COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

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Meeting Recording:

Topic: COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers (April 8-June 30 invite)

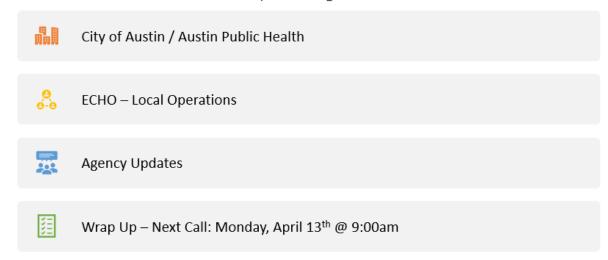
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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

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April 10th Agenda



Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Vella Karman

http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-homeless-strategy-covid-19-support

http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19

- 642 COVID-19 cases and 7 deaths in Travis County
- 8 people experiencing homelessness have tested positive. 1 of those has recovered
- City of Austin guidance is for everyone to be wearing a mask when out in public in addition to physical distancing of 6 feet
- Pro-Lodge quarantine sites
 - o 64 individuals at Pro-Lodge 1 site
 - o Pro-lodge 2 site should be operating by early next week. Expecting 60-person capacity
- Emergency rental/utility assistance
 - o Call Neighborhood Centers at 512-972-5780
 - Eligibility details will be posted on City website soon
- Austin convention center is the hub for food access
 - o Food deliveries from Texas Food Bank
 - o Michelle Myles is contact at APH: <u>michelle.myles@austintexas.gov</u>
 - Large amount of pet food will be available for people experiencing homelessness who have pets

- City communications team is working with public transit department to create and post informational posters/signs
- Working with TXDot to secure more sites for mobile handwashing/sanitation stations
- DACC is continuing to offer walk-in case management and triage services
- City parks and trails will be closed over the weekend to discourage large gatherings
 - APD will encourage voluntary compliance
- City is working to establish contracts to assist with transporting people both to testing sites and to quarantine/isolation sites

ECHO - Nikki Kozak, Matt Mollica

- Permanent Housing resource document
 - ECHO has created a resource guide for Permanent Housing providers which includes posters programs can print, recreation ideas for participants, and other best practices
 - o Guide will be posted on ECHO's website
- ECHO is working to templates to assist programs in applying for HUD grant waivers
- ECHO is convening a group to determine what services will be provided at the isolation/quarantine Pro-Lodge sites

Agency Updates

- Anyone wanting food bags from First United Methodist can email Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org to make a request.
- Front Steps received a shipment of bandanas and has been offering them to people outside the ARCH

Chat Box

From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:03 AM

Question to those who have downtown feeding programs. How does your current volume of participants compare with prior to mid March?

From Katie Rose to Everyone: 09:04 AM

katierose@austinecho.org- street outreach coord.

From Me to Everyone: 09:13 AM

Please type any questions you may have in the group chat box and we will try to answer them by the next call - on Monday!

From Randy Teich to Everyone: 09:15 AM

Anyone wanting food bags from First United Methodist can email Cathy Stone at cathy@fumcaustin.org to make a request.

From Dylan Shubitz to Everyone: 09:17 AM

has APD been invited to this call?

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:18 AM

Not sure Dylan! Please forward the invite to anyone who may be interested!