



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

August 17, 2017 **Minutes**

Cook County Board Room | 4PM

Lane, Garcia, Jasso, yonan, leonard, Thomas, raymer, rodriguez, Dickson

1. 4:12 - Call to Order
2. Minutes Review of July 2017 Meeting
3. 4:14 - Updates
 - a. End of year report
 - b. Social enterprise ordinance
 - i. Preference in procurement – to none and for dependent on revenue pursuing a social purpose. Lift up the social sector, encourage market based solutions to social problems. “Disadvantaged” explained.
 - c. Metra Electric resolution II
 - i. Metra electrics opp. In-depth dive understanding of the electric line, cc long range, look at the line service, distressed commjnisinte to access jobs. Resistance, from the metra board, analysis – last quarter less and less ridership, yesterdays cuts to services were prseneted. Mobility study now. Look at how to bring more customers to the metra line, looing at service boards. Informs the board of commissioners, as they appoint to the metra board, the momentum of the metra electric coalition to understand the mobility as opposed to just ridership line.
 - d. Retention of Manufacturing Forum
 - i. Looking to rescue manufacturing businesses.
 - ii. Raymer, BMO would like to host a convening forum, October 4th, program of the initiative leaders, explain opportunity, commercial banking unit, business banking unit in conversations.
 - iii. Dickson, existential issues, 1500 businesses, owners at retirement age not having successors, thousands fo jobs, 99% owned by white males, opp to convert to build on MBE and WBE ownership. If it goes unattended it will result in job loss. Job retention and creating

diversity. Urge the commission approve this resolution. 45% of 2000 manufacturing companies leadership is at retirement age.

- iv. Lane, Safer foundation is one of four non-profits taking the lead on bringing attention to this issue. Places that will soon not have owners in place, mentored, financed to take over the businesses, maintain the businesses in the community and jobs. With more youthful, stimulate the economy. Recognize Raymer on her leadership, various departments are raising their hand seeing how they bring value to the initiative. Efforts will pay dividends on CC communities. Though leaderships, that can be scaled nationally. Important effort here and nationally, thanks to the leadership here, Raymer and Dickson.
- e. Lane: budget impasse, \$15B behind on bills, etc. credit rating fall. Universities lack funding. Struggles around the public schools. 463M less in state funding to the schools with a Gov veto.
- f. Report on the budget stalemate, women and children. Damage done. Four presenters, share their take on the implications for the county. Offering actionable policy recommendations. In light of these negative developments.
- g. K. Sujata: pres of CFW, 2011, grantmaking org on basic rights and equality for women and girls. Director of programs for Eleanor Foundation, Chicago continued of care, interfaith housing dev. Corp. MBA iit, scientis, NU, engineering at India.

4. Guest Speakers

- a. K. Sujata, President and CEO, Chicago Foundation for Women
 - i. CFW invests in women and girls as catalysts create money for women and girls for access to healthcare and services. Supports advocacy and research. We commissioned the report damaged done in the midst of the impasse. We hear from grantees, before the report, state failure negative impacting. In 2 years, nonprofit continued to provide critical service. Cancer screening, meals to seniors, food to new mother and babies. Delayed payments from the state. Backlog, 14.7B bills. Providers have wait 8 months for payment. CFW grantees cut staff or services, or closed doors. Domestic violence for to let go of staff. 2016 3600 adults, and 4200 children were turned away. Preventive breast and cervical cancer reduced with long wait list with 34% cuts in service. Will hurt women of color most. 39% more likely to die after a breast cancer diagnosis, in 2017 women should not be dying. Mothers forced to choose between work and childcare. Home visiting services parenting support to young mother to meals to seniors reduction. Non profits relies on lines of credit, to sustain for the long term. Without these services future is shaky and uncertain. CFW looks at sustainability of org for grants. IL nonprofits cannot weather another funding disruption, to fill vacancies and resume services. For years to come. CFW, and philanthropy cannot meet these needs alone to

meet the need of the most vulnerable. E must fund at all levels.
Local, state, and federal. 3

- ii. Ensuring adequate funding and access for cancer screenings for south and west side,
- iii. Increase access to affordable children
- iv. Support long term solutions for survivors of domestic violence and homeless youth; Chicago has only 152 shelter beds for survivors of DV.

b. Tasha Green Cruzat, President, Voices for Children

- i. Before voices, she was the COS to PReck, chairman of green leadership team, state of IL senior management of gov office of management and budget. ED high jump. BA pol sci, Brookly, MA UIC, MBA Notre Dame.
- ii. Independent advocacy org champions strong public policy for all children. Examining data. Staff and programmatic cuts at agencies, disproportionate on women and children of color 17% poverty. Child 24%. 5 white, 19 latinx, 25 AA. Female led, white 14, 37 for black. 125% of poverty, eligibility for community services block grant. If you are AA in suburban Cook, 3 times more likely to be low income than a non white. CEDA 2100 low income ind. Housing needs – finding affordable. Education, financial assistance, childcare: affordable child care, 88% required assistance, employment was 1, childcare 2, education 3, housing 4.
- iii. CC can increase housing stock. Non profit community cannot pick up all of the slack. When public sector cuts. County CMAP, good roadmap needing more affordable housing. Public private partnership will leverage all available resources. State is not off the hook. Mitch, will give you some idea, some of the challenges that still remain.

