



## COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

August 27, 2020  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting  
MINUTES

### I. Welcome

The August 27th meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened via virtual meeting from 4:07 p.m. – 5:28 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public. There was no public comment.

#### Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Rodger Cooley
- Ana Guajardo
- Howard Males
- Karin Norrington-Reaves
- Harold Rice
- Sol Anderson
- John Yonan
- Patrick Brutus
- Geri Aglipay

- Kristi De Laurentiis
- Harry Alston
- Christyn Freemon

#### Commission Staff Present:

- Victoria Moreno
- Yesenia Lopez

### 2. Updates from the Chair

- a. Chair Anaya provided overview of the meeting held by a few Commissioners to brainstorm how worker cooperatives can be supported in accessing government funding for Covid-19 assistance.
- b. The Chair informed the Commission that the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will be coming before the Board in September for a COVID fiscal impact presentation. Comm. Yonan shared that the Racial Equity Week calendar will feature a discussion on how equity in transit is critical during the current crisis.
- c. Chair presented a proposed meeting calendar for the remainder of the year:
  - i. Thursday, Sep 17, 2020
  - ii. Thursday, Oct 15, 2020
  - iii. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020\*
  - iv. Thursday, Dec 10, 2020\*

\*These meetings will be on the second Thursday due to the holiday and board meeting schedule.

- d. Chair shared a member page which will be added to the Social Innovation website including a Commissioner directory. Commission members will be updated once it is finalized.
- e. Commissioners were reminded to complete the Open Act Meeting training if they have not done yet.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

- a. A motion to approve the July 30, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Comm. Norington-Reaves and seconded by Comm. Yonan. The motion included a revision by Comm. Males. The minutes were approved through a unanimous voice-vote of the Commission.

### **4. Presentation from Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership on the Contact Tracing Program**

- a. The Partnership is the public workforce system for the City of Chicago, and recently was awarded the contract to manage the COVID Contact Tracing Corp for the City.
- b. The Partnership provided an overview of the Chicago COVID Contact Tracing Corps efforts and Resource Coordination Hub.
- c. The Partnership will subcontract with and lead project partners including: UIC School of Public Health, City Colleges of Chicago: Malcom X, SINAI, and NORC at the University of Chicago.
- d. Contact Tracing Corps will consist of 30 CBOs, 450 Contact Tracers, and 30 Supervisors.
  - i. Supervisors and Tracers will participate in the earn-and-learn initiative to prepare them for permanent employment upon completion of contact tracing position.
- e. COVID-19 Resource Coordination Hub will be a physical and virtual space which will provide supportive services to those infected with COVID-19.
- f. The funding is a two-year contract with \$40M been focused on the program. Eighty-five percent of the funds will go towards the wages of Contact Tracers, Resource Coordinators and Supervisors. There is a \$16M extension available for a term not to exceed 12 months.
- g. The Partnership will also work with the County's departments of Bureau of Economic Development (BED) and Public Health (CCDPH)
  - i. The Partnership will be mirroring the earn-and-learn aspect of the Chicago program to the respect to the County's Contact Tracing program.
  - ii. The Partnership will receive \$4M from BED for workforce development including a pilot County Manufacturing Early Warning system to avert layoffs caused by COVID-19.

### **5. Committee Reports**

- a. Chair informed Committee Chairs that her office can provide assistance with the proper County notices and technology support.
- b. Social and Human Capital – Committee Chair Cooley mentioned that he is looking forward to scheduling Committee meeting and revisiting their goals given the recent events.
  - i. Comm. Aglipay recommended to consider paid family medical leave.
- c. Social and Human Capital Committee - Chair Yonan has been meeting with several Committee members. Chair also shared information on the Transportation Tuesday online videos and work with the Invest in Cook Program.
  - i. Comm. De Laurentiis announced on ongoing corridor study in the south suburbs with the County.
- d. Financial Committee – Committee Co-Chair Freemon mentioned that the Committee is considering building off from the strategies that were identified in the BED's plan. Building the capacity of the agencies that are working with small businesses and increasing the reach of organizations in the South suburbs.

### **6. New Business**

- a. Comm. Brutus announced the City recently released three RFPs for economic development opportunities.
- b. Chair announced that Committees can resume meetings and advised Chairs to contact staff

- c. Next meeting date will be September 17th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

**7. Adjourn**

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Males and seconded by Comm. Yonan.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.