



Membership Council – Minutes
Monday, October 2, 2017
1:00pm-3:00pm
Lifeworks East
835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.

Chair: Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo, City of Austin
Co-Chair: Patrick Howard, Housing Authority for Travis County

Present: Members: MPT Kathie Tovo (COA), Kathleen Casey (IC), Vella Karman (TC), Ann Teich (AISD), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Lisa Garcia (HACA), Patrick Howard (TC), Gage Kemp (AYC); **Advisors:** Susan McDowell (Lifeworks), Kristan Arrona (AAA), Bill Brice (DAA); **WG Chairs:** Chris Laguna (IC), Liz Baker (IC); **ECHO Staff:** Ann Howard, Katy Mangarella, Casey Soberon, Laura Evanoff

- 1:00-1:15PM Welcome and Introductions MPT Tovo
- Action: Approval of September 2017 Minutes
 - Greg motions to approve minutes, Kathy R seconds. Minutes approved as is 11-0.
- 1:15-2:30PM CELEBRATE Continuum of Care Business Ann Howard and All
- City FY18 Budget
 - Funding awarded for Passages- managed by Salvation Army. Supports families with children.
 - 840k for homeless services
 - Feedback on highest need, some of the other funds will be competed
 - Hoping funds will be distributed this fall;
 - Some bonus density funds earmarked for PSH; Perhaps wait to distribute until HUD awards are made.
 - Request to get clarification on whether funds can be used for services.
 - Request to reconvene the PSH leadership on finance.
 - Where is council on the commitment around homelessness?
 - Very committed. Will be helpful for council as a whole to understand the action plan.
 - Pay for Success
 - City dedicated 1.2M
 - Model to scale up PSH with ACT to house 250 individuals. Dollars matched with private funds only if metrics are hit.
 - Metrics of success on housing stability, medical outcome, jail bookings
 - \$20M committed dollars can save \$78M in emergency services
 - St. David's to do a pilot this fall- 24 PSH units and build an ACT Team
 - Action Plan vetted by USICH
 - Shared plan with NAEH as well.
 - Plan is posted on ECHO website (Sept. 1 Version) with funding model.
 - 1/3 needing PSH; 2/3 need RRH- what it would cost to achieve by 2020; additional \$30M.

- Downtown Summer Pilot Update
 - Portable toilets outside the ARCH, additional street cleaning
 - Intent to focus resource and energies to increase public health and safety around the ARCH.
 - Some challenges now that the police have pulled out. People using services commented on feeling safer with increased police presence.
 - Lunch numbers at TSA are down now that Caritas lunch is being served again, but not seeing too much of a change there. Most visible changes are seen when there is police present.
 - More work needs to be done to understand why people choose to spend time in that area/camp in that area, even when housed. Some client feedback shared that they felt “safety in numbers” and “just needing a place to be”.
 - Media coverage has been supportive overall. Opportunity as a city to share strategy to end homelessness as a community.
- Downtown Puzzle pieces
 - City is interested in knowing what can be done with TIF, what can be done with funding. TIF may only be able to be used for shelter and other capital needs.
- CoC NOFA Submitted
 - Submitted early
 - Laura Evanoff providing TA to programs
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant Plan Submitted
 - HUD responses included 4 different thresholds to pass. One thresholds passed. 2 close to pass- include roles of partners in YHDP; describe in more detail the work that we did to get here. More detailed data on our subpopulations. See that addressing subpopulations is “threaded” throughout the plan.
 - After YHDP ends- funds get rolled into CoC funding. This is problematic when projects under YHDP are not eligible COC funds. Waivers are being submitted to be able to do certain projects once YHDP funds are considered CoC funds.
 - Serve clients up to three years instead of 2 years.

2:30-3:00PM New Business

- Harvey Aftermath
 - HUD looking to CoC’s to better understand the rehousing piece of disaster recovery.
 - Houston has drafted a rapid rehousing response to rehouse evacuees instead of putting them in mega shelters.
 - Evacuees in Austin hotels, Air BnB, HomeAway will have to leave when ACL starts. Between 400-700 displaced people in our community will need to be rehoused.
 - Difficult to think of rapid rehousing working for this group of people in Austin housing market.
 - Some surrounding hotels willing to take FEMA vouchers.
 - There is no “voucher”. It is cash and varying levels of it that can be requested by an evacuee.
 - Salvation Army requested money to use in the form of gift cards and checks to help evacuees pay for hotels, bus tickets, etc. up to 1k per family.
 - Some evacuees have ported their HCV through HACA and HATC.
 - Disaster Recovery at THN conference in Dallas.
- PIT Count January 27, 2018
 - Methodology the same.
 - 600 volunteers, 70 Team Leads.
 - Team Lead registration open; General volunteer registration to be open soon.
- Public Restroom Pilot

- Public Works, Public Health DAA, piloting a single use public restroom to rotate every 4 weeks.

Next Meeting; November 6, 2017 1-3PM, Lifeworks East