



# Implementation Board System Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 2/23/23

## Land Acknowledgement – Paula Carvalho

### Members Present

- Benjamin Maritz
- Christopher Ross
- Paula Carvalho
- John Chelminak
- Simha Reddy
- Okesha Brandon

### Consent Agenda – John Chelminak

Approval of Minutes – Simha Reddy motioned to approve; Christopher Ross Seconded. Approved.

### Notes

#### General Updates – Alexis Mercedes Rinck

Alexis provided an overview covering the following topics:

- Purpose of Subcommittee:
  - Reviewing recommendations received from Governing Committee, Cities, and the community for revisions to the draft Five-Year Plan
- City Feedback:
  - Received feedback letters from Bellevue, Kirkland, and Issaquah.
  - Received a few letters from organizations as well
  - All letters have been posted as part of the meeting materials and will also be included in the revision recommendation memo
- Revision Recommendation Memo

- Staff are working on developing a memo for revisions, including a comprehensive matrix for specific revisions
- Staff are reviewing the 640 community survey responses. Themes will be available in the comprehensive memo in next week's (3/2/23) meeting.
- Two technical revisions underway:
  - Create modeled funding options so we can present various scenarios from budget or modeling changes.
  - Developing strategy to leverage Medicaid Foundational Community Supports

## **Five-Year Plan Overview & Discussion**

- Alexis provided an overview of all 7 goals and subsequent strategies in the draft Five-Year Plan
- Discussion:
  - Benjamin Maritz – Seeking additional clarity on implementation of the plan so the public understands the clear path forward. Would like to see multiple financial models of the plan to know what the next steps are regardless of obtained funding.
  - Christopher Ross – Concerned that the scale of the plan may not lead to success. Would like to see a plan that works within the cost constraints of \$300 million.
  - Simha Reddy – Finds a lot of hope in the draft plan, although admits it could be presented with more clarity, particularly in background on costs and modeling numbers and success metrics. Believes it is helpful as a community to know what the overall cost of solving the problem is, while also having a clear understanding of next steps.
  - Paula Carvalho – Suggests a tiered approach to demonstrate what can be done with different funding amounts, recognizing that the public and elected officials know the current level of funding is not adequate to reach our goals.
  - Okesha – Agrees with Paula but would like more clarity on a tiered approach. Suggests reconstructing the existing system to serve as a model for future approaches.
  - John Chelminak – Provided summarization of previous comments: We want to not lose sight that the large price tag is important to demonstrate what success will take, but in the meantime we need to find solutions with the current budget constraints. The specific type of emergency shelter that the plan promotes is a common topic brought up in community concerns. John provided information on alternative, modular housing types. Proponent of seeing multiple cost models: what you can do with the current budget, enhanced budget, and with the budget needed to do everything.
  - Simha Reddy – Recognizing this is a state and federal issue as well, how can we identify a pathway to the full budget with federal funds? Regarding temporary housing models, he suggests that the “best” type may be a diverse portfolio of options so everyone has what they need, with re-assessments as time goes on.
  - Benjamin Martiz – In recognition that we should have an aspirational framework for what it take to end homelessness in our region, he suggests a bifurcated approach where one side outlines the “ultimate solution,” including local and

national partnerships; while the other side outlines a plan for what we are going to get done in the next year or two with a clear set of metrics.

- Alexis Mercedes Rinck– Seeking clarification on what the staff’s role should be and what the subcommittee would like to see in the short-term version of the plan.
- John Chelminak– Wondering what increase would be appropriate for an “enhanced” budget and what is possible within that budget model.
- Alexis Mercedes Rinck– Seeking guidance on which models in an intermediary option the subcommittee would like to see.
- Christopher Ross– Curious how KCRHA staff is going to be amending the document? Hoping for an action-ready document.
- Clarification from a question in the chat: Foundational Community Supports is the federal funding we are not currently using to its complete capacity
- Simha Reddy – Raises the point that the development and identification of funding is embedded within the plan, but that we also need to know what is happening in the next one-to-two years.
- Benjamin Maritz – Wondering if there are any other hot button issues the subcommittee would like to address. He would like to address sweeps/encampment clears.
- Simha Reddy- In response to Benjamin’s question, he is hoping to discuss KCRHA’s approach to geriatric population experiencing homelessness, in addition to understanding connections to current medical respite and health care systems.

### **Closing & Next Meeting**

The subcommittee will focus on the revisions memo at the next meeting, in addition to the topics brought up at the end of this meeting.