



## Local Policy & Practice Committee

4/18/2018 | 9:00AM-11:00AM

ECHO Training Room  
300 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 200

<b>Co-Chairs</b>	<p>Chris Laguna Integral Care Christine.laguna@integralcare.org 512-804-3277</p>	<p>Dylan Shubitz HACA dylans@hacanet.org 512-767-7621</p>
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**Present** Erin Goodison (SAFE), Ruth Ahearn (IC), Karen Dorrier (IC), Angie Sommers (NHCD), Will Thomas (NHCD), Taryn Davis (FS), Andrew Willard (FFH), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Chris Laguna (IC), Taylor Cook (iTeam), Natasha Shoemake (APH), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Haggai Eshed (FS), Dan Mosely (HACA), Catherine Williams (VA), Erin Clever (VA), Lauren Katz (ASA), Rick Rivera (TSA), Marcy Stahl (Caritas), Laura Enderle (APH), Preston Petty, Mariana Salazar, Niki Kozak, Katie Rose, Casey Soberon (ECHO Staff)

### Agenda

- 9:00-9:10AM**      **Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)**
- *Action Item: Approve March Minutes*
    - *March Minutes approved by consensus without amendments.*
- 9:10-9:30AM**      **Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)**
- **PSH (H. Eshed)**
    - Presented by P. Petty. WG approved prioritization for PSH Move-ups. One of the criteria is that the client is housing stable- discussions with landlord on length of stay, lease violations, rent payments, willing to renew.
  - **RRH – (CM- A. Willard, Policy- L. Evanoff)**
    - Trying to move away from traditional “staffing list” model to how and why the list is generated and what is needed to connect specific clients to housing. Focusing on HMIS training on how the list is generated and how outreach workers are documented in HMIS.
    - T. Davis and M. Podowski co-chair. Taking a system mapping approach to make a more informed approach for clients to understand how RRH programs fit in the system so that they can make an educated decision on referrals. Addressing motivational interviewing in screening.
  - **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price)**
    - About 40 providers attended. HMIS Director educated group on how to use HMIS appropriately for outreach. Addressing data sharing between providers.
    - Interest in camps outside the city area.
    - Next meeting addressing safe options for self-resolution.
    - ATCIC Dove Springs is next meeting location for several months.
  - **Income/Employment – (S. Verde/ P. Petty, N. Kozack)**
    - Next steps: Take one more month to finalize employment/income manual before starting pilot. Manual to include income/employment options, SOAR access, and what to do in the interim while waiting for a SOAR Specialist.
    - Meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at Goodwill.
- 9:30-9:40AM**      **Healthy Communities Collaborative (R. Ahearn)**

- CF!V move-in times vary based on vulnerability and the type of housing preferred. Applications are confirmed by Kristie, and then moves to MLF for interviews and move-in documentation.
- Looking to do community-wide trainings (Harm Reduction, MI, CMgmt, Hoarding)

**9:40-10:00AM**

**NHCD FY18-19 Action Plan Presentation (A. Sommers/W. Thomas)**

- Presentation slides given to attendees.
- COA received \$10-12M from HUD for ESG, CDBG, HOME, HOPWA. In order to receive funds, HUD requires 5-year strategic plan (Consolidated Plan, or Con Plan) as a budget and CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) required at the end of the year. Action plan is the application to receive funding.
- Local funding provides almost 50% match.
- Largest grant is CDBG and least is ESG.
- The next Con Plan starts in 2019 and will align more with the NHCD Housing Blueprint. DRAFT Action Plan will be published May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Final Action Plan due to HUD August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Online list & map of all income-restricted affordable units subsidized or incentivized by the COA: [www.austintexas.gov/affordablehousinglisting](http://www.austintexas.gov/affordablehousinglisting) (not currently updated based on availability). Based on gross income (MFI).
- ECHO works closely with NHCD on Con Plan and actually writes some of the content on areas that intersect our work. Working to be more strategic on how homelessness can be addressed in each of the afore mentioned grants.

