

Lake County Illinois



Minutes Report - Draft

Friday, May 16, 2014

1:00 PM

**2nd floor Conference Room - Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville**

**CDC Application Review Committee – Public
Services**

1. ROLL CALL

The Public Services Application Review Committee (ARC) meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

Guest: Linda Pedersen of the Lake County Board (2:30)

Staff: Jodi Gingiss, Brenda O'Connell, Janel Gomez and Laura Walley

Present 2 - Commissioner Hart and Commissioner Hewitt

Excused 2 - Commissioner Rose and Commissioner Swanson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 14-0514

Approval of December 11, 2013 minutes

Attachments: [12.11.13 minutes.pdf](#)

Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes were held for the next meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 14-0524

Foundations of 2015-2019 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Consolidated Plan for Lake County Consortium

Attachments: [RoadMap](#)

Ms. Jodi Gingiss said that there would be no action items due to the lack of a quorum but as most of the meeting had been planned as discussions and presentations to prepare for the upcoming composition of the 2015 – 2019 Consolidated Plan (Plan), it would be advantageous to staff to gather ideas from the members that were present. She explained that the Plan should coordinate with Lake County's Strategic Plan and the Regional Framework Plan and help the Department of Transportation to meet the goals identified in its Transportation Market Analysis. As a great deal of research and community input went into those documents, Community Development (CD) and the consulting firm that will be hired have been provided with a strong foundation upon which to write the 5-year Consolidated Plan. Ms. Gingiss requested that the ARC members provide their insights into what groups or individuals should be invited to the community input sessions to provide information that would help the process to create a well-written meaningful Plan. Commissioner Hewitt suggested that staff contact the County's Health Department and the Consortium members. Ms. Gingiss replied that current plans were to have the Cities of Waukegan and North Chicago (Consortium members with Lake County) investigate their local needs and then staff would work to incorporate those needs within the Plan. Staff has reviewed the Health Department's recent study and planned to integrate its findings within the Plan.

5.2 14-0521

Presentation on CDBG Eligible Uses

Ms. Gingiss stated that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have historically been used for four purposes: 1) Administrative funding, 2) Fair Housing funding, 3) Public Infrastructure/Facilities (PI) funding and 4) Public Services (PS) funding. Ms. Janel Gomez informed the ARC that there were a variety of projects allowable under the PI category other than the roadway, water, sewer and drainage improvement projects for which the CDC had relegated this portion of the funding. She went over the categories of eligible projects, each of which must accomplish the following national objective: Development of viable communities principally for low- and moderate-income persons through decent housing, suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity. Ms. Gomez offered that PI funds could help with “brick and mortar” improvements, such as building access ramps, at public service agencies. The ARC and staff discussed several of the possible categories of projects. Members Hart and Hewitt requested that staff present well-researched, viable options for ARC review, discussion and possible recommendation to the full Commission.

5.3 14-0522

Presentation on Ending Homelessness in Lake County

Ms. Brenda O’Connell gave a slide presentation on the increasing suburban poverty level and homelessness in Lake County. Statistics have shown that the County’s poverty rate from 1998 to 2012 had increased at a greater rate than the rest of Illinois and the United States, when each was taken as a whole. Suburban poverty had increased as more than 50% of the area’s poor now reside in the suburbs, as compared to 33% during recent decades. Unfortunately, the majority of the poverty response systems are centered within the cities. Information provided by the Regional Office of Education showed that there were an increased number of homeless children living in the County. Ms. O’Connell discussed the Point-in-Time Count and the issues that affect the area’s homeless, including domestic violence, mental illness and substance addiction. She informed the ARC of the types of housing available for the homeless (see handout) and Ms. Gingiss went over the types of funding that may be used for each category of housing. Ms. O’Connell spoke about the County’s Strategic Plan goals that applied to the goal of ending homelessness, the federal priorities for homelessness and several consent decrees that could impact the County’s homeless population.

5.4 14-0520

Demonstration of Referrals in the ServicePoint Database

Ms. Gingiss introduced a demonstration on the functions and features of the ServicePoint program, the County’s Homeless Management Information System used by local agencies to assist their clients. Ms. O’Connell highlighted the ClientPoint function, which allows case managers to search the system by client name and to earmark frequently-seen clients. Additionally, shared information would indicate those agencies that have provided services to their clients and facilitate referrals to agencies that could further assist those clients. There was a discussion on adding agencies to the

ServicePoint system and the privacy protections that each agency may set up, dependent on each client's consent.

5.5 14-0525

Presentation of Video on Lake County Paratransit

Due to time constraints, the video was not presented.

5.6 14-0519

Preparation for 2015-2019 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Consolidated Plan for Lake County Consortium

This item was incorporated within Items 5.1 and 5.2.

6. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:01 p.m.