



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

LifeWorks-East Multi-Purpose Room

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

Present: Vella Karman (HHS City), Lauren Avioli (NHCD), Michelle Wilkinson (Easter Seals), Susan McDowell (Lifeworks), Ann Denton (ECHO Board), Jo Kathryn Quinn (Caritas), Mitchell Gibbs (Front Steps), Lisa Garcia (HACA), Lori Frasco (Caritas), Sandy Coe Simmons (CCC by phone), Blythe Plunkett (Project Transitions), Hosie Washington (SAFE Alliance), Niki Paul, Ann Howard, Casey Cork (ECHO Staff)

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| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome and Introductions   | Stephanie Hayden, Chair |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Chair and Co-Chair not present. Jo Kathryn to fill in as Sub-Chair.</i></li></ul>  |                         |
| 10:05-10:10 | Approval of August Minutes  | Stephanie Hayden, Chair |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Approval of August minutes postponed to next month, as the action item requires 13 members present to vote.</i></li></ul>  |                         |
| 10:10-11:00 | Continuum of Care Business  | ECHO Staff and WG Chair |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcements:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ USICH Designation and approval of benchmarks and criteria for effectively ending Veteran homelessness for Austin/Travis County: Press Release on August 19<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Castro announcement recognizes the hard work of all community agencies involved in this achievement and continuing work.</i></li></ul></li><li>○ A Way Home America-100 Day Rapid Results to End Youth Homelessness<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Austin chosen along with Cleveland and Los Angeles.</li><li>• Identified wide range of collaborators including CPS and APD.</li></ul></li><li>▪ Leadership Design Session-August 17, 2016<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprised of community members who have been working directly with clients.</li></ul></li><li>▪ 100 Day Challenge Launched-Austin hosted on September 7&amp;8<sup>th</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended by representatives from Health and Human Services, Dept of Education, and HUD.</li><li>• USICH regional lead will follow up with three aforementioned agencies regarding ongoing support.</li><li>• There is the prospect of technical assistance and continued support. Encouraged to ask for help when needed.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> |                         |

- A concern for the structure and processes of Texas Interagency Council on Homelessness. Question: Was there any conversation around their role?
    - The Interagency council was not directly addressed. There was discussion of formally connecting the major Texas cities to end homelessness statewide.
    - Concern that the state is historically a few years behind our initiatives.
    - The goal is to get the state involved in ending youth homelessness early on.
    - The group affirms DFPS and CPS involvement is great accomplishment and will work in our favor.
  - Review of Goal and Structure
    - House 50 currently homeless youth, 50% will be from foster care youth.
    - Connect 100% of youth exiting care connected to our continuum that are at imminent risk of homelessness.
    - If HUD comes through with more vouchers, that goal may increase. Need clarification on how/when those vouchers will be distributed. Dylan Shubitz taking the lead on the procurement of 50 housing choice vouchers.
    - A currently homeless youth is involved in the process.
- HUD Youth Demonstration NOFA-due November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - \$33 million for up to ten awards, 4 rural. COC/ECHO will be coordinating applications. Another lead can oversee the implementation of funds.
  - Need youth leadership Board and CPS involvement.
  - Expect a stakeholders meeting to formally share information and emphasize the need for community collaboration for success.
  - Opportunities in the appendix for waivers around certain regulations to promote creativity in HUD spending.
  - The work being done with the 100 day challenge will be applicable in the demonstration application.
  - Those involved in A Way Home America are confident in ending youth homelessness.
  - Next Steps: RFP information to be sent out within the next two weeks.
  - Results from Chapin Hall should be coming soon.
- FY2016 TX-503 FY16 HUD CoC NOFA-Due September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - General Updates:
    - Collaborative Application and Project Priority Ranking Submitted on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - Collaborative Application and Project Priority Ranking posted on ECHO website [www.austinecho.org](http://www.austinecho.org)
      - Some points based solely on PIT count, so expect some loss in that area.
      - Must be diligent with our data input going forward.

- Acknowledgement of everyone's patience and responsiveness during the NOFA process.

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Advocacy and Community Engagement

Ann Howard, Staff

- City council should be doing their final vote on the budget today, 9/14.
- ATCIC will be using the bond money (\$60K) this coming year to provide PSH services.
- Host team funded with roughly \$400K.
- Pay for Success Initiative- meetings being scheduled with the County and Central Health. Applied success from ACT Model to project savings.
- 3 Feasibility studies around teen pregnancy/prevention, permanent supportive housing, and nurse family partnership. PSH is the project chosen for our community.
- Vella Karman updates: 1115 waiver ends shortly. Application in for 5 year renewal with a 15 month extension (December 2017). Extra money would be distributed to existing projects rather than start a new one- unless a project is being replaced with a similar one for the same cost.
- CMS is wanting the state to resubmit application. If that happens, the stakeholders may be required to get together for formal processes. Updates to come.
- Lisa Garcia: Last Thursday application submitted for additional vouchers. Letter of support for 75 for project based vouchers. RFP wen out in August and no interest has been shown yet. Does not have to be a single site or single owner. Plan must be submitted within 6 months of the award date. She and Dylan will be looking at the screening criteria to encourage more housing first criteria for the youth initiative.
- Will not deny based on arrest record, but screening criteria has not yet changed. Being looked at by compliance division and exploring best practices throughout the country. Hopefully, updates later in the year on any changes.
- ECHO signed off on MOU with ATCIC HUD funded property management co. On their properties, every third opening would to come through the COC. HUD will need to approved MOU.

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Stephanie Hayden, Chair

**Next Scheduled Membership Council Meeting: October 12, 2016 LifeWorks East Location, Multipurpose Room-WEST SIDE**