



## Membership Council

3/5/2018 | 1:00PM-3:00PM

Lifeworks East

835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.

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**Chair** TBD

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**Co-Chair** Patrick Howard  
Housing Authority for Travis County  
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**Present** MPT Kathie Tovo (COA), Ashley Richardson (COA), Virginia Brown (Dell Med), Yvonne Camarena (CommUnity Care), Lisa Garcia (HACA), David Houke (Austin Recovery), Vella Karman (COA-APH), Gage Kemp (AYC), Tod Marvin (Easter Seals), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Christy Moffett (Travis Co), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Toni Townsend (FFH), Lyric Wardlow (AYC), Kimberly Weinberg (VA), Kelly White (SAFE), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Chris Laguna (IC), Awais Azhar (HousingWorks), Bill Brice (DAA), Susan McDowell (LifeWorks), Thomas Visco (Glasshouse Policy), Tiffany Hart (THN), Ann Howard, Niki Paul, Katy Mangarella, Mariana Salazar, Laura Evanoff, Casey Soberon (ECHO)

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### Minutes

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#### 1:00-1:30 Welcome & Introductions (Chair)

- **Leadership Changes**

- Because of the number of homelessness related issues going through council, Tovo will be stepping down. Vella will sit in as Chair for the day.
- Ask for several volunteers to consider who the new candidate(s) will be.
- Chair Term is for one year. Every Fall, the Chair is selected along with the slate for Membership Council.
- S. McDowell, K. White, and B. Brice volunteer to participate in the nominating process.
- Interested candidates should contact A. Howard by Friday 3/16.

- **Approval of February Minutes**

- Correction- Regarding approval of the Draft Action Plan – motion was to approve action plan as a working document. Adjustment to the minutes to reflect Draft Action Plan approved as a working document.
- Correction- Regarding approval of workgroup structure changes -final approval was 18-0-1. 1 abstention for C. Moffett as she was entering the room as the vote was occurring.
- Correction- Regarding K. Weinberg's comments – statement was a comment regarding prevention in the action plan, not a request for removal of prevention in the action plan. Change comment to "Prevention as stated in the action plan did not appear to have support with actions in the plan".
- **Motion to approve minutes with the afore mentioned changes by C. Moffett; Second by D. Houke. Approved 17-0.**

#### 1:30-2:20 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program-RFP Outcomes (N. Paul, T. Hart, L. Wardlow)

- **Rank & Review Committee Presentation**

- *Action Item: Vote on YHDP Proposal Selection*
  - Members with conflict regarding the approval of the Rank and Review Committee suggestions of YHDP funding will recuse themselves during the vote. 4 members will recuse themselves from the vote.
  - After CCP was approved by HUD, community could move forward with selecting agencies to carry out the projects outlined in the CCP. ECHO held an RFP for three project types – TAY Navigation Shelter, Youth Dedicated Rapid Re-Housing Plus Program, Deeper Diversion and

Familial Home Supports Program. Each program is a two-year contract with required 25% cash or in kind match (except rental assistance).

- Approved programs will be up for renewal in the FY19 CoC NOFA. These funds will expand CoC funds when the projects renew, as they will no longer be demonstration dollars, but rather CoC funding. These projects will be competing with the existing renewal projects.
- HUD has been clear that we need to be looking at our community need, and prioritizing funds based on the need presented in our community. RRH has been strongly advocated for and HUD has approved the programs outlined in the CCP. If the programs do not demonstrate as effective, then the priority may change.
- There will be a local and national evaluation of these programs in their effectiveness, more so than our current evaluation practice.
- Review of YHDP Rank & Review Committee Memo
- Applications submitted in the RFP are not necessarily going to be the projects submitted to HUD. Because the funds have already been awarded, we can workshop the project applications before presenting to HUD.
- Six (6) applications received. One application did not meet threshold criteria. One TAY Shelter, 2 RRHP, and 2 DD. To reduce reviewer bias, the applications were coded and de-identified so that the reviewers did not know which agencies were applying,
- At the recommendation of the of the Committee, the following projects should be approved: RRH-102, TAYS-301.
- Projects not recommended for approval – RRHP-101, DD-201, DD-203. It is recommended that ECHO and YHDP Leadership refine the programmatic design of deeper diversion and not fund these programs at this time. Considerations can be made for a second RFP, or another alternative to strategically approach DD with a clearer expectation of the community need. The funding allocated for DD would be set aside until a determination is made. All funds/projects must be in contract by August.
- Committee believed the DD-201 application, while clearly a strong agency, did not demonstrate that they would be operating the program in a way that is different or innovative from their usual business.
- Concern presented by K. Weinberg: Because the DD-201 applicant met threshold and its score was very close to the programs suggested for approval, it should also be approved, as not to delay the process for the TAYS and RRHP programs.
- Motion to accept the approval of RRH-102, TAYS-301, and have a plan in place to be reported back to MC next month on how to move forward with Deeper Diversion Programs and be contractually obligated by August by C. Moffett. Second by A. Teich. Approved 13-1; 4 Recusals.

