



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 6/19/19

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							
P	Allison Shurr	A	Greg McCormack	P	Mamadou Balde	A	Stephanie Green
A	Angie Sommers	P	Hannah Cweigenberg	A	Marilyn Hartman	P	Scott Merritt
A	August Weems	A	Jason Phillips	A	Natasha P Shoemaker	A	Sylvia Garrett
P	Bailey Gray	P	Jenn Mishler	A	Rachel Hampton	A	Taryn Davis
A	Carson Barwinkel	A	Josh Rudrow	A	Rick Rivera	A	Lauren Katz
A	Eric Kunish	P	Karen Dorrier	P	Ruth Ahearn	A	Megan Podowski
P	Erin Goodison	P	Laura Enderle	A	Sarah Frazier	A	Jill Smith
P	Vedia Sherman	P	Chris Larson	P	Dan Mosley	P	Christina Crean
P	Kellee Coleman	P	Brion Oaks				
Co-Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	A	Dylan Shubitz				
ECHO Staff							
A	Kate Moore	P	Laura Evanoff	A	Tim Long	P	Allison Mabbs
A	Sharyn Malatok	A	Dylan Juza	P	Preston Petty	P	Axton Nichols

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I.	Welcome & Introductions	<p>Review and Approve May 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes amended to reflect P Petty as head of new Equity Task Group <i>May minutes approved</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May minutes approved with changes
II.	Membership Council Updates	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>June 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership Council unable to reach consensus on MC comments to city on Consolidated Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for additional discussion around the role of MC in making recommendations to the city or other groups (some concern about conflicts of interest) Members are encouraged to submit comments from their own agencies New Equity Task Group will begin meeting in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tasked with identifying disparities/inequities that exists in the programs/systems in which MC members work, and to suggest solutions ○ Contact P Petty if interested in working on the Equity Task Group <p>July Voting Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reviewing project performance scorecards ● Minor revisions to governance charter to be presented and potentially voted on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revisions are regarding conflicts of interest during funding discussions 	
<p>III. City of Austin Updates</p>	<p>COA Reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City currently undergoing HUD monitoring ● City continues working with Front Steps and NAEH around the changes being implemented at The ARCH <p>City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This Thursday (6/20/19) City Council is considering repealing/amending ordinances related to homelessness including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No sit/no lie ○ No panhandling downtown ○ No camping ● City Council also considering items about the acquisition or construction of a building a new homeless shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current proposed location is at Banister and Ben White with an expected cost of \$8.2 million to acquire a building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City has not specified how shelter support services will be funded ● Committee members encouraged to contact city hall and/or attend upcoming city council meetings to register their views on these proposals <p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates <p>NHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

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IV. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion	Co-Chairs	Update from City on existing resolution regarding board and care home regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin Public Health had stakeholder meeting attended by 18 board and care home operators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many operators expressed interest in incentive programs including trainings, support with managing bedbugs, food • APH is working on an updated response to the Fall 2018 resolution on board and care home standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expected to be completed by the end of the month ○ Concerns raised about the need to include board and care home residents in discussions about changes • Follow up on UT School of Social Work board and care home survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determined to be too expensive to administer to residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
V. Workgroup Updates	P. Petty A. Mabbs K Dorrier L Evanoff, E Goodison	PSH WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussions on transfers between programs • Quite a few exits this past month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential need to establish universal exit standards RRH WGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing work on written standards for RRH programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently focusing on housing standards (moving in, stabilizing in housing, case management) • Discussions on how case manager turnover may affect program outcomes and what could be done to combat high turnover rates Outreach & Navigation WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No workgroup meeting this month • Resource and Advocacy subcommittees meeting this month and will report back to larger workgroup at their next meeting VAWA Housing Protections WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking comments from task group members around new policies including emergency transfer procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy template tools have been sent out to providers and VAWA work group is seeking feedback on how the forms are working Equity WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting later this month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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VI. Health Communities Collaborative	R. Ahearn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community First Village application process will likely change going forward due to staff changes Plans to work in collaboration with new Salvation Army family shelter to provide funding for support services Terrace at Oak Springs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move-ins expected to begin in September Expect to start identifying candidates to move in around July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
VII. Other Community Updates & Discussions		<p>Veterans Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans programs are working on reorganizing following funding cuts and subsequent staffing shortages <p>YHDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRH+ has exceeded their housing goals for the year Lifeworks working on building out their diversion services and increasing PORT (transitional housing) utilization <p>Care Connections Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integral Care has PATH team members working out of the clinic now Psychiatric provider working out of the clinic 3 days a week and Healthcare for the Homeless has a doctor there 4 days a week ECHO has housing navigation specialists working out of the clinic New Community Recovery team is getting up and running <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will focus on assisting tri-morbid individuals and African-Americans <p>AHAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafted a resolution for City Council about providing lockers/storage for people experiencing homelessness <p>Housing Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Austin Housing Authority expected to stop issuing Housing Choice Vouchers at least through the end of 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting: July 17, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd 	