



## Local Policy & Practice Committee

7/18/2018 | 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>Attendees</b>	Ruth Ahearn (IC), Erin Goodison (SAFE), Eric Kunish (NAMI), Taylor Cook (iTeam), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Dan Mosely (HACA), Chris Laguna (IC), Hilary Katz (GoodWill), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Catherine Williams (VA), Erin Clever (VA), Rick Rivera (TSA), Natasha Ponczek-Shoemake (COA-APH), Karen Dorrier (IC), Andrew Willard (FFH), Laura Evanoff, Preston Petty, Casey Soberon, Katie Rose, Bree Williams, Niki Kozack (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 June Minutes</i></li><li>• <b>June Minutes approved by consensus with no amendments</b></li></ul>
<b>9:10-9:20AM</b>	<b>FY18 NOFA Updates (C. Soberon)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NEW: Intent to Apply Form</li></ul>
<b>9:20-9:30AM</b>	<b>Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs/C. Soberon)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>July Actions Taken</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed ways to provide uniform feedback regarding NAEH recommendations for the ARCH- sub-committee to draft and present initial recommendations at Aug Meeting.</li><li>• Council made changes to NOFA appeals process to allow more flexibility for applicants and tighter turnaround for Council to make a determination. Will be posted on ECHO Website- this week.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>August Voting Items</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• August meeting rescheduled to Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for new project applicants to submit applications in e-snaps.</li><li>• MC will vote on final project priority listing for collaborative application.</li><li>• Once approved, applicants will be notified within 15 days of NOFA submission deadline.</li><li>• Certificates of consistency will be sent to Travis County, COA, and Pflugerville City, as required for collaborative application.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Follow Up</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local P&amp;P group to review all NOFA related documents by next Wednesday and provide feedback to Dylan regarding final project ranking. Dylan will summarize and provide memo to membership council since he and Chris will not be able to vote at the Aug meeting due to conflict of interest.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>9:30-10:00AM</b>	<b>Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PSH (H. Eshed)</b></li></ul>

- Move up and move-in process discussions. Excited to have a ore streamlined process to work with City and County Section 8 vouchers.
- **RRH (CM- A. Willard, Policy-L. Evanoff, T. Davis, M. Podowski)**
  - Laura- Upcoming NAEH RRH Institute- no cap on SSVF staff that can attend. Waiting to hear how many from our community outside of SSVF can attend. Save the Date is in October- Laura to keep this group updated. Policy meeting last month discussed creating better written standards- 5 subgroups to tackle different parts of the written standards.
  - Andrew- last month cancelled- next meeting tomorrow. When policies are drafted, will be reviewed by CM meeting. Still working on outreach expectations and how to ensure outreach, client, and cm needs are met.
- **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price)**
  - Robust discussion on community collaboration and needs and gaps. Used scenario exercises to see how in the room could effectively provide a service and deduplicate/streamline broad outreach services.
- **Income/Employment (S. Verde)**
  - Pilot kicked off one month ago. 5 housing programs have been trained on employment manual and are sending referrals that way. First staffing this this Friday and progress will be tracked for one month. Second half of the pilot will be SOAR focused.

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

**Healthy Communities Collaborative**

**R. Ahearn**

- Hired new licensed lead at CF.
- New navigation position hired (previous FS intern).
- APN going out to sunrise church for the past 3-4 weeks for psychiatric services. Mostly triage- some intake pieces.
- This Monday was first of 3 MI trainings. All trainings are currently full- there is a waitlist if you have staff that would like to be considered. Looking into a hoarding training.
- FC received mental health grant- partnering with them to provide a case manager and peer support specialist. Focus on Arbor and Spring to start.
- Oak Springs under construction- design developments.
- Tracking assessments done for HCC contract. Number of assessments not decreasing. Deeper dive to see true number of new assessments and duplicated clients. Over the course of last year: 3,500 assessed with more than 2/3 were brand new to the system. Overall average is 70% of all assessments are newly homeless.

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

**City of Austin Updates**

**COA Reps**

- **Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek)**
  - RFI for ARCH Contract. Asking for people to submit their responses in writing to the draft scope of work that had been released. NAEH recommendations included in Scope of Work. Responses DUE July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to Erin Devinson in Purchasing Office.
  - Downtown Strategies Meeting- Tomorrow at 10:30am. Focus on Peer support and substance use services.
  - APH payment requests, performance and compliance. Possible focus on employment, but could be opportunity to work with homeless related contracts.
- ~~NHCD (J. Rudow)~~ Not present- no updates.
- **iTeam (T. Cook)**- HACA advisory group- invites people to bring policy issues to the table. Previous discussions on roommates, action plan, and RFI.

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

**Other Community Updates & Discussions**

**Open**

- **Discharge Planning Follow Up (C. Soberon)**
  - ECHO convened meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with LifeWorks and Staci Love Region 7 Supervisor from Texas Department of Family Protective Services- Child Protective Services to discuss discharge planning for youth aging out of foster care
  - ECHO and Integral Care met this week to discuss ASH again.
  - Private hospitals are more of a challenge because of the short turn around- IC also talking about connecting discharged clients with PATH. CCC connecting persons discharged from medical hospitals (with MAP) to medical case managers.
  - ECHO sends assessors to the Travis County jail all-day every Thursday. The Integral Care jail liaison conducts in-reach efforts the rest of the week and then handles the warm hand-off's for assessment the day-of.
- **Veterans Initiative (T. Davis)**
  - Continue to empty the priority list every week to every other week, so there is no wait. Convos around new VASH vouchers next year. Challenge is there is no funding for more CMgrs- how can CoC and VA advocate for greater CMgmt capacity. Interest in equitable outcomes analysis of veterans- identified, referred, enrolled, housed.
- **YHDP (C. Soberon)**
- **Point In Time Count (C. Soberon)**
- **VAWA policy uploaded on website- next meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>. How this impacts processes and other funding streams. Contact Laura if you would like to attend. Developing VAWA training for Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Also coordinating an Equal Access training- required for CoC and ESG funding- Aug 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-12pm. CUE's provided for both trainings.**
- **Housing choice voucher waiting list pulled 250 names off the waitlist. Dylan informing individuals in HMIS that are being pulled off to come to their eligibility interviews. Let your clients on the list to update their contact and mailing info and be prepared to attend an interview before the end of the year.**

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

**Next Steps**

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**Next Meeting:** August 18, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.