## 2:20-2:45 Continuum of Care Business

- **Quarterly CoC Project Performance Review (K. Mangarella)**
  - Scorecard reflects performance from January 1 – Dec 31, 2017.
  - Request from K. Weinberg for the scoring tool to see how the measures are weighted within the scoring tool.
  - No action is needed. Review of the scorecard is to inform the MC of the overall performance to prepare the MC for the NOFA.
  - Green Doors and LifeWorks are not on a 100-point scale.
  - This is the first quarter where there was an adjustment in the RRH housing success rate from 90% to 80% to better reflect the national RRH standard.
  - Income growth, while a lower performing area, is improving every quarter; SSI/SSDI increasing over the years, more conversations are being had about supportive employment, and data collection is improving.
  - System performance measures are due to HUD at the end of May.
- **Updated Membership Council Timeline-NOFA updates (N. Paul)**
  - NOFA projected to be released in May (possibly later); review of governance charter and community funding priorities at next month's meeting.

- Making minor updates to timeline and will be posting on the ECHO website; Minutes and documents available under Coalition Information on ECHO website.
- HUD Priorities are to reduce unsheltered homelessness, increase utilization of HUD-VASH, and addressing victims of human trafficking. Because FY17 allocations were higher than in previous years, we can possibly predict a larger sum of bonus funding in FY18.
- Allocations for FY17 are not complete, so there may be additional bonus funding awarded. After HUD provides feedback and we can connect with communities that received bonus funding and can discuss how to make our bonus projects more competitive.
- **Annual Approval for ECHO to continue as CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency (N. Paul)**
  - *Action Item: Annual Approval of CoC & HMIS Lead Agency*
  - Review of Lead Agency memo provided regarding ECHO's accomplishments and the core responsibilities of both administrative Lead and HMIS Lead.
  - Motion to approve ECHO as both Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency by A. Teich; Second by J. Rudow. Approved 18-0.

**2:45-3:00 Community Business (A. Howard, Open)**

- **Action Plan Update**
  - Requests by ECHO leadership for City and County to endorse the Action Plan as a working document and organize various departments to mobilize their involvement in its execution.
  - MPT K. Tovo to present a resolution for Council to endorse the Action Plan as a working document.
  - Request by A. Teich that Membership be informed of advocacy needs to support this effort.
  - Engaging the community to increase the public/private partnership is a key component in the plan.
  - City Auditor still has two phases left in their audit.
  - COA has undergone a strategic planning session to identify 6 areas of strategy of overall city improvement.
  - J. Rudow offers to share documentation of where spending is occurring (including federal dollars) toward homelessness.
- **TX DOT I35 Planning Efforts**
  - Conversation around acquiring RRH and PSH dollars for people that are going to be displaced during the construction.
- **Bloomberg Grant / City of Austin iTeam**
  - Three-year grant. Examining where the next area of research will be.
  - Offering Friday morning learning session to present findings and recommendations to the City around the ARCH RFP.
  - HACA (homeless advisory group) – Meeting every two weeks and available to speak with agencies about their service delivery.
- **Other**
  - Healthcare for the Homeless Update to be added as a standing agenda item.
  - Tomorrow, Travis County Commissioners are scheduled to approve their financial commitment as an end payer for the Pay for Success grant.
  - PIT Count: Getting Technical assistance from Dell Medical to extrapolate data from PIT Count. Looking at about 5% increase.
    - Some shelters have reported their data is not correct – waiting on those programs to provide updated data.
    - Increase in unsheltered count with downtown numbers relatively similar to last year; decrease in sheltered count.
    - J. Rudow would like to present map of documented camps at next meeting.

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**Next Meeting:** April 2, 2018 1:00PM – 3:00PM; Lifeworks East, 835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd.

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