



Local Policy & Practice Committee

10/17/2018 | 9:00AM-11:00AM

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

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Agenda

Present Dylan Shubitz (HACA); Preston Petty (ECHO); Allison Shurr (SLH); Catherine Williams (VA); Erin Clever (VA); Karen Dorrier (Integral Care); Dan Mosley (HACA); Eric Kunish (NAMI); Mamadou Balde (ASA); Josh Rudow (NHCD – COA); Scott Merritt (Back On My Feet); Chris Laguna (IC); Andrew Willard (FFH); Marilynn Hartman (NAMI Austin); Natasha P. Shoemake (APH); Jessica McKay (The Settlement Home); Rick Rivera (TSA); Sandra Chavez (Austin Harm Reduction Coalition, by way of ASA)

9:00-9:10AM	Welcome & Introductions	Co-Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction: Back on My Feet organization introduction and program services description.• <i>Action Item: Approve September Minutes: Approved with revision to Action Plan to show that details were submitted to APH in October, not April.</i>• <i>Action Item: Reschedule or cancel November 21st meeting: Tentatively set as email update during meeting. Will verify at end of meeting.</i>	
9:10-9:20AM	Membership Council Updates	Co-Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October Actions Taken: 2019 PIT Count Methodology Approved; Membership Council requesting more info about VAWA Workgroup before formally approving Workgroup creation; details that will be submitted to Membership are attached; Action Plan overview was reviewed and submitted to Austin Public Health; Next action plan step is to propose some concrete and specific goals to the Workgroups to be formally folded into the Workgroups' goals for the next year; Andrea will reach out to WG Co-Chairs for next steps• November Voting Items: Slate subcommittee is meeting to determine membership council composition; proposal from P&P WG is for heavier representation from individuals with lived experience and less representation from directly funded agencies	
9:20-9:50AM	Workgroup Updates	WG Chairs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSH (H. Eshed): Sept. meeting cancelled due to THN statewide conference.• RRH (CM- A. Willard, Policy-L. Evanoff, T. Davis, M. Podowski): Discussion around standards and processes across programs; Andrew Willard to finish co-chair duties November 2018; current goal is to create a common and universally applicable community message across all possible funding sources; process has been	

challenging, but promising so far; some pieces lend themselves well to common standards and messaging, while others are more variable (by circumstances or by design)

- **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price):** Group reviewed second half of common Outreach standards (both resources and service opportunities to offered consistently up front, regardless of program, as well as consistent follow-up expectations in practice across all Outreach partners); biggest focus is on resources that can be offered consistently and effectively (not necessarily what's the greatest unmet need); more extensive or more specialized services (like accelerated access towards recovery services) are available from certain programs (so standards are documenting these options and ensuring those connections occur when appropriate and possible); TxDOT is trying to ramp up encampment clean-up efforts in conjunction with Outreach service providers (and City would like to be sure that different applicable departments are part of this conversation as well); HOST team is targeting outreach services towards encampments on the verge of being cleaned up within the Waller Creek area (in conjunction with Watershed Dept); additional City concern around reducing drowning deaths due to flash flooding and storm waters; PSH programs are pulling at a high enough rate that a Navigation ramp-up may be needed again soon
- **Income/Employment (S. Verde):** Update from Preston Petty; focus is still on referrals from housing programs towards employment post-housing; Dylan Juza (new ECHO VISTA) and Jennifer Cerretti to open conversations with Workforce Solutions about additional employment service partnership opportunities; Front Steps SSVF has also announced a new Veteran-specific Employment Program (Homeless Veterans Re-Integration Project) and is actively enrolling now; **Preston will send out email with HVRP walk-in info**

9:50-10:10AM

Healthy Communities Collaborative

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- Updates from Chris Laguna; third MI training finished up early this week; Ruth has been developing a hoarding training in conjunction with Stephanie Green from Caritas PSH; Community First started Phase II construction today (10/17); expected to bring in an additional 350 housing units plus a community-wide healthcare clinic available to the broader community as well as the CF site (including 16 recuperative care beds); hope is to expand out to include education and work opportunities as well; Housing First Oak Springs construction continues (on schedule to open late April/early May; will be expected to complete move-in's within 60 days of opening); coordination with Sunrise Navigation Center also continues to develop and expand (very promising collaboration between physical and psychiatric medical providers every Thursday); Integral Care also piloting collaboration with Community Care for recuperative care partnership beds

10:10-10:30AM

City of Austin Updates

COA Reps

- **Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek):** ARCH RFQS cancelled and re-bid due to technical difficulties; new RFQS due October 30th at 2:00pm; **Tasha will send info to Preston Petty to be send on to the full group (minor changes to the requirements, on the evaluations side);** not currently expected to push back the April 2019 start date
- **NHCD (J. Rudow):** NHCD continues to develop a centralized data hub of all of the potential affordable and subsidized housing opportunities in Austin (like the

“apartments.com of affordable housing”); hope it for it to be filterable by relevant information like accessibility; NHCD is looking for housing counselors who can test the prototype of the tool; initial prototype will hopefully be accessible in December; suggestion to take lessons learned from ECHO Listings to create a more sustainable prototype; much of the data is already necessary for NHCD work, so there’s a solid background need from the NHCD administrative side as well as the day-to-day housing counseling side; efforts also continue on the outreach needs map with appropriately anonymized data; PSH expansion goals also continue (currently at about 90%); Dylan sent out information before meeting, please send feedback directly to Josh; question about what additional outreach and housing metrics might be relevant to capture to tell story to the City of need and progress (suggestions for unduplicated counts from HOST and PATH; unduplicated services totals; people moving into housing; people moving into housing with HOST navigation assistance; or moving into housing with some HOST assistance)

- **iTeam (T. Cook):** Updates from Tasha and Josh; helping with the dashboard conversation.

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Other Community Updates & Discussions

Open

- **Veterans Initiative (T. Davis):** Updates from Erin Clever; SSVF at RRH Institute in San Diego; Veteran Stand Down is Friday (**Preston will send out flyer**); also Veterans’ Day Parade coming up
- **YHDP (C. Soberon):** Updates from Preston; Programs all ramping up (PORT, RRH+, and Deeper Diversion)
- **Point In Time Count (T. Long)** – Section lead recruitment continues; PIT committee trying to condense and streamline surveys to just the major required data points; volunteer training will occur in January; team leads still needed (about 30); **Tim will send out email with flyer and sign-up info**
- Update from Sandra: Is leaving ASA to become Executive Director of Austin Harm Reduction Coalition
- Reminder that early voting starts on October 22nd.
- Update from Dylan: HACA Board of Directors meetings today to finalize changes to HACA eligibility criteria.

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Next Steps

Next Meeting: ~~November 21, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.~~
 November Cancelled; will be email updates instead (Goal Updates from Andrew; additional if needed); December meeting will be 19th