

Housing Needs Assessment
Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 13, 2012
Noblesville Township Community Building

Attendance: Adrienne Keeling, Cindy Benedict, Denise Aschleman, Dennis Schrumph, Jae Tolliver, Joan Isaac, Jodi Dickey, Mark McConaghy, Melissa Stayton, Michelle Westermeier, Nate Lichti, Nathan Ringham, Paul Munoz, Rachel Johnson, Rhett Cecil, Teresa Caldwell

- Introductions: Nate Lichti welcomed everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting was to bring stakeholders together to determine how best to proceed with a Housing Needs Assessment for Hamilton County.
 - Those in attendance introduced themselves and identified the areas of interest and service (municipalities, non-profits, others; county-wide, specific communities or populations)
 - Municipalities in attendance – Noblesville, Carmel, Fishers, Cicero
 - Non-Profits in attendance – United Way, Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County, Aspire of Indiana, HAND Inc.
 - Others in attendance – Noblesville Housing Authority, Noblesville Township Trustee, Mortgage Broker
 - Unable to attend the meeting were representatives from:
 - Sheridan - Don Chesney and Tom Cain
 - Westfield – Jennifer Miller
 - MIBOR – Sara Laycock
 - Adams Township – Michelle Junkins
 - A recommendation was offered to include CAGI, CICOA and HVAF as part of the Advisory Committee
- Purpose of the Assessment – Discussed the purpose of the housing needs assessment and how it can prove valuable to those entities in attendance, identifying the outcomes which will be of most use
 - Document the Need
 - Evaluate Options/Best Practices
 - Develop Priorities
 - Strategize (Goals for CDBG, HAND, others)
 - Organized Data, and effort to identify, collect and analyze the data – valuable for support as communities address their own needs; serves as a public education tool
 - Housing trends (entire spectrum of price ranges); what happens to the larger homes as people downsize?
 - Preventative vs. Reactive approach to emergency housing needs (Community Supportive Housing)
 - Identifying the housing cost burden of all income levels
 - Economic impact of housing providers
 - Crime statistics related to affordable housing (cause/effect)
 - Accessible Data, shareable electronic format
 - Housing demand vs. private market activity
 - Reduce (eliminate) overall NIMBY attitude, encouraging municipalities to work in support/cooperation of each other – don't send the 'problem' to somewhere else

- Quantify (put a face to) the number of everyday people the audience interacts with that are classified as low-income
- Identify At-risk populations & their cost burden
- Effects of transportation needs on affordable housing
- Growth of the aging population and their needs
- Housing maintenance support (burden) and trends to downsize
- Resources (\$) – Efforts will continue to take place to secure financial support from those with a vested interest in the outcomes, both public and private; commitments must be in place prior to January 31st, 2013
- Next Steps – Understanding the timeline of the tasks and the level of involvement of the members of the Advisory Committee
 - **Secure pledges from all communities participating in the study by January 31st.**
 - **Coordinate the Point in Time Count – Homeless (Aspire) on January 30th.**
 - **Convene the Advisory Committee (Meeting #2) by February 15th**
 - Review early information
 - Plan public presentations
 - Participate in surveys
 - **Host 6 Public Forums across the county by March 31st**
 - Presentations of findings
 - Feedback from those in attendance
 - Mini presentations as needed
 - **Meet with Advisory Committee (#3) by April 30th**
 - Discuss Strategies
 - Develop Priorities

Publish Needs Assessment and distribute information by June 30th

- The meeting was adjourned. Small groups discussed proposals from research consultants and everyone agreed that the proposals submitted by Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED) and Indiana University Public Policy Institute (IUPPI) are very good. No preference was shared, and HAND will wait until a second RFP process is completed before selecting a firm.