



Membership Council – Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2017

1PM-3PM

LifeWorks-East Multi-Purpose Room

Chair: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, City of Austin

Co-Chair: Patrick Howard, Housing Authority for Travis County

Present: MPT Tovo (COA), Cathy McClaugherty (Travis County Justice Planning), Roger Jefferies (Travis County Justice Planning), Terri Sabella (Community Care), Kathleen Casey (Integral Care), Vella Karman (COA HHS), Christy Moffett (TC HHS), Erin Whelan (Lifeworks), Ann Teich (AISD), Julia Spann (SAFE), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Daetrion White (YAC), Gage Kemp (YAC), Clair Cole (YAC); **Advisors:** Susan McDowell (Lifeworks), Thomas Visco (Glass House Policy), Kristan Arrona (Austin Apt Association), Bill Brice (DAA); **Workgroup Chairs:** Sandra Chavez (ASA), Jim Ward (Caritas), Liz Baker (Integral Care); **ECHO Staff:** Ann Howard, Niki Paul, Katy Manganella, Casey Soberon

1:00-1:15PM Welcome and Introductions

MPT K. Tovo

- Action: Approval of April 2017 Minutes
 - *Motion to approve minutes as is by Christy Moffett, Second by Katy Manganella. Approved 11-0.*

1:15 PM-2:50PM

Continuum of Care Business

Staff Facilitated

- FY18 PIT Count Date Approval-Jan 26, 2018/Back Up Date-Jan 27, 2018
 - *In the event of inclement weather on both days, we can request an extension. Cold weather shelter nights do not count as inclement weather.*
 - *Motion to approve by Ann Teich, Second by Erin Whelan. Approved 11-0.*
- Follow up-Quarterly Performance Scorecard Transparency Recommendation – Katy Manganella-Response from CoC Workgroup
 - *Approved by CoC workgroup to identify by agency and program name for themselves and membership council on scorecards.*
 - *Also, requested an opportunity for peer learning.*
 - *Council approved by consensus.*
 - *Hoping to have finalized results out by next week to the programs and made available by June.*
- FY17 HUD CoC NOFA:
 - Follow up from April:
 - Annual CoC Policy Review and Approvals
 - Policy 4 – HF threshold criteria for new and renewal applications
 - Update from the CoC Workgroup
 - *Recommendation was to not move forward this year and revisit when we have a housing first definition. Due to timing, this could not be threshold for this year.*

- *Number represents the number of beds and dedications (chronic, Veterans, etc.) so that HUD can evaluation how our CoC resources are expanding over time and bed utilization.*
 - *In addition- Note that ECHO has been approached for City Audit of homeless programs. Process expected to take several months. Team of 5 people. Should be thought of as an audit of the City's effort to support the end to homelessness and measure public investment.*
 - *FY17 HUD Point in Time Count-4/28/17*
 - *Submitted on time which is important for the NOFA.*
 - *Can we speak to the increase in the number of indiv. reporting domestic violence? -Believe that this question is historically underreported. Improved training on how to ask the question seemed to have impacted a person's willingness to give an honest answer.*
 - *Higher number of identified substance use due to the fact that this year we asked for identifying information. So, a person may not have disclosed substance use to a volunteer at night, but did report it in HMIS, so the HMIS data is used.*
 - *Note that depending on the sub-population there may or may not be an explanation (i.e., methodology, training, data quality, services provided throughout the year).*
- *CoC Spring Meeting Luncheon-June 9, 2017, 11AM-1PM, Tent: Palmer Events Center*
 - *Tentative space while logistics are confirmed.*
 - *Southeast health and wellness center can hold about 150 people.*
 - *Focusing on folks with lived experience.*

2:50-2:55PM

New Business

Chair

- *ECHO has signed lease on new office space. Located at 300 W. Highland Mall.*
- *July Meeting on July 3rd-should this be rescheduled?*
 - *Reschedule meeting to July 10th.*
 - *This meeting will require a quorum of voting members, so please communicate if you are unable to attend.*
- *Next meeting: Annual Review of Membership Council charter*
 - *Niki will email out charter for prior review.*

2:55-3:00 PM

Advocacy & Education

Ann Howard

- *Pay for Success to create 250 units of PSH- moving forward in discussion and review with City and other potential stakeholders. Making strides with Travis County, as well.*
- *Talking to an evaluation group out of Notre Dame focused on homelessness and housing projects and they have expressed an interest in being a third-party evaluator.*
- *Ask to St. David's to support the first 24 units of the total 250.*
- *Question: Is there data from previous criminal justice housing pilots?*
 - *There is data around returns to jail, but not in terms of cost savings.*
 - *Some data from Integral Care ACTS program in terms of cost, but not completely comprehensive.*

- *Note that Travis County is also asking for more money in different areas, so if one area is funded, that means another area does not get funded.*
- *Question: Is the name of Coordinated Assessment changing?*
 - *It has been proposed to change the name to Coordinated Entry to align with HUD's new messaging and eliminate confusion between the coordinated entry system and the assessment tool itself.*
 - *Clarification to be provided for June's meeting.*
- *USICH will continued to be funded this year and extended to next year.*
- *HOME predicted to be defunded for 2018, but fine for 2017. CDBG is advocating to keep HOME.*
- *YAC is thinking of having a cyclical member and one voting member that is constant. Still finalizing.*

3:00PM Adjourn

Next Membership Council Meeting: Monday June 5, 2017