



Membership Council – Minutes
 Monday, November 6, 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: MPT Kathie Tovo (COA), Kathleen Casey (IC), Vella Karman (COA), Erin Whelan (Lifeworks), Ann Teich (AISD), Monica Keller (VA), Julia Spann (SAFE), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Lisa Garcia (HACA), Gage Kemp (AYC), Chloe Pauwel (AYC), Susan McDowell (Lifeworks), Bill Brice (DAA), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Chris Laguna (IC), Liz Baker (IC), Niki Paul, Katy Manganella, Mariana Salazar, Casey Soberon (ECHO Staff)

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| 1:00-1:10PM | Welcome and Introductions | MPT Kathie Tovo |
| 1:10-1:40PM | Continuum of Care Business | All |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Membership Council Slate-presented by Kathleen Casey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of members rolling off and their replacements ○ ECHO Board position needs to be identified ○ Addition of representatives for Racial Equity, Substance Use, Family/Children ○ Possible alternate for Vella Karman ○ <i>Motion Ann T. to approve slate as is. Second by Greg M. Approved 13-0</i> • CoC Workgroup Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performance Scorecard Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 Proposed revisions already approved by CoC Workgroup ▪ RRH Scorecard: Thresholds adjusted to reflect project type specific success. CoC RRH is outperforming the national average of 80%. ▪ Added returns to homelessness, with lookback to 2 years (per HUD) for TH, RRH, and PSH. Looking at sections of time (3m, 6m, etc.) and can determine that most people will experience homelessness within their first year. Consider that these numbers for persons that received a HCV. ▪ Adjusted housing first points as it is threshold criteria, not performance related ▪ <i>Motion to approve revisions as is by Gage K. Second by Ann T. Approved 13-0.</i> • PIT Count Reminders-Casey Soberon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ | |
| 1:40-2:15PM | Updates: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Homelessness-YHDP, VOYC, RHY Programs-Erin Whelan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submitted first round of revisions, feeling hopeful that this may be the last submission ○ RFP to follow upon approval | |

- True Colors Technical Assistance and training this week. Project management training for the AYC.
- RHY funding- street outreach grant awarded to LW, YPP renewed as well
- VOYC- Chapin Hall Release on Nov. 15th; joint press release with ECHO and LW, and AYC representation
- **Public Toilet - Bill Brice**
 - Sept. 28th pilot launch by Public Works and DAA
 - Open 24hrs a day; collecting user numbers
 - W Frontage Rd at 6th, moving to 500 block of Brazos; 4 weeks at each location
 - Data for first month shows 3 users per day when attendant present, overnight use upwards of 140 users
 - Very limited unintended consequences (i.e., threats of violence)
- **Downtown Pilot Update – Bill Brice/Katy M.**
 - Improve safety, health and reduce marketplace in 7th/Neches area
 - 2 police officers outside the arch; 6 port-o-potties, continued cleaning by APW; work to change the feeding patterns between agencies
 - Caritas usually served 300 per day, and it reduced to 30
 - Now: Police hours reduced to 16-18 hours a day; Restrooms and cleaning continues; Caritas only serving members of their program
 - Crowd outside continues to remain fairly low. Reports of people sleeping in Palm Square, Red River area
 - Cannot correlate increased crime to pilot
 - No increase in program participation at downtown service providers
- **City – Austin Public Health-Vella Karman**
 - City Council resolutions- Services at ARCH, Contract up for competition; in the process of collection public feedback;
 - City Council approved \$840K for homeless services; several different plans for what that might look like. 30-minute break out at ECHO Fall Meeting
 - Resolutions relating to alternatives to panhandling and employment/work programs based on models around the country
 - Meeting monthly on PFS initiative with City, County, Healthcare consortium. Recently contracted with ECHO to provide a report of healthcare and housing data
 - Planned project would be 250 individuals housed in 5 years
 - Funding for 24 clients by St. David’s Foundation to start out and learn from; starting potentially summer of next year. More news on funding in December.
 - City Council meeting this week to include discussion on using downtown density bonus toward homelessness

2:15-2:30

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week-Niki P.

- **Nov. 12 Red, White & Blues benefit concert at Stubbs**
 - Fundraiser for Housing Our Heroes Fund- Risk mitigation for Veterans Initiative
- **Nov. 13 Website Launch – “All of Us ATX”**
 - Single source to connect resources and information on homelessness
 - Through Mayor’s Office
- **Nov. 16 Housing Works hosted Addressing Family Homelessness lunch**
 - Invite only
- **Nov. 16 ECHO Fall Meeting 3pm-5pm City Hall**
 - Open Meeting; Update on initiatives, breakout sessions, recognize persons working toward ending homelessness

Full Calendar distributed to Council. Events also listed on ECHO Website.

2:30-3:00PM New Business

- Doodle Poll will go out for January meeting, as it falls on New Year's Day.

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