



Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Date: 12/3/18

Duration: 1:00 – 3:00

Meeting Place: ECHO 300
E. Highland Mall Blvd

Presiding:

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Membership Council Members							
P	Dr. V Brown	P	Peggy Davis Braun	P	Greg McCormack	A	Yvonne Camarena
P	Christy Moffett	P	Lisa Garcia	P	Josh Rudow	P	Kathleen Ridings
P	Ann Teich	P	Erin Whelan	P	Kimberly Weinberg	P	Jennifer Stephenson
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubitz	A	Kathleen Casey		Toni Townsend
	David Houke		Esther Johnson	P	Vella Karman		Lyrica Wardlow
		A	Stephanie Green		Tod Marvin		Alex Zapata
	Jessie Metcalf		Kelly White		Steve Brothers		Laura Ward
Advisors							
P	Bill Brice		Kristan Arrona	P	Awais Azhar	A	Paul Caudero
	Sand Coe-Simmons		Sara Cook		Mandy De Mayo		Susan McDowell
	Sherri Fleming		Stephanie Hayden		Thomas Visco		
ECHO Staff							
P	Ann Howard	P	Kate Moore	A	Sharyn Malatok	P	Preston Petty
P	Laura Evanoff	P	Tim Long	P	Melissa Wheeler	P	Whitney Bright

AGENDA			DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I. Welcome & Nov Minutes	Dr. Virginia Brown	1:00-1:10	Review and Approve November 2018 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved by consensus without revision.
			Other Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	

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II. Action Plan	Bill Brice	1:10-1:30	Update Downtown Austin Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage process occurred 11/27/18 and included 12 front line staff to evaluate homeless system. • Developed a System Map from triage process and a list of priorities to address. • 12 priorities were identified by the triage participants. • Working with ECHO to draft an Implementation Plan with goal of distributing draft by February 2019. • Will present any updates to MC during January meeting. 	•
	Dr. Virginia Brown/ Sharyn Malatok	1:30-2:10	Homework Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed what agencies/stakeholders are currently doing now that fits into Action Plan. • Continue to identify gaps in system and develop priorities. 	•

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	<p data-bbox="424 188 508 253">Kate Moore</p> <p data-bbox="680 188 982 214">2019 Focus Area Discussion</p> <ul data-bbox="701 224 1608 1295" style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to address emergency shelter needs. Concern with lack of shelter for children. Families may not be accessing shelter that pulls children away from schools which is a support system. • Request to prioritize concerns with persons living on the street who are not accessing any services. Progress has not been consistent and has been worsening. • Not a lot of viable options for people who are dealing with Substance Use Disorders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Limited housing options for those who are actively using SUD in housing and not ready to change. ○ There are no criminal trespass rules/enforcement to keep people out of housing sites and streets who are selling. ○ Limited places for people who are vulnerable to seek protection from dealers or other predators. • Programs are Housing First – but need more housing first programs in general. Increase awareness around housing first practices with client population. People need to know that it is not a requirement to be sober and there be a community commitment behind that. • <i>Agreed by consensus that addressing unsheltered population and substance use disorders is a top priority.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providers find it challenging when crisis teams and outreach teams offer shelter beds, clients are denying services. • Request to consider expanding resources and services to other areas outside of downtown. Accessing downtown services may not feel safe for some individuals. Community should provide services that are easy to access geographically but also has few barriers. • Community to consider rethinking the services we are offering so that they are appealing to consumers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to understand more about how we use consumer engagement and how consumer engagement feeds into system change. ○ Increase understanding of safety and how that impacts participation in services. 	<ul data-bbox="1646 188 1726 214" style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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III. Healthcare Clinic Navigation Center	Yvonne Camarena /Preston Petty	2:10 – 2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently in planning phase surrounding core service provisions. Services will be focused on stability and what will help direct clients to move forward in path toward stable permanent housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
IV. Coordinated Plan to End Youth Homelessness	Susan McDowell /Sharyn Malatok	2:20 – 2:15	<p>Updates on Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diversion: 8 clients enrolled ○ PORT: served 8 youth ○ RRH: 10 enrolled with 6 housed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on developing Dashboard with CSH LW received grant from Saint David’s Foundation. First year youth will be leading research and second year will be focused on youth implementing program. LW and ECHO contacted all youth on BNL. Reached half of those youth. Evaluating data to better understand predictors of who self-resolved and did not self-resolve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
V. CoC Business	Ann Howard/ Kate Moore	2:15 – 2:30	<p>Stakeholder Meeting December 19th, 2pm – 4pm at Austin Board of Relators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Lead Agency holds 2 Stakeholder meetings every year. Will have agency leadership speak about the work they have being doing within their agency. ECHO will identify people to speak and send out notice to all participating agencies. Will also request each CoC agency to recommend a Case Manager to recognize and award for their work. Community will adopt the Membership Council Slate during meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECHO to contact agency leadership to speak at Fall Stakeholder meeting and Case Managers to provide award.
	Ann Howard/ Kate Moore		<p>Membership Council 2019 Slate (attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slate Committee made recommendations and recruited new members. Will post on ECHO website for general recruitment. Request to include more seats on slate with persons who are or have been consumers of homeless services. L Evanoff to contact members of Austin Homeless Advisory Committee (AHAC) to recruit members with lived experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to provide any recommendations for individuals with lived experience by Monday, Dec 16th via email to Ann Howard. L Evanoff to contact members of Austin Homeless Advisory Committee (AHAC) to recruit members with lived experience.
VI. Community Business	Ester Johnson	2:30- 3:35	<p>Housing Authority of Travis County (HATC) – Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUD awarded 34 vouchers to HATC. Must be referred by DFPS which will help tie into youth grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<p>Vella Karmen</p> <p>City of Austin</p> <p>ARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New contract will begin April 1, 2019. • Not public currently but will release info in near future. • Homeless Strategy Officer is posted under the City Management office. Position will focus on coordinating homeless strategies across COA departments and with community partners. • Hoping to expand program - Pilot for Temporary Work Solutions. <p>G.O. Bonds and Strategic Housing Blueprint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 million dollars across 4 buckets. City Council presentations scheduled in January or February. <p>CAPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment Period for CAPER report to HUD – deadline is December 7th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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	Melissa H		TX Dot I-35 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Safe, Be Seen Pilot program started as a pedestrian safety initiative to decrease fatalities. 40% of fatalities are persons experiencing homelessness. • Hosted 6 workshops over the year. Have not seen a decrease in fatalities yet. • 6 workshops. Pre-notifying homeless population about cleanup schedule. • Provided over 6,000 reflective safety bags which has been a successful strategy to not disposing belongings found in encampments near construction areas. Have ordered 10,000 more. • Trained 70 TxDot employees on Mental Health 101. Partnered with Integral Care to link to services - assessed over 120 people and housed 2 people through partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
	Sara Cook	2:48-2:54	Healthcare for the Homeless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Access program – over 10,000 persons who identify as experiencing homelessness. • Created Philosophy Draft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
VII. Additional Announcements			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Point In Time Count is still recruiting Team Leads and volunteers. More information can be found on the ECHO website. • HATC Foundation Fun Run will be on Dec 9th. • St. David’s Foundation – Supportive Service Funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Adjournment			Next Meeting: January 7, 2019 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd 2019 Meetings (all meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00PM) January 7, 2019 February 4, 2019 March 4, 2019 April 1, 2019 May 6, 2019 June 3, 2019 July 1, 2019 August 5, 2019 September 2, 2019 October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019 December 2, 2019 REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.	