussed in more detail at a future meeting.

#### **5.0 Comprehensive Regional Plan Goals:**

Bob Dean led an exercise in which the committee identified key themes for each of the 10 goals that they had previously identified, (from the 52 NIPC Common Ground goals) as being central to the Human Services committee. The goals were distributed to those in attendance.

The 10 goals are:

**Cultural Diversity:** By 2030, neighborhoods and communities throughout the region will respect cultural and social diversity.

**Environmental Justice:** All people and all places in the region will benefit from the interaction of economic development, social development and environmental protection.

**Equity in Law Enforcement:** The region will have a system of justice and law enforcement that provides equal and fair treatment to all.

**Health Care:** Quality, affordable health care will be accessible to all in the region. People throughout the region will have easy access to and incentives to participate in programs and activities that enable them to take greater responsibility for their own health and wellness.

**Public Safety and Security:** All populations will enjoy safe and secure communities achieved through increased awareness and involvement of residents in community affairs and neighborhood policing systems. Children and youth will be secure from the effects of crime and drug use.

**Racial and Ethnic Diversity:** The region will view its racial and ethnic diversity as an asset and will be characterized by inclusive communities and neighborhoods and by equitable access to and allocation of opportunities and resources. Community deliberative processes will be fostered as means of increased understanding and acceptance of diversity\

**Seniors:** Public policy and civic action across the region will recognize and be responsive to the needs of an aging population that is increasing and will engage the assets which seniors bring to the community

**Social Services:** High-quality and affordable human and social services will be readily available and accessible in communities throughout the region for persons in need

**Workforce Education:** Opportunities and resources for basic and advanced education, skills development, and life-long learning will be available to expand and diversify the region's labor populations through a variety of institutions and learning technologies.

**Youth:** Participation of young people of all backgrounds in community activities, both formal and informal, will expand throughout the region. Opportunities for all young people in education, employment, recreation, and human and social services will be increased.

The committee then separated into teams to further examine each of the ten goals. The purpose was to identify 3 key words or themes for each goal and then report back to the full committee. Time ran out as the last of the goals were being discussed. At the next meeting the committee will continue this work, develop or identify goals that may not have been a part of the original 52 goals identified in Common Ground, and begin to plan the next steps related to this process.

**6.0 Baseline Data Overview:** This item will be presented at the next meeting.

**7.0 Other:** The September meeting is going to be a joint meeting with all of the other committees. This will be either a ½ day or full day workshop in which the goals, issues, and vision of the region that will comprise the new regional comprehensive plan will start to become more clearly defined along with the work of the committees in support of this effort.

**8.0 Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the DuPage Room at CMAP's offices.

**9.0 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm