



Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Date: 5/6/2019

Duration: 1:00 – 3:00

Meeting Place: ECHO 300
E. Highland Mall Blvd

Presiding:

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Membership Council Members							
P	Dr. Virginia Brown	A*	Esther Johnson	P	Kelly White	P	Steven James Potter
P	Christy Moffett	P	Greg McCormack	P	Kimberly Weinberg	P	Gretchen Nelson
A	Alex Zapata	P	Jason Bryant	P	Laura Ward	A	Vella Karman
P	Ann Teich	A	Jessie Metcalf	P	Lisa Garcia	A	Yvonne Camarena
A	Catherina Conte	P	Josh Rudow	P	Lyric Wardlow		
P	Donna Ward	A	Kathleen Casey	P	Peggy Davis Braun		
		P	Kathleen Ridings	A	Steve Brothers		
Committee Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubitiz	P	Kali Gossett	P	Susan McDowell
A	Erin Whelan						
Advisors							
P	Awais Azhar	P	Bill Brice	A	Sarah Cook		
A	Adelita Winshester	A	Paul Caudero	P	Thomas Visco		
Other Attendees							
P	Cacki Young	P	Phil Session	P*	Patrick Howard (attending for E Johnson)	P	Blake Smith
		P	Jason Philips				
ECHO Staff							
P	Ann Howard	P	Kate Moore	P	Sharyn Malatok	P	Andrea Brauer
P	Laura Evanoff	A	Tim Long	P	Melissa Wheeler	P	Preston Petty
		P	Axton Nichols	A	Whitney Bright		

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I. Welcome & Nov Minutes	Dr. Virginia Brown	1:00-1:10	<p>Review and Approve April 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Action item: Review and approve April 2019 minutes</i> <p>In addition to approving the minutes, Dr. Brown addressed a concern that was brought to ECHO staff regarding a perceived Conflict of Interest in NOFA process. Dr. Brown shared that Membership Council Chairs discussed this concern with ECHO staff. They felt the time to bring this up was during the previous meeting when Membership Council approved the Policy and Procedures. However, they offered that Membership Council could revisit this issue during the next NOFA cycle. No one objected to this plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved with no changes
II. Membership Council Items	Dr. Virginia Brown, Kate Moore	1:10-1:20	<p>Membership Slate Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Action Item: vote to approve Gretchen Nelson to replace Tod Marvin to fill "Employment" slot</i> <i>Action Item: vote to approve Donna Ware to replace Cecil Lockwood to fill "Advocate" slot</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gretchen Nelson approved to replace Tod Marvin as voting member Donna Ware approved to replace Cecil Lockwood as voting member

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III. Funding Priorities	C Moffett, K Moore	1:20 – 1:50	<p>Presentation on Online Survey Results and Discussion of Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two surveys sent out, one for committees/workgroups and one for membership council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligible Funding Recipients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greatest amount of support for funding Permanent Supportive Housing, followed by Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both MC survey and WG/Committees survey ranked PSH, TH/RRH, and RRR in top 3 ○ Sub-population specific initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong support for continued funding to help end chronic homelessness and youth homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support on both MC and WG/Committees surveys ○ Prioritizing sub-populations for other (non-HUD) funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MC prioritized families, behavioral health, elderly/medically fragile, and youth ▪ WG/Committees prioritized elderly/medically fragile, chronically homeless, families, and behavioral health ○ Top 5 most urgent interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top choices for MC were Emergency Shelter, PSH, Other, and Rapid Rehousing ▪ Top choices for WG/Committees were PSH, Support Services, RRH, and Prevention • NAEH hosted a webinar looking at the systemwide and lasting impacts of investing in different types of services • Request for data on city/system-wide capacity for PSH, RRH, and ES to help inform funding priorities • Questions on whether MC should be focusing on specific sub-populations when setting funding priorities due to the inherent overlap of these groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Generally, HUD allocates funds based on these sub-populations ○ MC could choose to set funding priorities based on interventions instead • Suggestion to focus on quality of case management and increase collaboration between different kinds of case managers • Concerns that higher prioritization of certain services/sub-populations could lead to those lower-priority services/sub-populations being chronically underfunded <p>Prioritizing new/bonus funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding priorities for New/Bonus Projects approved with changes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC agreed on the following funding priorities for new and bonus projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intervention types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PSH ▪ TH/RRH ▪ RRH ○ Support current initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End Youth Homelessness by 2020 ▪ Pay for Success – Ending Chronic Homelessness ○ Sub-populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Families ▪ Person with behavioral health needs ▪ Elderly ▪ Medically fragile ▪ Youth ▪ Chronically homeless • Proposed new/bonus projects would not necessarily need to touch on all of the above interventions, initiatives, or sub-populations • Concerns about prioritizing items that our community is not able to address (e.g. incarceration re-entry programs) • Suggestion that all applicants must include a focus on addressing racial/ethnic disparities in addition to one of the prioritized categories • Confusion over whether projects that address multiple prioritized groups would be ranked higher than projects that only address one prioritized group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC agreed that all new/bonus project must focus on at least one of the above categories, but projects touching on multiple categories will not necessarily be ranked higher than projects focusing on a single category. <p><i>Action Item: Review and approve funding priorities for New/Bonus Projects</i></p>	

