



Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Date: 11/4/2019

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	A	Kelly White	A	Steven James Potter
A	Christy Moffett	P	Greg McCormack	A	Andrew Miller	A	Gretchen Nelson
A	Alex Zapata	A	Jason Bryant	P	Laura Ward	A	Vella Karman
P	Ann Teich	P	Jessie Metcalf	P	Lisa Garcia	P	Yvonne Camarena
A	Catherina Conte	P	Josh Rudow	P	Lyric Wardlow	A	Lori Pampilo Harris
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							
P	Awais Azhar	P	Bill Brice	A	Sarah Cook		
P	Adelita Winshester	A	Paul Caudero	P	Thomas Visco		
A	Cacki Young	A	Phil Session	A	Jason Philips		Blake Smith
A	Henry Carr	A	Kristi Samilpa	P	Ed McHorse	P	Dawn Perkins
P	Tasha Ponczek Shoemake	P	Elizabeth Roehm				
P	Matt Mollica	P	Kate Moore	P	Preston Petty		
P	Laura Evanoff	A	Tim Long	A	Melissa Wheeler		
		P	Axton Nichols	A	Whitney Bright		

AGENDA			DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes	Dr Brown	1:00-1:10	Review and Approve October 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action item: Review and approve October 2019 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October minutes approved

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<p>II. Discussion of Governance Changes for 2020</p>	<p>D Shubitz</p> <p>M Mollica</p> <p>K Moore</p> <p>E McHorse</p>	<p>1:10 – 2:55</p> <p>Membership Council – Committee Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Council appointed a sub-committee at the October meeting to discuss changes to the governance charter and CoC Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consensus to consolidate ECHO non-profit board with the CoC Board ○ Want to reduce size of the CoC to be more nimble ○ Suggested CoC Board Composition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 lived experience ▪ 2 service providers ▪ City and County government reps ▪ Suggestion for CoC Board size not to exceed 16 members ○ Concerns about potential conflicts of interest with combined ECHO/CoC board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion to move some responsibilities to CoC membership body, away from CoC Board • Viewing CoC Board restructuring in terms of larger community developments, including City Homeless Strategy Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions on the roles of Membership Council (CoC Board) and ECHO's nonprofit board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current structures led to confusion on who is the appropriate body/person to act as the spokesperson on various issues related to homelessness ▪ Restructuring CoC/ECHO nonprofit Board should lead to a more streamlined, efficient system • Concerns among various stakeholders that CoC Board restructuring process was moving too fast • Current governance structure states that Membership Council members are voted on annually at the Fall Stakeholder meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CoC Board is responsible for setting policies around CoC NOFA which is released by HUD in the summer ○ Timing of governance structure changes could cause problems if overlapping with NOFA process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Changes would need to be in place my March/April 2020 to avoid overlapping with NOFA process <p>ECHO Board Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Austin CoC was led by the City but widespread agreement that the City was unable to move fast enough to be useful • ECHO was created to be the CoC lead and was purposefully separate from service providers 	

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	D Lucio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Later, Membership Council was created to be the experts that would guide ECHO board ○ Minor changes to Membership Council structure a few years ago to remain in compliance with CoC interim rules ○ Membership Council chair traditionally acted as the liaison between MC and the ECHO Board ● Question on how ECHO Board defines success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals are generally in terms of strategic initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In recent years things have been moving so quickly that goals set early in the year shift based on new opportunities. ○ The work of the ECHO Board has traditionally been guided by ECHO Executive Director's requests ● ECHO Board currently has 15 members as well as an advisory board including ex officio members ● Current ECHO Board is open to changing its structure/role ● Ongoing concerns about ensuring diversity of board members ● Concerns based on previous experience of combining nonprofit and CoC Board that would cause conflicts of interest <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concerns that 2 people with lived experience may not be enough to represent the full scope of experiences ● Questions about ECHO's role as a service provider and potential conflicts of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g. ECHO provides housing location services for LifeWorks' YHDP but not for housing programs run by other agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECHO is a subrecipient of LifeWorks' CoC funds. ● Questions about what the role/duties of ECHO are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acknowledgement that the size and role of ECHO has changed a lot over the last few years and some on Membership Council are unclear on what all ECHO actually does ● Questions about how changing CoC Board structure will affect the NOFA Independent Review Team process that scores/ranks projects for HUD CoC funding ● ECHO acts as the community coordinating body, so all community stakeholders/service providers should be concerned about (and potential involved in) the internal health of ECHO ● Clarification that there may need to be 2 separate discussions, one concerning the CoC Board/ECHO nonprofit board relationship, and another conversation about how to manage the IRT/NOFA process 	

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	Dr Brown		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merging ECHO nonprofit board with CoC Board does not seem compatible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECHO Board has traditionally focused on development and not the details of CoC programs Ongoing questions about ECHO's role as an agency vs as the CoC Lead Suggestion for governance sub-committee to create vision statement about what the sub-committee is trying to accomplish M Mollica – ECHO could be acting as more of a catalyst, standing up new programs which would be taken over by other agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECHO could play a larger role in coordinating homeless services across all funding sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for greater accountability for programs across funding sources (state, local, federal) <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to expand the governance sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-committee will report out to Membership Council in February Potentially voting on changes in March Membership Council chairs will present proposal in December to continue with current MC slate until new CoC Board structure is in place 	Membership Council approved the creation of a Governance Sub-committee and slated members who will report recommendations to Membership Council.
III. Continuum of Care Business	A Nichols	2:55 – 2:40	<p>Point in Time Count Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruiting Volunteer – Please help spread the word of the need for volunteers Donations are still need for things to pass out during the count <p>Fall Stakeholder Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule for December 10, 2019 at LifeWorks Focused on ending youth homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
IV. Coalition Updates	All		<p>CoC & ESG Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates <p>Local Policy & Practice Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates <p>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Leadership Advisory Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	

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		<p>Equity Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates <p>Other Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
Adjournment		<p>Next Meeting: December 2, 2019 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</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 9, 2019 October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019 December 2, 2019</p>	