**10:00-10:10AM**

**iTeam Updates (T. Cook)**

- Two (2) upcoming presentations: First ideation session is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-3:30pm. T. Cook will send out invite.
- Homeless Advisory Committee of Austin opening coming up. Paid participation and orientation provided. Interested applicants can email T. Cook.

**10:10-10:35AM**

**City of Austin Updates (T. Ponczek/J. Rudow)**

- Austin Public Health
  - ~~Action Item: Committee Recommendation on COA Ordinance on Temporary Work Program~~
- Releasing a Request for Applications for Rapid Re-Housing soon with a due date for around mid-May.
- COA would like to connect the RRH dollars to shelter system.
  - TA with NAEH on shelter best practices and how to have shelter be housing focused and reducing the time a person has to spend in shelter.
  - Putting in performance measures the correlate with USICH RRH Benchmarks.
  - This is general fund money- previous 2-year RRH surge was with ESG funds.
- Timeline for the ARCH competition has been moved back a couple weeks, but RFI should still be out in May, RFQ to follow a few months after. NAEH recommendations should be available in a couple weeks.
- COA Strategic Plan 2023 to include measures around: PITC, Exits to housing, Number of new people experiencing homelessness, DACC CM, New PSH units developed, and number of persons served through HOST. Looking for ways to incorporate USICH benchmarks.
- Research on alternatives to panhandling:
  - PR campaign (Milwaukee) issues with messaging and people feeling told how to give;
  - Text to Give (Various locations/Oklahoma City) did not generate much income and concerns around texting and driving;

- Apps (Atlanta/Denver) platforms developed to identify specific needs and provide the donation directly to the non-profit;
- Parking Meters found to be important for the PR campaign- painted different color or advertising agency (Denver) and also TSA lines to give change that you may be removing from your pockets to non-profits;
- We Pocket (Seattle) donation drop off and pick up locations, Give Safe (Seattle) App provides a blue tooth device that provides a story/needs of the individual wearing the blue tooth device;
- Contact List Payment Jacket (Amsterdam) is jacket with LED screen that you can wave your iPhone in front of to donate to the person.
  - General concerns for all platforms is i) it removes the connection of the giver to the person in need; ii) no concrete assurance of the linkage between the donations and the people in need.
  - Denver is the only City that reported seeing a decrease in panhandling, but admittedly does not know where that data came from.
- NCHD
  - Presentation to Spencer Cronk and Council to address current resource allocation and needs (April 26<sup>th</sup>). Council has identified housing and homelessness as top of the list in terms of gaps needing to be filled.

**10:35-10:55AM**

**Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs)**

- Approved in April
  - Local NOFA Rank & Review Policies & Procedures with the following updates:
    - Performance Score Threshold of 60%
    - Presentation component now an unscored Q&A with the 10 points moving to the performance and narrative pieces (65% and 35% with 100% narrative for new/first time renewal projects)
    - Reallocation Policy to mirror the PIP
  - YHDP Deeper Diversion Project awarded to LifeWorks contingent upon institutional partnerships
- Slated for May
  - Approval of standardized performance scoring (i.e., waivers/exceptions)
  - Approve PIP P&P
  - Approve Community Funding Priorities
  - Approve Governance Charter
  - **Approve IRT Slate**
  - Approve 2019 PIT Date

\*Move MC Council up in agenda for next month.

**10:55-11:00AM**

**Other Community Updates & Discussions (Open)**

- Veterans Initiative (T. Davis)
  - Housed 32 veterans last month and cleared the waitlist
- YHDP (C. Soberon)
  - Diversion project awarded to LW
  - All project applications submitted in ESNAPS
  - All contracts must be on the ground by August 2018
- Point In Time Count (C. Soberon)
  - Tentative Press Release for Thursday 4/26
- Healthcare for the homeless meeting- next steps to develop a care coordination workgroup to directly connect clients to healthcare and SOAR.

**Next Meeting:** May 16, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.