

Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Duration: 1:00 – 3:00

Presiding:

Attendance:

P = Present TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Date: 9/14/2020

Meeting Place: VIRTUAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86532870646

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	Membership Council Members						
Ρ	Dr. Virginia Brown	А	Esther Johnson	А	Kelly White	А	Steven James Potter
А	Christy Moffett	Р	Greg McCormack	А	Andrew Miller	А	Gretchen Nelson
Ρ	Alex Zapata	А	Ryan Adam	Р	Laura Ward	Ρ	Vella Karman
Ρ	Ann Teich	А	Jessie Metcalf	Ρ	Lisa Garcia	Р	Yvonne Camarena
А	Catherina Conte	А	Dawn Perkins	Ρ	Lyric Wardlow		
А	Donna Ware	Р	Kathleen Casey	Ρ	Peggy Davis Braun		
		Р	Kathleen Ridings	Α	Steve Brothers		
	Committee Chairs						
А	Kellee Coleman	А	Dylan Shubitz	Ρ	Kali Holyfield	А	Susan McDowell
Ρ	Erin Whelan						
	Advisors						
А	Awais Azhar	Р	Bill Brice	Α	Sarah Cook	А	Irit Umani
Ρ	Adelita Winchester	А	Paul Caudero	Α	Thomas Visco	А	Cossy Hough
Ρ	Cacki Young	А	Phil Session	Α	John Waller (COA)	А	Sam Verde
Ρ	Summer Wright	А	Ruth Ahearn	Α	Jason Phillips	А	Quiana Fisher
Ρ	Lara Foss	Р	Neil Hackett	Α	Akeshia Johnson-Smothers	Ρ	Ashley Richardson
	ECHO (CoC Lead)						
Ρ	Matt Mollica	Р	Kate Moore	Ρ	Preston Petty	Ρ	Axton Nichols
Ρ	Laura Evanoff	Р	Sarah Duzinski	А	Chris Davis	Р	Chris Murray
Ρ	Claire Burrus	А	Mason Turpin	А	Whitney Bright	А	Norman Harris
Ρ	Andrew Willard	Р	Akram Al-Turk	Ρ	Eri Gregory		

	AGENDA			DISCUSSION		ACTION ITEMS
1.	Welcome & Approval of Minutes	Dr Brown	1:00 - 1:10	 Review and Approve August 2020 Minutes Action item: Review and approve August 2020 minutes 	•	Action Item: August minutes approved without revisions
11.	Membership Council Business	P Braun	1:10 - 2:10	 ECHO Board Updates ECHO Board has been evaluating and digesting the information in the recent Poppe Report 	•	N/A

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AGENDA V Karmen	 Discussions around budget issues identified in the report, like funding nominally for homeless services not actually being used for that purpose Discussed recent hire of new Director of Research and Evaluation, Akram Al-Turk Discussed "Save Austin Now" petition and concluded no response is needed due to the petition being invalidated Welcomed new ECHO Board member, Steven Brown Poppe Report Vella Karmen provided presentation summarizing the key points from the report. City of Austin hired consulting company to evaluate City of Austin contracts supporting the homeless system. Full report available here: Investing for Results July 2020 Priorities and Recommendations for a Systems Approach to End Homelessness Poppe Report Key Findings presentation available here: https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=344428 Question raised about the distinction between "Permanent Housing" and "Permanent Supportive Housing" "Permanent Housing Trefers to individuals/families exiting homelessness and entering into non-temporary (permanent Supportive Housing, "Rapid Re-Housing," and "Diversion" provide different levels of services, but they all aim to end with participants entering into "Permanent Housing." City of Austin memorandum on the City's overall efforts to address homelessness, including the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. 	
L Foss	 System Communications Lara Foss provided a presentation on the City of Austin's communication strategy including: <u>Week of Action to End Homelessness</u> Report Out The Week of Action was a coordinated campaign to engage Austinites in actions that help end homelessness 	

