



## Local Policy & Practice Committee

9/19/2018 | 9:00AM-11:00AM

ECHO Training Room

300 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 200

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<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Chris Laguna Integral Care Christine.laguna@integralcare.org 512-804-3277	Dylan Shubitz HACA dylans@hacanet.org 512-767-7621
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<b>Present</b>	Chris Laguna (Integral Care), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Rick Rivera (TSA), Taryn Davis (FS), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Jessica McKay (Settlement Home), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Erin Clever (VA), Catherine Williams (VA), Taylor Cook (iTeam), Ruth Ahearn (Integral Care), Karen Dorrier (Integral Care), Tasha P. Shoemake (APH), Amber Price (APD), Nancy Monson (EMS), Laura Enderle (NHCD), Laura Evanoff, Tim Long, Dylan Juza, Casey Soberon, Andrea Brauer (ECHO)
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### Minutes

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<b>9:00-9:10AM</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions (Co-Chairs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Action Item: Approve August Minutes</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>Minutes approved by consensus with no amendments.</i></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>9:10-9:15AM</b>	<b>FY18 NOFA Updates (C. Soberon)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TX-503 CoC Application submitted and can be viewed on ECHO Website under Coalition Information.</li></ul>
<b>9:15-9:25AM</b>	<b>Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs/C. Soberon)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>September Actions Taken</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ MC Slate Sub-Committee volunteers identified.</li><li>○ RRH CM WG drafted a comment for the HCV Admin plan addressing barriers to public housing. MC approved and was submitted yesterday.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>October Voting Items</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Approve 2019 PIT Count Methodology.</li><li>○ Will revisit FY19 Rank &amp; Review Policy and Project Scoring Tools before January.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>9:25-9:35AM</b>	<b>VAWA P&amp;P and Emergency Transfer Workgroup (S. Chavez)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Action Item: Discuss &amp; Approve formation of official ongoing workgroup.</i></li><li>• The group would staff difficult cases in a confidential way and ensure the rest of the community knows how to implement the policy. Would promote ongoing FAQ, troubleshooting, and tighten the system response to DV situations.</li><li>• Emergency Transfer is when someone experiencing DV and are in danger and request to move housing to a new location. The ET Policy is driven by Federal Rules and Regulations and client choice.</li><li>• <i>Motion to approve the VAWA P&amp;P and Emergency Transfer Plan WG as an official workgroup that reports to the Local P&amp;P Committee by D. Shubitz. Second by A. Willard. Motion approved 0-22. A new name and co-chairs will be identified, along with a plan to communicate the work of this WG and its resources to the broader community.</i></li></ul>
<b>9:35-9:40AM</b>	<b>Action Plan Update (A. Brauer)</b>

- Brauer connecting with various partners and working groups to update the progress of the action plan to present to Austin City Council in April.
- Questions sent regarding areas needing updates. Responses can be sent to [andreabrauer@austinecho.org](mailto:andreabrauer@austinecho.org).
- Request for regular/specific updates to be included in agendas for various working groups.

**9:50-10:10AM**

### **Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)**

- **PSH (H. Eshed):** Last meeting discussed how to shorten the time between obtaining a voucher and move-in, in a trauma informed way knowing that the transition may mean ending relationships, starting new routines, etc. More discussion around presenting housing options rapidly, but without setting the expectation that there are always going to be rapid, abundant options. Next meeting will evaluate progress for this year, how it relates to the action plan, and net steps for 2019.
- **RRH (CM- A. Willard):** Developed formal recommendations for the updated HACA HCV Admin Plan regarding barriers to housing. Crowd-sourced ideas for trainings that are needed and trainings that could be offered to the community. **RRH (Policy-L. Evanoff, T. Davis):** Developing RRH Policies & Procedures and revamping the CES script when describing RRH vs PSH. Community vote determined CoC reps at RRH Institute: B. Williams and A. Mabbs will be presenting, SSFV staff from FS and Caritas, and Integral Care and SAFE staff.
- **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price):** Setting up a navigation map for outreach workers to ensure all points of contact know what resources are available to clients. Request for that information to be communicated to Case Managers so that everyone knows what service expectations were set.
- **Income/Employment (S. Verde):** Full report will get pushed to next month. VISTA, D. Juza, will be focusing on income/employment.

**10:00-10:20AM**

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

- Meeting with the library staff and other neighborhood groups/businesses to educate them on the project and the services that will be provided.
- First (possibly annual) event at library of about 80 attendees of varying subject areas- housing, outreach, etc.
- New hires/transfers.
- Military Social Work Conference and VAWA Trainings were successful.

**10:20-10:40AM**

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

- **Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek):** RFQS extended to Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. Working on Downtown strategies to reduce crowding and crime along Neches and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Setting up resources for targeted outreach events. Meeting 9/20 at 3PM at the ARCH to focus on outreach strategies and what resources we have going to that area and what resources are needed.

Finalizing contract for outreach/employment program pilot to connect people who are panhandling with city related departments like Parks and Rec. Right now, there are 5 people a day, 6 hours a day, 5 days, at \$15/hr.

- **NHCD (J. Rudow):** Tracking PSH Units in Open Data Port- at 87% of the way there and over their goal of # of housing first units (built units or voucher). ***J. Rudow will send the link to the open data for review.***

Still taking feedback on homelessness mapping.

- **iTeam (T. Cook):** Discussed City data and mapping and C4. C4 will focus on HOST and virtually connect persons with a communications medic.

Wrapping up research and switching to Phase 2 with new leadership.

**10:40-10:50AM**

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

- **Veterans Initiative (T. Davis):** 22 Veterans housed in August. Working increase this number to get closer to functional zero metrics. Evaluating racial disparities in housing data.
- **YHDP (C. Soberon):** All projects will be on the ground Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Projects include RRH Plus, PORT (TH-RRH), and Diversion.
- **Point In Time Count (C. Soberon):** Team Lead registration should be up and running this week. New Team Leads will be required to attend an in-person meetup to learn how to navigate the online Team Lead Portal- a password protected portal on the ECHO website that will house all training materials, section maps, and volunteer assignments. Returning Team Leads are encouraged to attend to learn this resource.
- **TSA (R. Rivera):** New Shelter opening tomorrow. R. Rivera will send out invitation.
- **HACA (D. Shubitz):** Section 8 Waitlist is open- tell everyone you know. DACC today and tomorrow will be assisting people with applications. [hacaapply.org](http://hacaapply.org)
- **Outreach (A. Price):** Tomorrow there will be a pop-up resource center and the North Lamar Transit Center
- **NAMI (E. Kunish):** NAMI Walks Austin in less than two weeks.

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

**Next Steps**

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**Next Meeting:** October 17, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.