



Membership Council – Minutes
 Friday, September 8, 2017
 10AM-12PM
 ECHO Training Room

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

Present: Kathie Tovo (MPT), Terri Sabella (Community Care), Kathleen Casey (Integral Care), Vella Karman (City-APH), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Christy Moffett (Travis Co), Erin Whelan (LifeWorks), Ann Teich (AISD), Monica Keller (VA), Julia Spann (SAFE), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Lisa Garcia (HACA); **Advisors:** Susan McDowell (LifeWorks), Thomas Visco (Glass House Policy), Kristan Arrona (Apt Association), Paul Cauduro (Apartment Association), Bill Brice (DAA); **WG Chairs:** Sandra Chavez (ASA); **ECHO Staff:** Ann Howard, Katy Manganello, Mariana Salazar, Casey Soberon, Laura Evanoff, *Sam Woollard (WNA), Jane Prince (Travis Co)*

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| 1:00-1:15PM | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action: Approval of August 2017 Minutes</i> | MPT Tovo |
| 1:15-1:45PM | Continuum of Care Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY17 HUD CoC NOFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss and approve Project Priority Ranking ○ <i>Joined by IRT members, Thomas and Jane leading discussion on IRT process and recommendations.</i> ○ <i>IRT memo, Tier I and Tier II ranking recommendations provided as attachments. 6% of funding must be ranked in Tier II. Budget Scenarios also provided as attachment.</i> ○ <i>All applications ranked by score initially. Per ranking policy, new applications are scored lower. No renewing application had less than 50%.</i> ○ <i>Recommended to fund SAFE Alliance PH-RRH Bonus Project.</i> ○ <i>Recommended to put lowest scoring non-PSH project in Tier II. This puts Salvation Army Passages straddling Tier I and Tier II. Per budgeting- the second scenario would put two PSH projects in Tier II. IRT recommends the former as putting PSH Projects in Tier II could displaced housed persons.</i> ○ <i>Recommended HUD prioritize in Tier I- HMIS as a foundational project and PSH projects that are meeting performance thresholds.</i> ○ <i>Future recommendations: Performance scores should not include exemptions locally, even though HUD provides them exemptions. Example- Green Doors has waivers for income growth and criminal background. MC oversight raised to 70% performance would mean four projects would have increased oversight.</i> ○ <i>Questions/Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Differentiate between performance % on scorecard and IRT % score.</i> ▪ <i>IRT created emphasis on permanent existing beds supported by the continuum (PSH) rather than RRH beds that are only supported by the continuum for a short amount of time. Strategic recommendation to</i> | IRT Members |

continue to be in line with HUD going forward. Expressed support by Vella and Sandra.

- *Kathy R: Concern that by putting RRH in Tier II would lose more beds from a higher performing project that is also meeting a large community need.*
 - *Concern that this recommendation does not align with how MC voted initially. IT was decided that projects would be ranked by score and not project type. This could put under burden on RRH programs in terms of performance and risk of underspending if funding is uncertain.*
 - *61 children being served by Passages, 85% of Passages clients assessed for PSH.*
 - *Request reconsideration of decision since this is not how MC voted to prioritize projects. And further discuss how to consider project type for next year's competition.*
- *Christy M: Discomfort with going against what MC initially voted on. If IRT recommendations trump MC decisions, then that needs to have been agreed on early on.*
- *Grievance process reviewed: Internal appeals process for projects put in Tier II. Three persons would handle the grievance and it would ultimately end up in MC hands again.*
- *Could be looked at from a funding standpoint- potentially everything could get funded. The goal is to have the best collaborative applicant. The IRT recommendation would reduce the number of rounds that our CoC had to compete in.*
- *HUD views PSH and RRH the same for this NOFA.*
- *If project is split between Tiers, the project would have to make a decision on how that was split.*
- *Susan: We don't know what will change with HUD, and it's best to stick with decisions that were previously made.*
- *Motion to approve priority project ranking based on scoring and ranking policy as is by: Christy M , Second by: Terri S. Approval of priority project ranking by scoring and ranking policy 5-2.*
- *Appeals process: 3 people (non-voting MC members) to be selected at random and must hear any grievance with 3 business days.*
 - *Suggestion to review other funding options in the event that displaced clients need to be absorbed and leveraging of other funds when making voting decisions.*
 - *Ann T, Monica K, and Terri S are selected in the event that a grievance is filed.*
- **2018 Membership Council Slate-Sub Committee**
 - *Kathy R, Monica K, and Kathleen C to nominate new MC members.*
- **Planning for Fall Meeting**
 - *Previous collaboration with DAA.*
 - *ECHO would like to see more involvement in input/planning from MC.*
 - *Susan M and Sandra C agree to assist.*