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S Duzinski	 Ran from August 27th to September 2, with a different theme each day 8/27 Prepare for Week of Action 8/28 Learn about homelessness 8/29 Create something to help end homelessness 8/30 Share what you have created 8/31 Call on our community to take action 9/1 Give to help those ending homelessness 9/2 Thank the helpers City of Austin created communications materials for partners to utilize Partner agencies reported the initiative was a success and had tangible benefits like increasing donations Recommendation Provided by Member: Week of Action could be more effective if partnered with existing initiatives, like the Point in Time Count Question raised by member: How persons w/ lived expertise were included in the planning process for the initiative Response: The Austin Homelessness Advisory Council was consulted via surveys and gave positive feedback on the plan CoC Homeless System Communications Meeting Group meets weekly on Wednesdays for an hour and a half Will be working to establish a Team Charter Gearing up for November's "National Homeless Awareness Month" Contact Lara Foss if you'd like to attend ECHO Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/atxecho ECHO Communications Manager, Chris Davis, has been creating and posting "Partner Spotlight" videos that can be viewed on the ECHO Facebook page ECHO recently hired a Director of Research & Evaluation, Akram Al-Turk 	 Members to contact City of Austin staff, Lara Foss, to participate in the Homeless System Communications Meetings. Lara.foss@austintexas.gov Sarah Duzinski to send MC contacts attachments and information about new R&E Director, Akram Al- Turk. Add intro to October Agenda.

Lead Agency revising the CoC governance structure. will be do • Work with Homebase was put on hold at the start of the COVID- 19 Pandemic. • O contract timeline has been extended • Add provention L Evanoff Written Standards for Permanent Supportive Housing • Add provention • Add provention • Currently the CoC has a "bare-bones" version of Written Standards for PSH, and ECHO has been working to update and flesh out those • Standa • ECHO has proposed Membership Council create a sub-committee to review public comments on the draft PSH Written Standards (created by • Sub-committee to	tom: Droft of
SAMHSA PSH Toolkit and the CSH Dimensions of Quality creater Supportive Housing Guidebook docum ECHO is suggesting collecting feedback on the draft PSH Written feedback Standards via comments on a google document, similar to how member comments were provided for the other Written Standards that were commit revised and approved recently o ECHO is seeking recommendations on other ways to collect prover feedback and how best to spread the word about the public to comment period be	itten Standards distributed and to begin soliciting omments. rocess of how to ve PSH Written ards to October eeting due to no on being made on ommittee.

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A Willa	rd	 Membership Council (2) City of Austin representative(s) Concern Expressed by member: Potential Conflict of Interest could affect who works on and/or approves the Written Standards Comment: Difficult to consider issues of conflicts of interest in subcommittees when conflicts of interests at the CoC governance/Membership Council-level have not been addressed Question from member: Who decided who will be part of the Written Standards sub-committee: Clarification that sub-committee composition listed above was a suggestion from ECHO staff and not a final decision. It will be up to Membership Council to settle on the composition of the subcommittee Clarification that potentially conflicted individuals could participate in the PSH Written Standards review sub-committee, but only non-conflicted CoC members would be able to vote to approve the finalized Written Standards Comment that the process for creating and approving policies/standards for the CoC have not been consistent or fully transparent. Concerns that items discussed in MC committee (e.g. Local Policy & Practice committee) may get changed (without committee to review public comments to the CoC-PSH Written Standards before presenting to Membership Council for final approval. Action Item: Approve the creation a Sub Committee to review public comments to the CoC-PSH Written Standards before presenting to Membership Council for final approval. Due to discussions not resulting in a consensus, this action item will not be voted on during meeting and will be carried over to a future MC meeting. Due to discussions not resulting in a consensus, this action item will not be voted on during meeting and will be carried over to a future MC meeting. Due to discussions not resulting in a consensus, this action item wi	
IV. Committee E Whe Updates	lan 2:50 – 3:00	 CoC & ESG Committee CoC & ESG committee, in collaboration with ECHO Research & Evaluation department, have been working to revise the performance scorecards for CoC programs 	 No action items voted on due to time constraints

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V. Coalition L Wardlow Updates L Wardlow	 Scorecard creation process has consulted national best practices as well as local lived expertise Current plan is to first approve the metrics to be included on the scorecard, then go back and establish the scoring guidelines New project performance metrics to be include in the revised scorecard Days to move-in Average length of participation in program Zero-income population at entry/exit Black and Indigenous People of Color at entry/exit Black and Indigenous People of Color at entry/exit Committee created a survey for committee members to provide feedback on how important each metric is and potential concerns Comments have been submitted but not fully reviewed yet Action Item: Approve the creation a Sub committee to review feedback and recommend updates to Performance Scorecards to Membership Councill-litem not voted on due to time constraints Local Policy and Practice Committee No updates due to time constraints Action Item: Approve by consensus the proposed CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program Transfer Policy	 Add Scorecard action item to the agenda for the October meeting Add PSH Program Transfer Policy as an action item on the agenda for October meeting. 	
Adjournment	Next Meeting: October 5 th , 2020 1:00PM – 3:00PM; Virtual meeting invite to be sent out later		