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IV. Continuum of Care Business	Dr Virginia Brown, K Moore	1:50 – 2:35 2019 NOFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Inventory Worksheet – Status update – Waiting on final HUD approval of changes • Local competition update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Renewals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application and scoring guide released ▪ Due May 28th ○ New and Bonus Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waiting for new NOFA to be released Independent Review Team (IRT) Slate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRT Chair - City of Austin - Josh Rudow, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department • Travis County - Cathy McClaugherty • United Way of Greater Austin – Kay Garza • St. David’s Foundation – Kim McPherson • Membership Council Representative – Awais Azhar • AHAC – Person with Lived Experience - Donna Ware <p><i>Action Item: Review and approve IRT Slate and IRT Chair</i></p>	IRT Chair and Slate approved as proposed
V. Action Plan to End Homelessness	Ann Howard	2:35 – 2:45 Discussion regarding next steps and endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC members asked to review the Action Plan to End Homelessness and encourage their agencies to endorse the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ So far 4 non-profit orgs have endorsed the Action Plan • The Action Plan is important because it can act as a guide for City Council and other funders when they are allocating resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Action Plan outlines a unified strategy for addressing homelessness, and the more agencies that endorse the plan the stronger message it sends to potential funders • Currently seeking volunteers to work on the Work Plan that will help operationalize the items in the Action Plan. Contact Andrea Brauer at andreabrauer@austinecho.org for more information. 	

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VI. Coalition Updates	V Karman/A II K Gossett, E Whelan D Shubitz, C Laguna S McDowell	2:45 – 3:00 Shelter Transformation Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAEH and Org Code conducted all day workshop for the entire Austin shelter system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shifting to a focus on outcomes rather than just a place to stay temporarily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encouraged greater use of housing plans to help connect shelter utilizers with more stable housing ○ NAEH returning in 2 weeks to observe changes put in place at The ARCH CoC & ESG Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal funding orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resources to be posted on ECHO’s website • Reviewed System Performance Measures and how SPMs will affect CoC collaborative application scoring Local Policy and Practice Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing discussion around boarding homes as a housing option and potentially implementing city-level standards Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Leadership Advisory Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates. Meeting frequently to nail down roles and responsibilities related to the community plan to end youth homelessness. Will make recommendations around policy changes to the prioritization. Other Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft Consolidated Plan is out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MC already submitted comments prior to plan being released. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Moore will review draft Consolidated Plan and prepare additional comments • MC will need to vote by email on new Consolidated Plan comments in order to meet the deadline for public comments ▪ Accepting public comments through May 17th ▪ Public hearing May 14th • Disparities Task Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expecting to ramp up discussion beginning of summer ○ Contact S Malatok if interested in working on Disparities Task Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K Moore will draft comments on the Consolidated Plan that will be presented to MC later for endorsement • Members should contact S Malatok if interested in involvement in the disparities task group. WG will begin work this summer

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential need to address the vulnerability assessment used for CE • City of Austin • Travis County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Real Estate Roll Back (revenue caps) – all discretionary funding is subject to not exist. Not sure what the city’s gaps are but they get tax credits that the county does not get. Most of what the county funds is discretionary funds. Primary mandated services. If revenue caps go into place – there won’t be any money to do work with homelessness and housing interventions • Healthcare for the Homeless 	
VII. Current Topics		2:50-3:00	N/A	
Adjournment			<p>Next Meeting: June 3, 2019 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</p> <p><i>Bring lunch, network, and/or do homework from 12:15 – 1:00 at ECHO Training Room</i></p> <p>2019 Meetings (all meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00PM) January 7, 2019 February 4, 2019 March 4, 2019 April 1, 2019 May 6, 2019 June 3, 2019 July 1, 2019 August 5, 2019 September 2, 2019 October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019 December 2, 2019</p> <p>REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.</p>	