

Funders Committee Minutes

January 22nd, 2025
11:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance: Johniesha Prescott, Sarah Lim, Patrick Duffie, Angela Jones, Alicia Spry, Takisha Jordan

1. Welcome
2. Select note taker – Sarah Lim
3. Workplan
 - a. Add Community Plan Implementation Assignments
 - Funder’s Collaborative: Funder’s committee will work on soliciting membership.
 - It makes sense to join the existing groups and learn first, before reaching out to people. Wisconsin Philanthropy group is planning on reaching out. We may make a different recommendation to the Board regarding creating a Funder’s Collaborative after learning about philanthropy in our community.
 - If we are starting a new group, let’s develop mission and vision of the funder’s collaborative first before reaching out to people.
 - Define how funder’s committee is different than funder’s collaborative. –Let’s discuss at a future meeting.
 - We will work on this at a future meeting after the implementation is approved by the board.
 - b. Overdue: Funding Analysis
 - Sarah will take a lead on funding analysis, for a simpler version, in Q1. We will discuss any expansion of scope next time.
 - c. Upcoming: Gaps Analysis
 - Should we do another gaps analysis this year? Core committee had provided feedback that they would like to be part of setting up the survey.
 - Alternatively, we could more targeted surveys rather than a wider gaps analysis – e.g., language access at shelters, program surveys of participants, or any important topic that came out of the previous gaps analysis and community plan engagement. → Would like to get Core Committee feedback. Johniesha will ask Core committee chair to add to the core committee agenda. Will aim for completing targeted surveys done by end of June 2025.
4. Committee Leadership: Johniesha is willing to continue chairing the committee. Thanks, Johniesha!
5. Agency/Committee Updates

6. Walk-On Items

Implications of the administration change at the federal level: HMIS data standard changes are scheduled for 2026, not this year. ICA is reviewing policy updates that sensitive demographic information is well protected.

Some members are planning to attend the webinar on ICE raids at homeless services and shelters on Thursday. Chicago has been building protection at the ICE at the city level.