1:45-2:00PM

Downtown Summer Pilot Update

Ann Howard

- *One week left in 30-day pilot*
- *Police positioned themselves to buy drugs and put out 85 warrants for sellers of drugs. Known sellers are confirmed to not be homeless.*

- *TSA observation- Streets have been cleaner and clients have expressed appreciation of police presence. Some days are better than others- but overall it has been a positive change.*
- *FS observations- during closing times, the population outside has not increased.*
- *A list of folks outside has been generated and outreach teams are engaging them in various ways and there are some events planned.*

2:15-2:30 PM Advocacy & Education Ann Howard

- Draft Austin Action Plan
<http://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/170901-Action-Plan-to-end-Homelessness.pdf>
- *Sign up for lunch with USICH to discuss action plan available after today's meeting.*
- *MPT Tovo is helping to assist in finding funds for strategies mentioned in plan.*

2:30-3:00PM New Business Co-Chair

- *Hurricane Harvey*
 - *ECHO and HMIS not yet involved in relief support.*
 - *Currently addressing evacuees and not homelessness, but we are addressing a plan to be ready when Red Cross pulls out and homelessness is an issue.*
 - *NHCD plans to provide CM to evacuees in shelter that do not self-resolve; currently over 200 still in shelter.*
 - *The VA is looking into TH for Veterans that express a desire to stay.*
 - *HACA has gotten no word from HUD on financial assistance and has not seen an influx of person with FEMA vouchers. Expecting more VASH vouchers being awarded.*

Next Meeting; October, 2017 1-3PM, ECHO Training Room

Membership Council – Minutes
Monday, August 7, 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

Attendance: Christy Moffett (Travis County); Sandra Chavez (ASA); Greg McCormack (FS); Liz Baker (IC); Kathleen Casey (IC); Ann Howard (ECHO); Kathy Ridings (SA); Laura Evanoff (ECHO); Bill Brice (DAA); Mariana Salazar (ECHO); Niki Paul (ECHO); Sam Wollard (WNA); Julia Spann (SAFE); Josh Rudot (NHCD); Laura Avioli (NHCD); MPT Kathie Tovo (City); Katy Mangarella (ECHO); Vella Karman (City-APH); Monica Keller (VA); Lisa Garcia (HACA);

- 1:00-1:15PM Welcome and Introductions Chair
- Action: Approval of July 2017 Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes by Christy Moffett. Second by Julia Spann. Minutes approved by consensus.
 - Motion to formally adopt the change in Membership Council NHCD representative from Lauren Avioli to Dr. Josh Rudot (check) by NHCD representative-Katy. Sandra Chavez.
- 1:15-1:30PM Continuum of Care Business Staff Facilitated
- FY17 HUD CoC NOFA
 - Timeline-
 - Poll a different day in September
 - Email out reminders for individuals who are voting members
 - Question: Should project applicants participate in the ranking and review process? Yes. Extend invitation to all CoC funded agencies from other providers to be able to have a voice.
 - NOFA Highlights
 - Sam reviewed NOFA summary document and highlights of competition this year
 - Discussed PPR and how the percentage is allocated
 - Discussed CoC Mergers and consider whether Austin/Travis County would want to expand to include contiguous counties. Agreed to discuss after this NOFA has been submitted.
 - Bonus Funding
 - Email all partners interested about no current applicants
 - ECHO to bring folks together and invite
 - Policy Update and Review
 - Anti-Discrimination Policy -Mariana S.
 - Mariana reviewed Anti-Discrimination Policy and implementation procedure.
 - Comment: City funded programs require anti-discrimination policy based on gender and they are following own policy. City's anti-discrimination are more extensive than federal requirements
 - Motion to adopt policy by Sandra Chavez. Kathy Ridings Second. Motion adopted by consensus.
 - Affirmative Marketing and Outreach Policy and Procedure
 - Mariana reviewed the policy and procedure
 - Motion to adopt Affirmatively Marketing Outreach Policy by Christy Moffett. Second by Kathleen Casey. Comment: Edit "ensuring" instead of ensure. Motion approved by consensus.
- 1:45-2:00PM Downtown Summer Pilot Update Ann Howard
- How to address the crowding downtown and disrupt what's going on
 - Press announcement released-Statesman, Kvue, Community Impact, etc
 - Will start Aug 15th
 - Public focus is picking up on safety message

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| 2:15-2:30 PM | Advocacy & Education | Ann Howard |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addressing Racial Disparities-HCC Hosted Training w/ Joyce James• August 25th-More information TBA | |
| 2:30-3:00PM | New Business | Co-Chair |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reschedule September Meeting-Labor Day | |

Next Meeting; September 11, 2017 1-3PM, Location TBD-CRITICAL MEETING-Look at sending out a doodle poll for the (include Tuesday the 5th)