



SOCIAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL COMMITTEE

COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
3:00 p.m – 4:30 p.m
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The January 20th meeting of the Social and Human Capital Committee from the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened. The meeting was chaired by Rodger Cooley, Chair of the Social and Human Capital Committee. This meeting was open to the public.

Committee Members Present:

- Rodger Cooley
- Lynnette McRae
- Ma'raj Sheikh
- Camille Kerr
- Geri Aglipay
- Olga Bautista

- Sol Anderson
- Harry Alston

Staff Present:

- Victoria Moreno
- Yesenia Lopez

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received this meeting.

3. Old Business

a. Clean Energy Jobs Act

- Members discussed how and whether the Committee should support this state-level bill.

b. The Committee identified several priority areas for 2021.

- Leveraging County Resources – The Committee plans to identify the resources and capacity of the County that will help move priority issue forward, including exploring County procurement and service delivery and economic tools as well as how they can support the County's work on recovery. The Committee would like to see the County be more intentional in creating incentives for developing opportunities.

- ii. Members discussed the need to better understand committee resources and how they compare to State and Federal resources.
- iii. Members mentioned wanting to learn more from the County's procurement process and how it can leverage workforce development and job creation.
- iv. Workforce was identified as another 2021 priority area. The goal is to help drive jobs and ownership at the community level with the conversation about equity being front and center. The Committee is very interested in engaging with the most disconnected workforce populations. Consideration was also given to other items like state legislation that can help move these efforts forward.
 - As part of this priority area, members expressed interest in looking for ways to support worker cooperatives and exploring their relations to workforce development through coalitions and collaborations.

4. New Business

a. Support letter for Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) bill – Illinois State Legislature

- i. Members suggested speakers for future meetings, including a briefing from IEC on the CEJA, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership to discuss workforce issues, Cook County Procurement, and a presentation on worker cooperatives.
- ii. Commissioner Geri Aglipay brought forth the issue of paid family sick leave as a potential area of interest for the County
- iii. There was also discussion on the gig economy and the role of shared ownership within this. The example of the Cooperative Economy Act in California was mentioned.
 - Members discussed how the guiding principles for committees must be centered on equity in the workforce.
 - The importance of public/private investments and collaboration on workforce development was also mentioned.

5. Next Meeting

- a. The Committee will meet on February 17, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

6. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.