



Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Date: 10/7/2019

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 | | | | | | | |
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| P | Dr. Virginia Brown | A | Esther Johnson | P | Kelly White | P | Steven James Potter |
| P | Christy Moffett | P | Greg McCormack | P | Kimberly Weinberg/Andrew Miller | P | Gretchen Nelson |
| P | Alex Zapata | A | Jason Bryant | P | Laura Ward | A | Vella Karman |
| P | Ann Teich | P | Jessie Metcalf | A | Lisa Garcia | A | Yvonne Camarena |
| A | Catherina Conte | P | Josh Rudow | P | Lyric Wardlow | P | Lori Pampilo Harris |
| A | Donna Ward | A | Kathleen Casey | A | 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 | | |
| A | Adelita Winshester | | Paul Caudero | A | Thomas Visco | | |
| A | Cacki Young | P | Phil Session | A | Jason Philips | A | Blake Smith |
| A | Henry Carr | P | Kristi Samilpa | | | | |
| ECHO Staff | | | | | | | |
| P | Matt Mollica | P | Kate Moore | P | Preston Petty | | |
| P | Laura Evanoff | A | Tim Long | P | Melissa Wheeler | | |
| | | P | Axton Nichols | A | Whitney Bright | | |

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| I. Welcome & September Minutes | Dr Brown | 1:00-1:10 | Review and Approve September 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action item: Review and approve September 2019 minutes Amended September minutes to reflect K White and S McDowell attending via phone conference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September minutes approved with requested changes to attendee list |
| II. Membership Council Business | Dr Brown K Moore | 1:10 – 1:20 | Approval of Replacement of Veterans Affairs to Fill Standing Seat Vacancy on MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action item: Approve Andrew Miller to replace Kimberly Weinberg to fill voting seat on Membership Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Miller approved by consensus as new VA representative on Membership Council |

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| III. Continuum of Care Business | L Evanoff | 1:20-1:40 | <p>2019 CoC NOFA Debrief</p> <p>L Evanoff provided presentation on the FY19 CoC NOFA Competition Debrief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOFA process for Austin/Travis County CoC began in May. • 17 projects competed for funding this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YHDP projects were added to CoC funding for the first time during the FY19 NOFA Competition. • Total funding request was \$10,532,448 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 624K for transitional housing • HUD continues to have the same policy priorities toward ending homelessness as previous years and also added new priorities during the FY19 competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using evidence-based approach ○ Increasing employment (focus on earned income) ○ Providing flexibility for housing first with service participation requirements • TX-503 Austin/Travis County's strengths outlined in NOFA Application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong collaboration w/ Public Housing Authorities and support across homeless service system ○ Successful with obtaining MOU with Workforce ○ Met all training requirements needed for HUD Compliance ○ Completed Racial Disparities Analysis and Report w/ action items ○ All programs identified as being housing first programs ○ Addressing the needs of subpopulations ○ Met requirements for Reallocation Policy being transparent • Areas to focus on for future improvements and ongoing action planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to strengthen relationships with employment agencies/programs and goals toward increasing earned income ○ Support YHDP projects as they navigate between CoC and YHDP funding requirements. ○ Collaboration w/ Community Partners to build a strong system response ○ Continue to strength Coordinated Entry through partnerships ○ Being intentional in ways we address needs of all subpopulations ○ Using evidence-based practices intentionally and being able to measure the outcomes from use of EBP. ○ Using intervention-appropriate metrics to measure the performance of programs. Ability for DV projects to measure increased safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A |
| IV. Governance Discussion | K Moore | 1:40 – 3:00 | <p>Discussion of Governance Changes for 2020</p> <p>K Moore provided presentation on Governance Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHO staff have been looking at other communities across the country to understand what other kinds of CoC governance structures exist • Each CoC is required to have a Governing Board. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Council voted to convene a sub-committee to draft governance policy changes. |

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| | <p>M Mollica, Dr Brown, C Moffett</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing board must have representation of at least one service provider and one person with lived experience of homelessness. • CoC body/members must be representative of community stakeholders (not necessarily the board) • CoC is responsible for adopting the process in which the board is selected • Current Austin/Travis County Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governing board for CoC is called “Membership Council” (MC) ○ All committees fall under Membership Council and report up ○ MC is large w/ voting seats consisting of stakeholder representation ○ Our CoC Board has representatives from most of the local providers which is not the case across all CoCs. This has been problematic for our CoC due to Conflict of Interest challenges for funding discussions. ○ Many CoCs have separate Membership/provider groups to provide input outside of governing board composition. • K Moore provided an overview during presentation of other CoC’s governing structure (Houston, Dallas, Portland, and Chicago). <p>Group Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC Chairs facilitated group discussion to collect feedback on other governing body structures and possible options for implementing changes • Considering making changes to Austin/Travis County CoC structure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current governing body is large which makes decision making challenging. Consider changes that will improve efficiency, accountability, and action. ○ Current structure consists of representatives that have a Conflict of Interest which makes decisions around funding difficult. Consider changes to make the CoC board smaller, more transparent, clear across roles and responsibilities. ○ MC is currently only making funding decisions for CoC-funding. Planning across the system is limited due to majority of funding being from other sources and not a part of MC’s planning for strategic planning. Consider changes that would build more collaboration with stakeholders who can help make strategic funding decision across the entire system. ○ There is a lack of clarity or consensus surrounding the role of ECHO as the CoC Lead Agency. Consider changes that would create more transparency in ECHO’s work as leading the Coalition. • <i>Member suggested increased collaboration between ECHO (non-profit) Board and the CoC Board (similar to Portland’s structure)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Sub-committee will submit draft ideas at Nov 4th meeting |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Member expressed concern on how the work of the CoC fits in with broader community goals (supported by non-CoC-funded programs) on ending homelessness</i> • <i>M Mollica proposed building a board consisting of people who can make funding decisions - that will be more nimble and able to quickly facilitate shifts in community-wide strategy</i> • Proposed Tentative timeline for CoC Board changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oct 7 – Discussion of potential Governance changes at Membership Council ○ Nov 4 – Membership Council potentially voting on updated Governance Charter ○ Early December – Stakeholder meeting • <i>Some members expressed support for concept of combining the CoC Board with the ECHO nonprofit Board.</i> • <i>Member suggested the creation of a small subcommittee (Governance committee) to be created. Smaller group to discuss the details of governance changes rather than entire Membership Council participating</i> • <i>Member expressed concerned about the current timeline for implementing governance changes. Things seem too abbreviated with current timeline</i> • <i>Member suggested that current Governance Charter be amended in order to allow postponement of votes to change structure of CoC Board</i> • Membership Council voted to convene a sub-committee to draft governance policy changes. Sub-committee will present to Membership Council at November 4th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sub-committee members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 individuals with lived experience ▪ E Whelan or S McDowell (CoC agency) ▪ Lori (Local government) ▪ M Mollica (lead CoC agency) ▪ C Laguna (LMHA) ▪ D Shubitz (PHA) | |
| V. Coalition Updates | All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to extending agenda time to continue discussion on governance structure, committee updates postponed until next meeting. <p>City of Austin Resolution and Ordinances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates <p>CoC & ESG Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates | |

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| | | <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 <p>Equity Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates | |
| Adjournment | | <p>Next Meeting: November 4, 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> <p>REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.</p> | |