



## Local Policy & Practice Committee

5/16/2018 | 9:00AM-11:00AM

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

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### Minutes

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- 9:00-9:10AM**      **Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)**
- *Action Item: Approve April Minutes*
    - *April Minutes approved by consensus with no amendments.*
- 9:10-9:15AM**      **FY18 CoC NOFA Update (C. Soberon)**
- CoC is registered for the NOFA competition.
    - First of two bidders conferences happened on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Local Applications have until June 6<sup>th</sup> to submit.
    - IRT members have been approved and orientation will be the first week of June.
- 9:15-9:35AM**      **Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs/C. Soberon)**
- **May Actions Taken**
    - Approved IRT Slate, Community Funding Priorities, 2019 PIT Date, and has plans to create a policy regarding HUD waivers as they pertain to system performance measures.
  - **June Voting Items**
    - Finalizing the role of the FY18 IRT
    - VAWA compliance and emergency transfer plans
- 9:35-9:55AM**      **Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)**
- **PSH (H. Eshed)**
    - Finished conversation about move-ups. Determined who is applying for new vouchers. Discussion around strategy and bed utilization and how to bridge the City's Plan and CoC plans. Looked at how to possibly use bonus funding.
  - **RRH (CM- A. Willard, Policy-L. Evanoff, T. Davis, M. Podowski)**
    - CM- Still working to ensure meeting is connecting clients to LOS availability. Examining how RRH programs are currently conducting and documenting outreach efforts and how best to streamline. Sub-Committee developed to explore roommate matching.
    - Policy- BSS+ Pilot: Screening Eligibility Tool- screening in rather than screening out. Housing First, Self-Advocacy, and Motivational Interviewing used in the pilot screening tool. First phase is 30 days. If outcomes are positive- the screening tool will be presented to City of Austin for contract renewal. Next Meeting at FEC- programs have homework to complete to gain a better understanding of what different programs can and can't offer so that clients can make an informed enrollment decision. Multi-voting exercise to determine priority subpopulations for vouchers- detailed priority listing to be provided next month.
  - **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price)**

- Lower turnout, but successful meeting. Discussion around clients' ability to self-resolve. Exploring how the group can partner with TxDOT and Integral Care to connect persons that will be affected by the I35 Mobility Project. Looking into diversion resources that could be share prior to eviction. City-wide calendar is up and running. HOPE Team still at Sherriff's Dept- would like to be notified of camps outside of city limits. Exploring centralized communication tools. Overall, looking for ways to standardize prevention and diversion tools/resources. Outreaching to over 60 people and some providing navigation serves. Over 10 clients ready to be placed into housing.
- Interest in seeing more data around eviction: reasons for eviction, cause of homelessness. How can we connect Austin Tenants' Council to BSS+. Eviction Lab on NPR, Princeton Study.
- **Income/Employment (S. Verde)**
  - Training scheduled for housing case managers on how to have income conversations and start 30-day pilot.

**9:55-10:05AM**

**Healthy Communities Collaborative (R. Ahearn)**

- Housing First Oaks Springs in construction phase. Looking into staffing and budgets.
- Motivational Interviewing trainings (2) set up for the month of July. Cathy Crouch from Houston providing training. 30 slots per training, 60 person capacity. Each training is two days.
- Trained TxDOT in Mental Health First Aid Training. Group was motivated and engaged in learning how to interact with the homeless population.

**10:05-10:30AM**

**City of Austin Updates (COA Reps)**

- **Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek)**
  - RFA for RRH, Due Friday at 11am for \$400K
  - RFI on ARCH that includes information from stakeholder meetings and visit from NAEH. Information will be presented on attendees will be able to provide feedback on the specific details provides, i.e., Reducing number of beds, Closing Day Resource Center except for those that have a bed reservation.
  - RFQS on ARCH after RFI (Before September)
  - RISE ATX recommendation presented to Council- A pilot program that's going on with PARD (temporary work to promote graffiti abatement and alternatives to panhandling). Also working with animal shelter for long term employment.
  - Interest in knowing how persons can get connected and what the turnaround time for pay is.
  - T. Ponczek to see if PARD could send rep to next meeting.
- **NHCD (J. Rudow)**
  - No updates.
- **iTeam (~~T. Cook~~ T. Ponczek)**
  - Three (3) Completed ideation sessions on different topics.

**10:30-10:50AM**

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

- **Veterans Initiative (T. Davis)**
  - Uptick in newly identified Veterans. VASH continues to have capacity. Both SSVF programs will be splitting RRH waitlist next week to conduct outreach.
  - Commission on veterans affairs meeting coming up.
  - CTVSC- Meeting tomorrow at goodwill.
  - City Resolution for one stop shop could not yet provide eligibility criteria. The city would pay for the building, but the service providers would have to staff the location.
- **YHDP (C. Soberon)**

- Correction from last month- Diversion Project has not yet been submitted to HUD. Due to the newness of the program, leadership is taking their time to ensure we have a comprehensive design plan to meet community needs.
- All projects must be in contract by August and on the ground by October.
- Working with AISD/Project Help to address the needs of Cat. 3 homeless youth. Lots of amazing work being done here to get a better understanding of student needs and identification.
- **Point In Time Count (C. Soberon)**
  - 2019 Date approved: 1/25 for sheltered count, 1/26 for unsheltered count
  - 2018 Results available on ECHO website
- **State Housing Initiatives (NAMI)**
  - Small Groups homes with 24/7 on site staffing
  - Call for expanding housing and community-based services for adult mental health, as currently qualifications are very narrow
  - Expand Housing vouchers coming out of HHSC
  - TDHCA working toward increasing funding from HUD
- **VAWA Compliance:**
  - Small group meeting on Friday to put COC in compliance with VAWA and emergency transfers. Interested persons are welcome to attend the review session. Attendees should read the published policy before the meeting.
- **HUD NOFAs**
  - Mainstream Vouchers: HACA will be pursuing \$5M, or 500 Vouchers.
  - Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers: HACA looking to expanding current program.
- **Interest in who in the community is trained in administering Naloxone.**
  - HOST Team and CARE has been trained.
  - HCHV and VASH cannot handle medication.

**10:50-11:00AM**

**Next Steps**

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**Next Meeting:** June 20, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.