



Implementation Board System Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 3/2/23

Land Acknowledgement – John Chelminak

Members Present

- Benjamin Maritz
- John Chelminak
- Okesha Brandon
- Simha Reddy, joined at 3:35 pm

Introductions

The Sub-Regional Planning Team, Mallory, Sparrow, and Abby; and Austin Christoffersen, Clerk for KCRHA introduced themselves to the committee.

Consent Agenda – John Chelminak

Approval of Minutes – The approval of the 2/23/23 meeting minutes was delayed until the next meeting.

Notes

General Updates – Alexis Mercedes Rinck

The Sub-Regional Planning Team completed a 70+ page memo inclusive of all engagement and feedback around the draft Five-Year Plan. This memo is currently under executive review and will be transmitted to the board and committee next week.

Overview of CEA-Reviewed Revision Recommendation Memo – Alexis

Alexis provided an overview of the purpose of the System Planning Subcommittee.

Alexis provided an overview of the process this group will go through to review the feedback on the draft Five-Year Plan.

Alexis presented a presentation with an overview of the Recommended Revisions Memo, including:

- The purpose of the memo is to inform the board and committee on the engagement with cities, the general public, service providers, and individuals with lived experience; and the collated and recommended revisions that came from those engagements.
- The structure of the memo
- Overview of responses received, including the most and least supported strategies from the public survey and the themes that arose from the survey comments reviewed by the Sub-Regional Team

Pause for questions

- Benjamin Maritz: Question about how strategy 7.2 scored and wondering if we have this data on other strategies, in recognition that all the strategies are important and information on most and least supported strategies may be more useful for prioritization. Ben was also wondering if budgeting and funding was brought up in the survey.
 - Alexis confirmed that it was a point identified in the comments of the survey.
- John Chelminak: Question around the letters that KCRHA received from cities and providers and if their remarks were represented in the chart in Alexis' powerpoint.
 - Alexis confirmed the chart was only based on the results of the public survey.

Alexis continued the presentation:

- How the Sub-Regional Team organized the recommended revisions chart that this group will work through each week.
- There are a few different types of proposed revisions, including "New Strategy," "Substantive Policy Change," "Technical Revision", and "Editorial"
- Alexis reviewed notable proposed revisions

Board questions and discussion:

- Okesha Brandon: Asking about the inclusion of the intersection of the homelessness response system and criminal justice in the Five-Year Plan.
- Benjamin Maritz: Would like to see two elements included in the "notable proposed revisions" slide, including the expansion of Tiny House Villages and the revision of the budget.
- John Chelminak: Also would like to see discussion around congregate shelter models. John is wondering when the committee will be able to see the final memo.
- Benjamin Maritz: Would like to see the issue of sweeps and encampment resolutions included in the list of notable changes

Discussion of "Goal 8 - How the Community Can Partner"

- Alexis provided an overview of what may be included in this goal.
- Alexis asked the committee how they would like to see the community participate in the effort to decrease homelessness.

- Simha Reddy: Would like the committee to think about the different types of housing and shelter that people move through in the homelessness system.
- Okesha Brandon: Would like to see increased level of support for outreach, specifically more supplies and having supplies at the ready before emergencies.
- Benjamin Martiz: Connecting Simha and Okesha's comments by identifying the flow of activities within the homelessness system. How can we ensure that people have what they need at every element of the homelessness system?
- Okesha Brandon: Furthered her message above and highlighted the desire to see immediate next steps.
- John Chelminak: Regarding Goal 8 and how the public can get involved in the homelessness response, John uplifted Bellevue's affordable housing and shelter project on unused land as an example of community role. In addition, faith-based partners and schools can be important assets to consider for partnerships.
- Benjamin Martiz: Suggests that KCRHA maintains a very small role in the development of affordable housing, but that KCRHA does play a part in coordination with affordable housing developers to communicate the need for affordable housing. Emphasized John's point on faith-based partners, especially for using spaces for severe weather shelter. Benjamin would like to see more opportunities for people to volunteer in the homelessness system.
- Simha Reddy: Offered that KCRHA has an opportunity to be the leaders for improving processes and communicating best practices within each element of the homelessness system.

Closing & Next Meeting

- John Chelminak adjourned the meeting.