



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

July 18, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Cook County Administrative Building

69 W. Washington, Lower Level Conference Room C
Chicago, IL 60602

MINUTES

1. Welcome

The July 18, 2019 meeting of The Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened via an in-person meeting from 4:15pm-5:50pm. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public.

Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Marc Loveless
- John Yonan
- Carrie Thomas
- Howard Males
- Victor Dickson
- Ana Guajardo

Commission Staff Present:

- Nadia Ismail
- Shantenae Robinson
- Victoria Moreno

Staff from Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller's Office was also present.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The Jun 20, 2019 meeting minutes will be approved at the August 15, 2019 meeting due to a lack of quorum for approval of the minutes at the July 18, 2019 meeting. There we no comments from the public.

3. Updates and Pending Commission Items

a. Committees

- i. The Committee on Social Capital and the Committee on Human Capital have been combined, it is now the Committee on Social and Human Capital and the Commission now has four committees.
- ii. Committee meetings are expected to begin next month.

- iii. The committee membership of Commission members has been added to the appendix of the Social Innovation Commissioner's Guide
- iv. Committees are asked to think through their committee's plan for this year. Blank strategic plan charts were distributed to commissioners, prompting them to think through the research and legislative goals of their committee, their objectives for the year and the research, actions, and timeframe needed to achieve the objectives listed.
 - 1. Commissioners were asked to think through this in preparation for next month's committee meetings which should be dedicated to planning of the year ahead.

b. GIS Map of Commissioner Service Areas

- i. Commissioner Anaya presented two maps created by the County's GIS department. The maps depict the approximate geographic locations of the services done by current and past members of this Commission. Commissioner Anaya informed the Commission that the goal of these maps is to show where gaps may be to inform decision-making as commissioners recommend new Commission members.
- ii. Comm. Thomas requested differentiating maps by service area as well, if possible.

c. Commission Nominees

- i. All Commission Member nominations are due by July 26th.
- ii. The Office of the Chair will recirculate the online form for nominations with a reminder next week.
- iii. All members will be presented for approval to the Cook County Board of Commissioners in an upcoming meeting of the Board.

4. Presentation: Equity in Cook County by Alberto Rincon

- a. This presentation was based on research conducted by Alberto Rincon during his graduate studies as an intern of Commission members last year. His report is titled Equity in Cook County: A Strategic Roadmap for Integrating Data-Driven Equity Initiatives into County Policy.
- b. The presentation covered the definition of equity, how to understand equity, how to develop an equity policy and a review of precedents in the creation of an Equity Office.
- c. In response to the equitable policies portion of the presentation, Comm. Males asked how we can effectively solve big problems and get these policies passed. Alberto Rincon recommended seeking buy-in from all agencies and departments by having a unifying message. Comm. Anaya said one helpful pathway is being created through the Cook County Committee on Addressing Bias, Equity and Cultural Competency.
- d. Comm. Anaya and Comm. Dickson recommended taking up the report as an official Commission on Social Innovation document.

- i. Comm. Anaya suggested we could receive and file the document as well as the Commissioner's Guide/Manual in a future meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

5. Adjourn

- a. There were no announcements.
- b. Comm. Dickson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Yonan