



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their "homework?", Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs?

TYP will work with Bill Lyons of the City of Knoxville to engage public discussion about the appropriateness of specific sites for PSH, upon "control" of the specific site. The City is committed to moral imperatives to 1) implement the TYP and 2) do no harm to the neighborhoods. (Summary of discussion items on page 2)

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues?

Position Statement on the TYP site selection process is in the works.

Other Concerns:

There were about 15 folks in the "audience" although the facility is not set up with a PA system, so it was really hard to hear the comments of Board Members. Also, there seemed to be an expectation among the audience that they could comment during the proceedings, but the Advisory Board is not a governing body. Jon Lawler was willing to accommodate questions or comments, but Ron Peabody used all the time.

Observer: Judy Barnette

Meeting: Ten Year Plan Advisory Board

Date: Mar 26, 2010

TYP Advisory Board discussion items – that I could hear...

- HMIS – the data base is now used by all local providers of services for the homeless and each user of services has an identity card which tracks their access to services.
 - Based on data in HMIS from July 1, 2008 thru March 23, 2010, 318 individuals have received placement in Permanent Supportive Housing and 35 have had a “change of status” – which includes some who have stabilized to the point of obtaining market housing on their own.
 - Based on data in HMIS, 959 individuals accessed services (from VMC, KARM, Salvation Army, etc) in the past year.
- TYP Cost/Benefit was discussed
 - Based on a Dec 2006 study from (Denver?) Colorado, the average cost, to the City, of providing services to 1000 chronically homeless people was \$20.5 million/yr (with an additional \$24.8 million spent by State and Federal)
 - The cost to the City if those 1000 individuals are housed (PSH) was \$5 million/yr (State and Federal expenses dropped slightly to \$21.8 mil)
 - The savings from Emergency Room use (Indigent Care Fund) and Incarceration (with psychotropic medication costs) offset the increase in Case Management costs.
- Progress Report (refer to TYP strategic plan – available at <http://knoxtenyearplan.org/>)
 - Goal #1 – Minvilla s/b ready for occupancy in October. Seventeen residents are scheduled to move from the Jackson Ave apartments.
 - Goal #2 – TYP will hold regular community meetings to provide updates and answer questions about the TYP and the KRH (Knoxville’s Road Home). Bill Lyons, Madeline Rogero, David Massey, and Linda Rust will be involved.
 - Goal # 6 – Compassion Coalition has 4 more partners for Circles of Support.
 - Goal #7 – CAC/KCDC continue to have zero “evictions to the street” (down from 65 last year) – thanks to prevention and remediation by case managers. The 7 KCDC case managers work with about 350 clients, and the 6 CAC case managers have an even higher caseload, and they are meeting a goal that many thought was impossible. Note: there are evictions, but alternatives are found that prevent the residents from becoming homeless as a result.
 - Laurens Tullock made a case for talking more about stories than numbers – subject to privacy issues.
- Ron Peabody, representing the Kinston Woods Neighborhood Assoc., presented handouts to and addressed the Advisory Board.
 - He challenged the cost/benefit numbers citing information from approx 234 TYP’s around the country, obtained by a Google search. He also challenged the funding and caseload for case managers. (A TYP member had in hand a very recent HUD report citing positive to neutral cost/benefit for housing-first programs.)
 - RP challenged (?) that there were any new-construction PSH sites, but a nearby site was pointed out to him. (I didn’t get his point)
 - RP asked if there were any families housed in PSH, but it had been pointed out that chronic homelessness, defined by duration, frequency AND a disabling condition, affects almost exclusively single adults.
 - RP seemed to press for an exact case manager to “patient” ratio, but it was pointed out that “residents” have different needs and those needs change over time, so case-management is a dynamic relationship.