



Membership Council – Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

10:00-11:30AM

LifeWorks-East Multi-Purpose Room

Attendance: Mitchell Gibbs (Front Steps); Vella Karman (HHS City); Sandra Chavez (ASA); Sam Woollard (Consultant); Monica Keller (VA); Irit Umani (Trinity Center); Christy Moffett (HHS County); Hosie Washington (SAFE Alliance); Darilynn Cardona-Beiler (ATCIC); Ann Denton (ECHO Chair); Susan McDowell (LifeWorks); Jo Kathryn Quinn (Caritas); Julia Spann (SafePlace); Terri Sabella (Community Care); Lisa Garcia (HACA); Jennifer Denton (Imagine Austin); Niki Paul; Becky Casey; Ann Howard (ECHO Staff)

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| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome and Introductions | Stephanie Hayden, Chair |
| 10:05-10:10 | Approval of Minutes | Stephanie Hayden, Chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve minutes with amendments by Jo Kathryn Quinn. Second by Sandra Chavez. Motion to approve by all. 17-0.• Change quorum to 16-0 and add Jo Kathryn Quinn as having attended | |
| 10:10-10:45 | Advocacy and Community Engagement | Ann Howard/Susan McDowell |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LifeWorks update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New concern with Street Outreach Program regardless of the fact that client was never involved with this program○ Huge importance of the need to focus on untreated mental health issues, youth runaway status, decriminalizing of homelessness○ Total of 4 senior staff resigned from DFPS○ Important to remember this is the work we do-individuals experiencing homelessness are much more likely to be victims of violent crime rather than the perpetrators○ Ending youth homeless already in the works-want to include CPS in this initiative○ How do we address the negative press that comes in from the community around such a horrible situation? Important to just listen○ Possible training point on how to handle SWAT or police force entering an agency after an instance occurs○ CPS and the foster care system will be a main focus for the Voices of Youth Count○ Need to be cautious with CPS changes occurring• Some possible solutions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Do we need to create more shelter? Direct funds towards a temporary shelter system while client is waiting similarly to the Westcoast's state of emergency | |

- Challenge of starting a new shelter when current/existing shelters are not functioning sustainably
- Fear of creating something new pulling resources from current resources
- 100% of individuals entering shelter should be receiving case management rather than 30-35%

- 10:45-11:30 Continuum of Care Business ECHO Staff
- 10:45-10:50-General Updates
 - ECHO Gaps Analysis posted on ECHO website
 - ECHO Spring CoC Meeting-Friday, May 20th-2-4pm, Austin Board of Realtors
 - 10:50-11:00-Core Funding Principles and Community Funding Priorities
 - ACTION: Review and Approve
 - Table Core Funding Principles until next meeting. Niki to email out correct version today.
 - Recommendation to remove “includes persons/families fleeing domestic violence, Veterans, and Youth” OR list specifics under PSH as well
 - Recommendation to say “persons and/or families/youth experiencing homelessness” under RRH
 - Need to be specific and consistent under each housing type with language
 - Suggestion to list specific populations listed for Transitional Housing
 - 11:00-11:30 -FY16 HUD CoC NOFA
 - Review and Approve CoC Project Ranking Guide and Scoring Components
 - Poor-performing projects will be what affects our overall score
 - Focusing on project outcomes levels the playing field across the housing interventions
 - Recommendation to decipher how Option 2 will affect our community and folks currently in housing before making a decision
 - Suggestion from Irit to move all renewals to top priorities-focus on performance to show what is working in our community
 - What do we really need to fund with CoC dollars and what can be funded by other resources?
 - Request for ECHO to bring back scenarios of each option and compare to last year’s data to see what the turn out could be for each option
 - CoC Policy and Procedure Review-Chapter’s 1 and 2
 - Will discuss in next month’s meeting

11:30 AM ADJOURN

Stephanie Hayden, Chair

Next Scheduled Membership Council Meeting: May 11th, LifeWorks East, Multipurpose Room