



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 3/21/19

Duration: 9:00 – 11:00

Meeting Place: ECHO 300
E. Highland Mall Blvd

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

| Local Policy & Practice Members | | | | | | | |
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| P | Allison Shurr | A | Greg McCormack | A | Mamadou Balde | P | Stephanie Green |
| A | Angie Sommers | A | Hannah Cweigenberg | P | Marilyn Hartman | P | Scott Merritt |
| P | August Weems | P | Jason Phillips | A | Natasha P Shoemake | A | Sylvia Garrett |
| P | Bailey Gray | A | Jenn Mishler | A | Rachel Hampton | A | Taryn Davis |
| A | Carson Barwinkel | P | Josh Rudrow | P | Rick Rivera | P | Tasha Shoemaker |
| A | Eric Kunish | P | Karen Dorrier | P | Ruth Ahearn | P | Sandra Chavez |
| A | Erin Goodison | A | Laura Enderle | A | Sarah Frazier | P | Dar Mosley |
| Co-Chairs | | | | | | | |
| A | Chris Laguna | P | Dylan Shubitz | | | | |
| ECHO Staff | | | | | | | |
| A | Kate Moore | A | Laura Evanoff | P | Tim Long | A | Melissa Wheeler |
| A | Sharyn Malatok | P | Allison Mabbs | P | Preston Petty | P | Axton Nichols |

| AGENDA | | DISCUSSION | ACTION ITEMS |
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| I. Welcome & Introductions | | Review and Approve February 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved with no changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved with no changes |
| II. Membership Council Updates | Co-Chairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions taken in March meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catherina Conte approved as new member from Austin Recovery, replaced David Houke ECHO approved as CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency Approved changes to CE written standards to allow YHDP program to program transfers MC sent Consolidated Plan feedback letter to city council April voting items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaps analysis being prepared by Tim to inform funding priorities FY2019 CoC Funding Priorities Two more weeks to comment on city Consolidated Plan SAFE Alliance awarded NOFA funds for Domestic Violence bonus project On the agenda for April MC meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filling vacancy for Austin Police Department CDR Jason Bryant to replace CDR Jennifer Stephenson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review Q4 Performance Scorecards ○ Review and approve Community Funding Priorities ○ Review/approve NOFA items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding priorities ▪ Review/approve MC governance charter ▪ Rank and review policies ▪ Reallocation policies ▪ Deobligation policies ▪ IRT Membership application process ● Needs and Gaps Analysis (T. Long) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3116 Households are currently experiencing homelessness in Austin/Travis County (based on data from Coordinated Entry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1184 households qualified for Permanent Support Housing Referrals ▪ 1838 households qualified for Rapid Re-Housing referrals ○ Estimated need for additional \$30 million to reach functional zero homelessness ○ Large disparities exist in Austin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Black and African American residents are incarcerated and experience poverty at significantly higher rates compared to their makeup in the general Travis County population and are disproportionately represented in the homeless population. ▪ CoC program entries and exits do not appear to recreate existing racial disparities. ● Suggestions for Membership Council based on Needs and Gaps analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are concerns that the method of data collection (completing a Coordinated Entry assessment) cannot capture everyone who might need services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Families or individuals who are staying temporarily with other people don't qualify as literally homeless, and thus would not be considered in current analysis. ▪ Current analysis methodology may not capture the need for prevention services ○ This analysis assumes that the system receives all the funds needed to reach functional zero homelessness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It would be useful to define how funds should be spent if only a smaller amount of funds are available ○ Extended discussion on funding priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee members completed an exercise to answer the question, "If we only had \$1 million, what could that pay for in different areas?" | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRH – could house up to 200 more families a year, assuming 6 months of financial assistance. • PSH – could house up to 100 new families for a year • Street Outreach/Navigation – could add up to 22 new outreach workers. The usefulness of additional outreach workers depends on having shelter or RRH/PSH units available. • Prevention – could serve up to 550 households based on the current BSS+ model • Emergency Shelter – could accommodate up to 500 new clients a year, which includes costs for the space, case management, and operations • SOAR – could approve up to 285 individuals for benefits ▪ Committee members completed an exercise to answer the question, “If we had an additional \$1 million, how would you distribute the money between the types of programs?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRH was prioritized 21.3% of members • PSH was prioritized 30% of members • Street Outreach/Navigation was prioritized 12.5% of members • Prevention was prioritized 10.4% of members • Emergency Shelter was prioritized 17.5% of members • SOAR was prioritized 8.3% of members | |
| III. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates presented | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A |
| IV. Workforce Solutions Childcare Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates presented | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A |
| V. Workgroup Updates | <p>K. Dorrier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates • RRH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates • Outreach & Navigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting every other month ○ 2 sub-committees are being formed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First sub-committee will focus of identifying resources in the community, including creating an updated resource guide ▪ Second sub-committee will focus on advocacy • Income/Employment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● VAWA ○ No updates | |
| VI. Health Communities Collaborative | R. Ahearn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terrace at Oak Springs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications will start being accepted at the beginning of May ○ Move-ins expected to begin in mid-June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A |
| VII. City of Austin Updates | J. Rudrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Austin Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● NHCD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHCD will use a scoring system when allocating funds to encourage the development of affordable housing units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The scoring system will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Location of development (High Opportunity Area, proximity to transit, distance to healthy food) ● Type of units being developed (PSH units, deeply affordable units, ADA accessible units, larger units) ● Council District Blueprint goals ● Displacement risk ○ CoC units are not currently being mandated, but scoring system will highly encourage their development ○ PSH units funded through NHCD will now be referred to as CoC units | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A |
| VIII. Other Community Updates | T. Shoemaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ARCH Shelter transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition beginning April 1st ○ Day services will remain available during transition ○ NAH will have a training on May 3rd about shelter best practices ○ Transition expected to be complete by Oct 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● |
| Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Meeting: April 17, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd | |