

## **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes: July 25, 2022**

**Attendees:** Deb Schorr, County Board; Christa Yoakum, County Board; Dave Derbin, County Board CAO; Sandra Washington, City Council; James Michael Bowers, City Council; TJ McDowell, Mayor's Office; Meagan Liesveld, United Way; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

**Excused:** CJ Johnson, Region V; Renee Dozier, Region V

James called the meeting to order. Sandra made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Deb seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Deb motioned to approve the minutes from January & May. Sandra seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Human Services Activity Report**

Sara highlighted the following items from her report:

- CPC Update – have been working with LPD & other stakeholders to find an alternative. Looking at renovating part of the old police garage. Have identified 3 distinct populations that utilize CPC.
  - The average time people wait is 6 hours for a responsible party to pick them up.
  - The Mission is designating 10 beds in the Curtis Center to serve the needs for our homeless CPC population.
  - If a person is aggressive, they'll go to jail just as they do now.
  - The above account for about 400-500 people/year.
  - EPC – the Bridge had been used to help with overflow and transitional holding while waiting to move people out of the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center needs more beds but is unable to have more due to statutes.
  - Oct 1<sup>st</sup> is the first day The Bridge will no longer operate CPC.
  - We've been donated a mobile classroom to use (like an overflow classroom) but we need to hire a company to move it and we'll need to outfit it.
  - Ultimately, CPC as we know it will look very different. There won't be locked doors, will be using a harm reduction model, will have follow-up & case management services, will be staffed 24/7.
- Project Connect is Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering or attending that let Sara know.
- Still working on developing a low-barrier shelter. Have coordinated site visits and are working with Urban Development.
- Working with the University of Cincinnati in partnership with Douglas County for technical assistance on a crisis training grant.
- Currently have 16 youth in out Mental Health Diversion program
- GARE training starts July 29<sup>th</sup>, expecting about 50 people.
- Bridging the Gap was held in June. About 35 youth attended and learned about law enforcement and building relationships.
- Title II grant was adjusted to provide an Educational Advocate at Malone Center.
- ARPA contracts are all signed. CPIN may return their funds as they may not be able to run the program we chose to fund.

- RFK is coming Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> to give their final report on our community's crisis response system. This work has led to our development of a Family Resource Center. United Way & NCFE are donating staff time to help coordinate the development.
- Prevention subcommittee - training dates are mostly to be determined.
- Family Engagement subcommittee developed a video for families making contact with the JJ system. Christa requested a translation into Karen.
- Went on a site visit to Stockton, CA to see their Operation Peacekeeper, looking into developing some things here.
- ERA 1 funds end Dec 30<sup>th</sup>
- Friendship Home and Voices of Hope have an MOU that is very old and confusing as to who does what, so they've asked for help with strategic planning. The Public Policy Center is submitting an RFP to do an evaluation.
- Barney will be here in the next month.
- 988 has launched. It's meant to provide a place to call, people to respond, and a place to go.
- Juvenile client numbers are increasing post-covid restrictions. SRA's take a lot of staff time, working on better processes for middle school truancy, seeing higher risk youth on PACS (car thefts, vape shop burglaries, etc.), looking into more updated equipment for electronic monitoring.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **Keno Emergency Fund Policy**

Recent crisis in Ukraine – people are arriving here without refugee status because it hasn't been officially declared yet so they're coming on their own without many resources. We reached out to the Asian Center to hire a staff person to work as an advocate to partner with our ERA caseworker to find them landlords. When looking into using Emergency Keno dollars we noted that we needed to revise our policy so that we aren't doing business by email. See revision.

**VOTE: Deb motioned to approve the revised Keno Emergency Fund policy, Christa seconded. Motion Passed 6-0.**

#### **UPDATES:**

##### **JBC & JJPF Semi-Annual Reports July-Dec 2021**

- Mostly staff changes causing delayed starts to programming
- Mentoring Plus – we are working with Elton
- Rabble Mill – no longer doing the All-Access Pass program as all clients can access services for free. Instead, they are using the funds to help employ and provide leadership positions. They are also having some zoning issues with putting the school there since it's technically an industrial zone. They will need some actions done by the planning committee to get a variance.
- OMNI is having trouble finding therapists.

#### **REPORTS:**

**United Way – Meagan Liesveld:** They are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding. Will open LOI's in October for a new funding cycle. Lynn is working to support the Family Resource Center. They're also working on additional fundraising for refugee supports for agencies. They will be granting those dollars out soon.

**Region V – CJ Johnson: not present**

**Mayor's Office/One Lincoln – TJ McDowell:** Is still learning his position. Asked what kinds of updates we want to hear about. He mentioned they are working on an Equity Assessment Tool. Jon spoke to neighborhood issues/needs.

**FUTURE BUSINESS:**

- Sandra wants to know about opioid settlement and casino dollars and when we will build structure to collect and allocate those funds.
- ARPA dollars – did we leave anything on the table? What are plans going forward?
- Extension's double up bucks program – seeking funding for their program that works with SNAP. Sandra has handouts on this to email.

**Next Meeting:** September 6, 2022 from 4:00-5:00pm in the Bill Luxford Studio – Room 113

Respectfully Submitted:  
Jenni Ryan, Lancaster County Human Services