Local Policy & Practice Committee
8/18/2018 | 9:00AM-11:00AM
ECHO Training Room
300 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 200

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Attendees
Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Hilary Katz (Goodwill), Andrew Willard (FFH), Taryn Davis (Front Steps), Whitney Bright (Goodwill), Josh Rudow (NHCD), Chris Laguna (IC), Rick Rivera (TSA), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Ruth Ahearn (IC), Karen Dorrier (IC), Dan Mosely (HACA), Allison Shurr (StLH), Natasha P Shoemake (APH), Erin Goodison (SAFE), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Laura Enderle (NHCD), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Catherine Williams (VA), Erin Clever (VA), Preston Petty, Bree Williams, Niki Kozak, Katie Rose, Andrea Brauer (ECHO)

Minutes

9:00-9:10AM Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)
- Action Item: Approve July Minutes
  - July minutes approved with the following amendments:
    - “Once approved, applicants will be notified within 15 days of NOFA submission deadline.”

9:10-9:20AM FY18 NOFA Updates (Co-Chairs)
- Final Project Priority Listing Posted
  - Priority listing approved by Membership in August
  - ECHO to post rankings

9:20-9:30AM Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs)
- August Actions Taken
  - Final project ranking approved
  - SAFE moving forward with DV Bonus project; ranked at bottom as it competes separately
  - FEC submitted a Bonus app for RRH; ranked in Tier II
  - Membership moved forward with historical ranking process, but is considering dividing FEC Bonus app into two projects potentially increasing chance of the one Bonus app to get approved
  - Volunteers identified 3 persons with no conflicts to serve on appeals committee
- September Voting Items
  - No voting items as of now
  - Council will begin preparing slate for next cycle
  - Review of ranking procedure for next NOFA
- Potential Follow Up
  - Local P&P group suggests increased diversity on next Council slate, to identify non-COC funded participants as well as increased persons with lived experience

9:30-10:00AM Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)
- PSH (H. Eshed P. Petty)
  - Review of PSH Move-Up policy; focus on strengthening outreach and navigation collaboration
• RRH (CM- A. Willard, Policy- L. Evanoff, T. Davis, M. Podowski)
  o Case Mgmt:
    ▪ Focus on BNL staffing regarding expectation on enrollment
    ▪ Clarified access on utilization of ECHO vacancies
  o Policy:
    ▪ Developing RRH Written Standards; task groups have been formed to
develop standards on specific components of RRH programming
    ▪ Review of RRH description in CE script
• Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price K. Rose)
  o Katie Rose provided update
  o Community collaboration development continues; cross program education.
  o Introduced RRH navigation into outreach staffing
  o Discussion on deployment of navigation to RRH vs. PSH
• Income/Employment (S. Verde P. Petty)
  o Roughly a dozen referrals moving to employment partners; barriers being
identified as initial referrals move through the process

10:00-10:20AM Healthy Communities Collaborative (R. Ahearn)
  o Two Motivational Interview trainings conducted; one more to come in October
  o APD representation at MI trainings; positive feedback from all participants
  o IC requests assistance identifying space for October 15 & 16 training
  o Austin Recovery IOP now on-site at CF! Referrals directed through IC team at CF!
  o Working to strengthen system to identify referrals for HCC navigation to ensure HH’s
in need of acute psychiatric care are being prioritized

10:20-10:40AM City of Austin Updates (COA Reps)
  • Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek)
    o RFQ for ARCH management has been released. Pre-offer meeting 8/16/2018 at
City Purchasing Office
    o ‘Downtown Strategies’ group meeting regularly to develop strategy and funding
needs to address/support individuals outside of the ARCH. Conversation
attempting to address short-term and long-term solutions. Stakeholders
couraged to attend; interested stakeholders to reach out directly to Tasha
Ponczek for more details
    o Draft City budget released. Increased budget for homeless services in current
draft. Tasha will work to provide a brief description for group
    o Robust discussion on potential recommendations and advocacy for individual
providers and the Continuum as a whole for draft budget. ECHO staff
committing to review draft for alignment with Action Plan
    o New Assistance City Manager structure reviewed
  • NHCD (J. Rudow)
    o Working to identify two interfaces for mapping work- public facing vs.
stakeholder facing; continued consideration of ensuring protection of
information. Also working in collaboration with CoC & ESG Committee. Josh
hoping to present on latest mapping developments at October Local P&P
meeting
  • iTeeam (T. Cook)
    o Lived experience group now known as AHAC: Austin Homelessness Advisory
Committee

10:40-10:50AM Other Community Updates & Discussions (Open)
  • Veterans Initiative (T. Davis)
    o 15 Veterans housed in July; staffing challenges in month of July
VASH cleared list this past week
Focus on racial disparities with Veteran subpopulation

**YHDP (C. Soberon E. Goodison)**
RRH+ continuing to work on programmatic structure

**Point In Time Count (C. Soberon) No Update**

**Other Community Updates**
Integral Care working with CCC to curate a healthcare focused plan to align with Action Plan to End Homelessness; Hope to work with AHAC to inform healthcare plan
NAMI walk coming up on September 29th
Front Steps awarded Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program- focused on employment & occupational training
HACA HCV list to open in September; HACA working to partner with providers to ensure broad access
HACA Board meeting 8/16 at 12 PM; discussion on changes to HCV, specifically the criminal screening criteria

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

- Communication to circulate regarding unified Continuum message to be shared with Membership Council
- ECHO staff to follow up with leadership

**Next Meeting:** September 19, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.