



Membership Council – Minutes
Monday, December 4, 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), Vella Karman (COA), Christy Moffett (TC), Erin Whelan (LW), Ann Teich (AISD), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Lisa Garcia (HACA), Gage Kemp (AYC), Chloe Lutomski (AYC), Susan McDowell (LW), Thomas Visco (Glass House Policy), Sarah Cook, Bill Brice (DAA), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Chris Laguna (IC), Liz Baker (IC), Mike Arellano (TxDOT), Lori Wagner (TxDOT), Ashley Richardson (MPT Office), Taylor Cook (iTeam), Ann Howard, Katy Manganello, Mariana Salazar, Laura Evanoff, Casey Soberon (ECHO Staff)

1:00-1:10PM Welcome and Introductions MPT Kathie Tovo
▪ Special thank you to all 2017 Members for your service

1:10-1:40PM Mobility35TxDOT Presentation

- Mike Arelleno, TxDOT
 - Initiative to address homelessness along I35; pedestrian fatalities and chronic homelessness; 4 out of 10 fatalities involve homeless individuals
 - Future major corridor construction over 5-7 years; Mobility35 Capital Express
 - Construction at 183 and 35 starts in January; During construction will be dangerous, long term it will no longer be inhabitable – replaced by tunnels
 - Lighting being installed as part of Be Safe, Be Seen starting in January – bags being distributed will not be thrown away during regular clean up, information on scheduled clean ups and services available
 - Current partnership to create permitting system for social services provided under the bridge (i.e., Church Under the Bridge), employment opportunities, litter pick up
 - TxDOT workgroups to further collaborate and address homelessness on major roadways and have more stakeholders in the room to expand resources
 - Follow up to see how CoC can be connected to the various employment partners of TxDOT
 - Would like to know how the construction may affect the mobile public restroom pilot
 - TxDOT to share the info that will be shared in the Be Safe, Be Seen bags

1:40-2:15PM Continuum of Care Business

- 2018 AHAR Submission - Katy Manganello
 - AHAR submitted on time [early]; anticipated that all 14 “shells” will be accepted by HUD to give us maximum points on the CoC NOFA
 - Does not include RRH
 - Family size increasing over the years
 - Decrease of 118 PSH beds because those beds could not qualify as PSH. Still being used by clients, but cannot be considered PSH. This will affect the NOFA.

- This happened when we started counting COA NHCD beds, but they did not require disability.
 - HUD does not like utilization below 85%; there are notes fields for each component to put the data in context on a local level.
 - HUD redoing the AHAR for next year; predicted
- 2018 PIT Count Reminder - Casey Soberon
 - All Team Leads have been assigned; Inform Casey if you would like to be a backup Lead
 - 172 general volunteers- low for this time of year. Needing 600 – media push to start in December rather than wait until January
 - Be Safe, Be Seen bags to be distributed during the Count
 - Casey to send flyer to City Council offices and MPT to mention at working group
 - Team leads in districts to reach out to Council members
 - Press asks for public figures needs to go through Ann
- YHDP Update-Plan Approved – Katy Manganella
 - Approved!
 - ECHO will fine comb the approved plan and get appropriate leadership to pass the plan – Dec. 20th
 - January projected to release the RFP; Feb apps will be reviewed as a competition with an independent review team
 - HUD has a hard deadline of August 2018 to be in contract

2:15-3:00PM New Business - Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, Ann Howard

- Ending Family Homelessness
 - ECHO teamed up with Housing Works to strategically end family homelessness and develop initiatives to meet 2020 goal.
 - Anticipate February meeting; MC as steering committee
- Pay for Success-PSH ACT Program
 - Instituting a 24-person pilot; housing first PSH with act team; working with Caritas for this 24. Service funding coming from St. David's Foundation
 - Working with NHCD to secure rental subsidy for these units
 - Hope is that people will start to move in in February
 - Though it is a pilot, this is permanent supportive housing and these folks will continue to be served long after the "pilot" is over
 - Expecting a December decision from CCC as possible end-payer; County is at the table; interest from various members of the healthcare consortium
- ARCH – Scope of Services planned review with NAEH
 - City has asked for proposal from NAEH to help shape the scope of services at the ARCH
 - How are shelter beds used; How does it relate to coordinated entry; possible subcontract from NAEH to OrgCode on day to day operations
 - Want proposal back by Friday, but possibly next week
 - RFP on the ground by late Winter/early Spring
 - Still moving forward with community input; Request for information (RFI) for this project as well
 - New "HACA" Homelessness Advocacy Council of Austin
 - Various meetings among public, service providers, ARCH staff, etc.
 - Sat. Dec. 16th, Jan 9th in north and south locations; Vella will send out dates
- City Manager and City Audit review of City homeless services
 - City Manager directed to look into addressing homelessness
 - Various stakeholders came together to discuss the larger impact of homelessness on the city- how resources are being used, who is involved, etc.

- Came about because of all the resolutions that passed re homelessness
- Committee would review the auditor's findings and recommendations; then picked up by the full Council
- Auditor typically addresses a staff or department and then it follows up to Council if action is needed to be taken
- Looking into peer cities as part of audit
- First audit came out a few weeks ago – ordinances about public safety; constitutionality of some regulations;
 - Coordination of services is part 2 of audit - coming out on Friday on services and how effectively needs are being met
 - Contracts is part 3 of audit, 4th is outcomes/investments
- Concern that additional city funding streams for homelessness will wait until 6-month planning process
 - Ashley to follow up on dedicated funding sources

Next Meeting; January 8, 2018 1-3PM, Lifeworks East or ECHO

Happy Holidays!