c. Mitchell Lifson, Senior Policy Analyst, Voices for Children

- i. IL dept of revenue, IL senate dem caucus, Brandeis BA, master in journal NU, government PA.
- ii. I hoped for the to say that despite the inexcusable that the state was in the right direction with the passing of a budget. Budget contains 34.8B revenue, 36.1B expenditures. \$300m in special funds to pay bills. 1.2B borrowed to make bill payment, \$6B in bonds to assist the backlog of bills. 13.9B backlog. Just cuz its approved a budget, does not mean its in the wright treasury. Expects to get from the end of the year, income tax, filings of returns. Rauner questioning bonds, many of those waiting to get paid, are still waiting to get paid. Look at chart handout. \$18B in unpaid bills, treasurer \$6B at state agencies. IL dept of health and family services not covers. Social 688 mi, health 3.5 billion, state health ins 5B – uncertain, bills unpaid. As long as remain outstanding, providers will not see Medicaid patients. Monday state journal

register, 100M – state agencies have not issued the contracts to make payments to those providers. Between the state not paying, future pension costs increase, unfunded school system, state is not looking to fund all programs. CEO of a substance abuse program. Many agencies will not be able to hold on much longer. If you don't get those funds you will be forced to close your door.

- d. Christine George, Associate Research Professor, Loyola University, Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL)
 - i. BA Wisconsin, NU masters, human dev, Phd, NU, human devl and social policy.
 - ii. The reports, mirrored time and time again, we found in partnership with other orgs, serving a myriad from housing, homeless, childcare, aging, comm mental health, employment and training. Every area we see attack on providing services. Outlines the need for publicly supporting services. Many service providers are fighting poverty, and teenage pregnancy is still 22.8%, better but still. CPS, 2014, 18,831 2015 were homeless, 22 live in shelter, unaccompanied youth. These services work. Evidence based studies, breastfeeding, child abuse and neglect and his completions for teen mother. DV increase the safety of women served. I was part of study, 6 mo after services, most didn't report emergency safety concerns as a need, current need, finding permanent stable housing. Breast and cervical cancer screenings save lives, 46 are ineligible for care. Home delivery for seniors, socialization higher quality of life and health. Numerous studies, rental permanent and affordable reduces homelessness, stronger hospital, tremendous reduction in a cost to the state and the county, increased health stabilization. When released from the hospital. A lot of research to show these services are important. Affect individual lives. Teen mother taught how to raise a child. Corporal punishment was abusive she wanted a better life for her son. Worried about losing her home. Jennifer, 10 hours, hard to care for her son. Uses child care subsidy to provide it, day care is so expensive, even if work two jobs, could not afford. Quality in day care center was better than relying on babysitters. Valeria, student a loyal, living in evanston with husband, 16 hours a day at work, low income family struggling to pay bills. Graduated with BS science, first generation college student, map funding, last year, last semester threatened by defunding her mpa grant. Probably would not have been evicted if loyal had not covered the gap. The role of child care and home visitation came in to the story. These make a difference in the work. Fourth, programs have been challenged by this budget process, in service cuts, and waiting list have grown, workers are over taxed, constant turnover and training of staff. Orgs are carrying large and crippling debt and risk folding.
- e. Leonard: what can be done to get the work out. K Sujata, applying pressure to local elected officials, people need to know what this means for families in

their communities. This is important for us. And that we get support from philanthropic orgs.

- f. Lane: county might be helpful in expanding access to screening. Child care desert, Survivors of DV. Is there an education ask, of a catalytic effect of opp that already exist but not well known. Are these opps being fully harvested, can we serve as a convening function to get the word out?
- g. K. Sujata: really good opp, affordable housing is a scarce resource, and keeping people in bad situations, we need more. Child care, again is an issue, there is a great need for quality child care that doesn't exist. Friend and family and the neighborhood only goes so far. For our children to be productive, we need child dev that is meaningful
- h. George, state rather than expanding who is eligible for child care support, they have restricted the number further and further. People need to know of all advantages, needs to be an expansion of more child care support. There has been a restriction, working mothers have not been able to get the support.
- i. Lane: financial need in all of these cases, coupled with education, but money is needed, fiscal challenges include in the county, what would be the strategy to free up cash. When ACA came in expansion of health cover, 3rd party payments from Medicaid they didn't get before. Pick up and pay for a lot of the medical care that now is being picked up by the ACA, LA, rather than taking all the money that was saved by the county because of the savings, took that to develop affordable housing for the homeless.
- j. Rodriguez, screenings, how do those interact with Medicare expansion through Cook County, and all of the other health systems that accept – my thought is that all of those services included prevention services.
- k. Sujata – foundations have had to cover expenses on services. Not fully covering them. In the number of slots, capacity issue as opposed to a funding issue. Mobile screenings are not there anymore, less accessible. Slots and ease and efficiency all gone. Pam, covered by Medicaid, no?
- l. Thomas – thank you for doing this work, important partnership for doing work, the detective work to match data with the work on the ground. The political fight is what gets attention this is what needs to be more visible. Thank you. We continue to use it. All of this spending is jobs for people. Job growth lags all other states and this is part of that story.
- m. Raymer, staring into the abyss, unblinking and helpful as usual. Projection what nonprofit might have to end in the next year and who it would impact. Whose going to be falling out.
- n. Mitch, I don't have an exact number. A number of nonprofits took out loans in 2016, and lines of credit, many tried again in 2017 and couldn't it became more difficult. Issuing of bonds for payment of back bills. I can't tell you for certain how every org will act, or what will happen. Family focus said they were gonna cut programs. A lot are in a wait and see mode. Indirectly related, school funding issue must be resolved first.