



# Minutes

**Committee:** Membership Council

**Date:** 8/5/2019

**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
A	Christy Moffett	P	Greg McCormack	A	Kimberly Weinberg	P	Gretchen Nelson
A	Alex Zapata	A	Jason Bryant	P	Laura Ward	P	Vella Karman
A	Ann Teich	A	Jessie Metcalf	P	Lisa Garcia	A	Yvonne Camarena
A	Catherina Conte	P	Josh Rudow	A	Lyric Wardlow		
P	Donna Ward	P	Kathleen Casey	P	Peggy Davis Braun		
		P	Kathleen Ridings	A	Steve Brothers		
Committee Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubitz	P	Kali Holyfield	A	Susan McDowell
P	Erin Whelan						
Advisors							
A	Awais Azhar	A	Bill Brice	A	Sarah Cook		
P	Adelita Winshester	A	Paul Caudero	P	Thomas Visco		
P	Cacki Young	P	Phil Session	A	Jason Philips	A	Blake Smith
P	Henry Carr						
P	Matt Mollica	P	Kate Moore	P	Sharyn Malatok		
P	Laura Evanoff	P	Tim Long	A	Melissa Wheeler	P	Preston Petty
		P	Axton Nichols	A	Whitney Bright		

AGENDA			DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<b>I. Welcome &amp; July Minutes</b>	Dr Brown	1:00-1:10	<b>Review and Approve July 2019 Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action item: Review and approve June 2019 minutes</li> </ul> <b>Introduction of new ECHO Executive Director, Matt Mollica</b>	July minutes approved with no changes
<b>II. Continuum of Care Business</b>	Dr Brown K Moore  L Evanoff, K Moore	1:10-1:40	<b>2019 NOFA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 NOFA Summary Presentation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See 2019 NOFA Summary document sent out with meeting materials.</li> <li>Estimated Annual Renewal Demand increased over last year, total \$9,194,727</li> <li>Increase in Planning Grant to \$275,842</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Point In Time Count date approved (Jan 25, 2020)

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	A Nichols		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IRT project rankings to be submitted to MC for approval at September meeting</li> <li>○ YHDP projects is being ranked along with other renewal programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be in compliance with CoC interim rule</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Notable changes to 2019 NOFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Housing First standards changed to “Low-barrier admission” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs can potentially require participation in services to be eligible for housing resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Points will be awarded for increasing access to employment and educational resources and specifically having agreements in place with local workforce commission</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Competition Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New project applications due August 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ MC will approve final project rankings September 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ September 12 is the deadline for projects to appeal their ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicants may also appeal directly to HUD</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Performance Improvement Plans (PIP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HACA PIP included in meeting materials sent out</li> </ul> <p><b>2020 Point In Time Count Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled for January 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Info email will be sent out</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Action Item: Approve Point in Time Count date</i></p>	
<b>III. Membership Council Items</b>	P Petty  K Moore	1:40 – 2:20	<p><b>Update Membership Council Timeline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey</li> </ul> <p><b>Governance Charter Updates – Conflict of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “For the purposes of specifically voting on the Continuum of Care NOFA, all conflicted voting members, advisory members, and members of the public will not be present for the vote. Quorum for the approval of the ranking will be the majority of non-conflicted voting members, requiring a minimum of seven (7) people participating in the vote.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Quorum” for the purpose of voting on NOFA priority rankings is now defined as at least 7 non-conflicted members</li> <li>○ Conflicted MC members will be asked to leave the room prior to discussions on project rankings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Changes to Governance Charter and Conflict of Interest policy approved

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important for all MC members to attend September meeting to ensure enough non-conflicted members are present to reach quorum</li> <li>• Question on providing non-conflicted MC members an opportunity to request additional information from the projects seeking funding</li> <li>• Question on whether CoC Conflict of interest rules apply to MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HUD language specifically refers to “decisions concerning the award of a grant or other financial benefits”</li> <li>○ Is MC actually awarding funds or just offering recommendations to HUD?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Action Item: Review &amp; Approve Governance Charter and Decision Making and Conflict of Interest Policy Changes</i></p>	
<b>IV. Rapid Rehousing Data</b>	T Long	2:20 – 2:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See “RRH Analysis Results” presentation</li> <li>• Analysis included data from Rapid Rehousing Programs from 2015 to 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SSVF excluded from analysis</li> <li>○ “Returns to homelessness” information came SPM</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Data divided into 2 groups, High VI and Medium VI</li> <li>• Higher VI scores correspond to increased Length of Stay (beginning at enrollment in program) by about 20 days</li> <li>• Higher VI scores correspond to very similar “Enrollment to Move-in” times</li> <li>• Higher VI scores correspond to fewer...</li> <li>• Higher VI scores correspond to lower returns to homelessness and similar rates of exits to jail</li> <li>• Similar results between High and Medium VI scores exiting to unknown locations</li> <li>• Approx. 35% of High and Medium VI scores are exiting RRH programs to non-permanent locations</li> <li>• Very slight difference in positive exits</li> </ul>	
<b>V. Coalition Update</b>	K Gossett, E Whelan  D Shubitz, C Laguna  S McDowell	2:40 – 3:00	<p><b>Updates:</b></p> <p><b>City of Austin Resolution and Ordinances</b></p> <p><b>CoC &amp; ESG Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently discussing Termination policies</li> <li>• Discussed changes to CoC NOFA around employment services</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Policy and Practice Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy Update – request to approve addition of human trafficking as eligible population in policy.</li> </ul>	Changes to VAWA Policy approved

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	P Petty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy originally approved in June</li> <li>○ Changes would add survivors of human trafficking as eligible population</li> <li>● <i>Action Item: Approve updates to the VAWA Policies and Procedures</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Leadership Advisory Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working on new initiative to increase diversion services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intensive conversation with individual about all resources that might be available (local resources, friends, family...)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Task Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next meeting August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Austin Youth Collective</li> <li>● Advocacy Opportunities</li> <li>● Travis County</li> <li>● Healthcare for the Homeless</li> <li>● <b>Upcoming townhall meeting on recent homelessness city ordinances changes</b></li> <li>● ARCH Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beginning to roll out changes: Thursday (8/8/19) will be last day of overnight bed lottery</li> <li>○ Front Steps seeking to enroll regular users of overnight shelter into case management services</li> <li>○ Day Resource center likely to stay open until October 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> <li>○ City attempting to identify other resources to fill the gap from ARCH Day Resource center closer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p><b>Next Meeting: September 9, 2019</b> 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</p> <p><b>2019 Meetings (all meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00PM)</b>  January 7, 2019  February 4, 2019  March 4, 2019  April 1, 2019  May 6, 2019  June 3, 2019  July 1, 2019  August 5, 2019</p>	

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	<p><b>September 9, 2019</b> October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019 December 2, 2019</p> <p><b>REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.</b></p>	