



# Minutes

**Committee:** Local Policy & Practice Committee

**Date:** 9/18/19

**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	Donna Ware
A	Angie Sommers	P	Hannah Cweigenberg	A	Marilyn Hartman	A	Scott Merritt
A	August Weems	A	Jason Phillips	A	Natasha P Shoemaker	A	Sylvia Garrett
A	Bailey Gray	A	Jenn Mishler	A	Rachel Hampton	A	Taryn Davis
A	Carson Barwinkel	A	Josh Rudrow	P	Rick Rivera	A	Lauren Katz
P	Eric Kunish	A	Karen Dorrier	P	Ruth Ahearn	A	Megan Podowski
P	Erin Goodison	P	Laura Enderle	A	Sarah Frazier	A	Jill Smith
A	Vedia Sherman	A	Chris Larson	A	Dan Mosley	A	Christina Crean
P	Kellee Coleman	A	Brion Oaks	P	Sam Verde	A	Steven Porter
P	Quiana Fisher	P	Mikayla Stocks	P	Chris Meigs	P	Paul Boring
Co-Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	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	A	Axton Nichols

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<p><b>Review and Approve July 2019 Minutes (committee did not meet in August)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved with no changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July minutes approved with minor change</li> </ul>
II.	<b>Membership Council Updates</b>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p><b>August 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Council approved changes to Governance Charter around conflict of interest</li> </ul> <p><b>September 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-conflicted Membership Council members voted to approve 2019 Continuum of Care competition project rankings as ranked by IRT               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final project ranking list available to view on <a href="#">ECHO's website</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Membership Council approved new Education Services Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T. Long of ECHO presented on ethnic disparities in Austin’s homeless response system</li> </ul> <p><b>October Voting Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Council plans to begin discussions on potentially modifying CoC’s governance structure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of Local Policy and Practice Committee are encouraged to think about suggestions to bring to MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for increased and more consistent participation of people with lived homelessness experience in committees/workgroups</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>III. City of Austin Updates</b></p>	<p>COA Reps</p> <p><b>City Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting this afternoon (9/18/19) at 1pm to discuss additional changes to camping and no sit/no lie ordinances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council considering a “phased” approach that would implement additional restrictions (3 tiers) phased in over time</li> <li>Stated goal is to emphasize connecting people to housing/support services first, then phasing in criminalization later</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Austin Public Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates</li> </ul> <p><b>NHCD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>IV. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion</b></p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p><b>Update from City on existing resolution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Austin Public Health put together a report incorporating feedback on the current proposed resolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some interest in instituting licensing and providing support to help board and care homes get licensed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>V. Workgroup Updates</b></p>	<p>P Petty</p> <p><b>PSH WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last meeting spent discussing common enrollment standards and working on staffing clients</li> </ul> <p>A. Mabbs</p> <p><b>RRH WGs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently discussing enrollment/entrance standards, how to approach difficult cases</li> <li>• Discussed processes for improving efficiency of program referrals               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incorporating program outcomes into analysis to try to streamline referrals                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Looking at the difference between number of referrals pulled vs how many people enrolled</li> <li>▪ What referral/enrollment patterns are common to all RRH vs what is unique to individual programs?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outreach &amp; Navigation WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy Horton (partnership specialist with Dallas Regional Census office) met with group to discuss collaborating for 2020 census</li> <li>• Resource subcommittee               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trying to find someone to build a database/platform to collect update to date and accurate resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Considering advocating for shelter ID cards to be used to access CapMetro public transit services</li> </ul> <p><b>VAWA Housing Protections WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates (did not meet in September)</li> </ul> <p><b>Equity WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examining racial disparity data shows that race is one of the strongest predictors of homelessness in our community</li> <li>• Questions on how well the VI-SPDAT captures racial differences</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Health Communities Collaborative</b></p>	<p>R. Ahearn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New city RRH program based out of the ARCH is now enrolling people               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expecting to house around 25 people a year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SAMSA Community Recovery Team focusing on tri-morbid individuals is enrolling people.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team focuses on providing health supports and does not come with housing (although team can offer wraparound supports for a person enrolled in a housing program)</li> <li>○ Referrals to come through outreach</li> <li>○ Contact Kristy Kaiser with Integral Care for more info</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Terrace at Oak Springs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ribbon cutting ceremony Monday 9/23/19 at 10:30</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community event that evening from 6 – 8pm</li> <li>○ Looking to begin move-ins in October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Currently have 10-15 applications (mostly Veterans)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>VII. Other Community Updates &amp; Discussions</b>	<p><b>Veterans Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General call went out to community to try to contact Veterans not currently or previously engaged with services</li> <li>• <a href="#">Texas Veterans Commission grant application</a> is open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mental Health, Housing, and General Assistance grants available</li> <li>○ Deadline October 25th</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>YHDP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coming up on the end of first reporting year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Programs met housing goals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Working on putting together report on YHDP results in order to request additional funds to completely end youth homelessness</li> </ul> <p><b>Care Connections Clinic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic is being highly utilized</li> <li>• Some turnover in clinical staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next Meeting: October 16, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</b></li> </ul>	