



Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee

Date: June 27, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Steering Committee Members:

Kirt Briggs (E)		Mickey Choudek (W)	X	Bob Crawford (T)	X
Bob Coughlen (H)	X	Josh Johnson (T)	X	Darren Kermes (W)	
Jamie Thelen	X	Kami Thompson (E)		Bethany Tjornhom	X
Jon Ulrich (T)	X	Jane Victorey (T)		Jane Wiley (T)	X
Mike Waldo (H)	X				

Staff:

Tracy Cervenka	X	Brad Davis	X	Lisa Freese (T)	X
Jake Grussing	X	Kathy Nielsen	X	Barb Dahl (W)	X

Work Group Updates:

Housing: Bob Coughlen reported that there was a cross section of working group members at the June Housing Work Group meeting. The group has decided to focus on rental housing at all levels. They will be inviting City planners to their July meeting to learn about the rental policies each city may be incorporating into their Comprehensive Plans. Future topics include encouraging cities to adopt a Housing Policy and the education of businesses.

Workforce Readiness: Barb Dahl advised that the MnCAPS students gave a report to the Workforce Readiness Work Group on the results of the 18-24 year old survey and gave recommendations. Some interesting results: 60% found their first job through a friend and their primary barrier is flexibility for students and wages for young adults. Recommendations from the MnCAPS students were to add a post-secondary education option within the County and the need for a single Scott County website for all local job opportunities. Barb stated they will be developing a focus group to delve further into specific responses related to unemployment.

Education: Kathy Nielsen reported that the group had a presentation from Dakota County on their Birth-8 program and their work to better serve that population. Jake Grussing noted there was very good attendance and participation from the school districts. Dakota County received legislative funding for a database to track students more effectively and to make sharing of data easier. Claire Robling will be providing information on the legislative items at their next meeting.

Transportation: Bob Crawford reported that they have encouraged their members to attend other Work Group meetings. Jon Ulrich noted the Dial-a-Ride expansion to evenings and weekends and a study of MnPASS and BRT on 169 from Mankato to Minneapolis. Josh Johnson discussed some of the items Mystic Lake is working on to make it easier for their employees to use transit options. He would like to engage larger businesses in the community about ridership coordination.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Mickey Choudek thanked Kathy for preparing the Roles & Responsibilities document. She noted the clarification that Work Group Chairs are members of the Steering Committee.

Community Engagement:

Kathy Nielsen asked for support from the Steering Committee to begin the community engagement process – asking for information from the people being stressed. The group agreed to form a subcommittee and find an organization to facilitate the process. There was discussion about the segment to focus on at this point. There was discussion of 16-24 year olds, and those people currently receiving food support. Barb Dah noted that there are about 6,000 people receiving food support and there is a tie from that to kids receiving free and reduced lunch. In addition, a high percentage of these people are in the workforce. The group discussed ways to market and engage this population. Mickey summarized the discussion and direction to look at families receiving food support as the target segment for community engagement.

Other:

- Families & Individuals Sharing Hope (FISH): Bethany Tjornhom briefly explained transportation situations she sees through FISH such as people who can't afford to fix their car, buy license tabs, or situations that result in people living in their cars. FISH is a safety net that helps people in transition.

Assignments/Follow-up:

- Work Groups need to identify the organizations within the County (businesses, non-profits, neighborhood and faith-based organizations, etc.) who are also working on our four focus areas so that existing efforts can be aligned and not duplicated.
- To bring context to your data, what questions would each Work Group like to have answered through the community engagement process?
- Identify a volunteer from each Work Group to participate on a subcommittee focusing on community engagement.
- Make an effort to expand your understanding of other Work Groups by attending a Group you are not a member of.
- An overview of FISH will be a future agenda item.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25 from 10:30-Noon.