



Membership Council – Minutes
 Wednesday, December 14, 2016
 10:00-11:30AM

LifeWorks-East Multi-Purpose Room

Chair: Stephanie Hayden, City of Austin HHSD Co-Chair: Mandy De Mayo, HousingWorks

Present: Stephanie Hayden (HHSD), Terri Sabella (by phone), Darilynn Cardona-Beiler (ATCIC), Vella Karmen (City of Austin), Lauren Avioli (NHCD), Michelle Wilkinson (Easter Seals), Susan McDowell (Lifeworks), Julia Spann (SAFE Alliance), Ann Denton (ECHO Board), Mitchell Gibbs (Front Steps), Lisa Garcia (HACA), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Sandy Coe Simmons (CCC), Ann Howard, Niki Paul, Casey Cork (ECHO)

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| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome and Introductions | Chair |
| 10:05-10:10 | Thank you and Acknowledgements | Chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you and acknowledgments of members rolling off and moving to new capacities. | |
| 10:05-10:10 | Approval of November Minutes | Chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve November minutes as presented by Ann Denton, Lauren Avioli Second. Approved 13-0. | |
| 10:10-11:00 | Continuum of Care Business | ECHO Staff and WG Chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Membership Council Slate-final approved by CoC stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need confirmation from Kimberly Peirce that she can serve as proposed. ○ Concept of advisors is new. They will not be voting, but also advising the ECHO Board of Directors. • Funding Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FY18 SSVF Funding Opportunity Announced-due February 3, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Austin/Travis County identified as P3 community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current partners with SSVF are Front Steps and Caritas. • Austin/Travis Co CoC selected as eligible P3 to apply. • Front Steps received funding as surge funding initially, and hoping to renew. ○ Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Application submitted 11/29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comprehensive proposal. Should here results before the end of current administration. ○ Awaiting FY16 HUD CoC NOFA award announcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should be announced in the next few weeks. • 100 Day Challenge-A Way Home America Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Day 95 of Challenge. 42 youth have been housed and 8+ are slated to move in by Monday. ○ Follow-up sustainability review scheduled for January with Cleveland and LA and federal supporters. ○ Dashboard is updated as of Monday, next outcome to be submitted on 12/21. | |

- The Challenge has allowed us to identify issues in sustainability and systems alignment going forward, as well as, make huge strides in our connection with CPS and Travis Co.
- Youth Assessment and Youth System Map (Mariana S.)
 - Created in October/Nov. in collaboration with Lifeworks. Completed in 6 weeks in response to the Youth Demonstration NOFA.
 - Data comes from CA, Chapin Hall Preliminary Research, youth interviews, and Lifeworks youth survey.
 - Takeaways: Greater system alignment, Racial Disparity, Gender/sexuality identity and dig deeper into implications of such. The needs are great: from employment, to abuse and trauma, to lack of meaningful activities. Youth Advisory Council has been established and feedback has been beyond valuable.
 - Available on the ECHO Website for sharing.
 - System map will grow and evolve as we gain greater insight into our current system.
- CoC Workgroup Update-(Katy M.)
 - Decreasing Income % outcome for “stayers” on performance scorecard
 - This metric had always been a challenge and had never been met by any program (71%). Therefore, the baseline was lowered to 40-60% - this will still be a competitive goal.
 - Ensure programs are documenting even a five-dollar increase. Time will show what the ceiling is for the most successful of programs.
 - Explore how we can measure income vs sustainability in terms of food pantry access.
 - HUD Webinar on this topic available in January.
 - Outcomes for program leavers in the most successful of programs is 93%.
 - Point in Time Count Methodology
 - Review of sheltered (shelters and transitional housing) and unsheltered methodology.
 - 12-15 HMIS using volunteers will be placed at Front Steps to ensure accurate and thorough data collection.
 - Magnet events during the week of the count and extrapolation for concentrated areas of subpopulations (veterans and youth).
 - Youth Advisory Council volunteering for Point In Time Count and will be informing other youth of the event. They will also inform us of hot spots for youth, and pair PIT teams with a youth guide that are assigned to those areas.
 - Still need to recruit over 200 volunteers for the count.
 - 10-15 volunteers needed to collect surveys the day of the count.
 - Motion to approve PIT methodology as presented by Julia Spann, Second by Ann Denton. Approved 11-0.

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Advocacy and Community Engagement

Ann Howard, Staff

- Group discussion-The year ahead 2017
- Annual Meeting: Groups got together and discuss how homelessness affects them personally vs those experiencing homelessness - to be used in foundations for conversations around preventing and ending homelessness. Takeaways: Trends around prevention and engaging the homeless population in decision making and planning.
- Outreach under the bridge downtown (7th/8th Street) where the no trespassing ordinance is going to effect. Survey completed at Cesar Chavez, ARCH, and Trinity Center – 95 completed surveys, another 65 engaged but did not want to complete survey. In a question about safety, extremes were reported. Overwhelming response expressed not wanting to be on the streets.

- Community has demonstrated that we can house 682 veterans in 18 months, 50 youth in 100 days. This in turn demonstrates that if we had the resources and capacity, we could keep making great strides and progress in ending homelessness.
- BEAT Homelessness philosophy: B- Build on success, E- Expand resources, A- Align policies, T- Timing and use it to our advantage.
- Possible funding opportunities through hotel occupancy tax, Waller Creek TIF.
- How would be scale up? What would agencies do if you had money for more case managers or MOU's with market rate properties, landlord incentives. How would you handle that increased capacity? What would that look like for your programs?
 - Would need to explore what that looks like in practice when different funding sources, compliance regulations, and service philosophies are at play.
 - Suggestion to identify a goal and let programs come to the table to determine what they would need to make it happen.

11:30 AM

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Chair

Next Membership Council Meeting: January 11, 2017, 10AM-12PM City Hall-Boards and Commissions