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)

Date: Apr 24, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

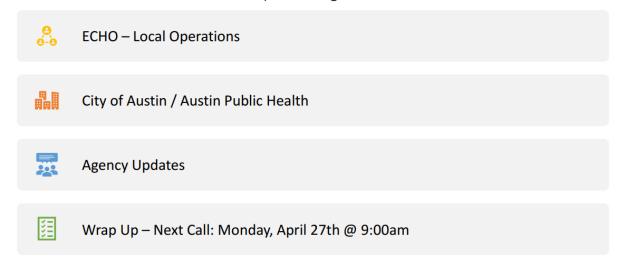
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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

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April 24th Agenda



Meeting Notes:

ECHO Updates - Matt Mollica, Laura Evanoff

- Addressing the structure/purpose of this meetings
 - The response around COVID-19 have begun to shift from "emergency operations" to "strategic planning"
 - Updates during this meeting will try to better address efforts around strategic planning and long-term goals rather than focusing exclusively day-to-day operations and emergency response
 - This will potentially include information on the content and schedule of meetings for the various coordination groups
- ECHO has posted a COVID-19 resource guide on their website
 - https://www.austinecho.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PHP-Resource-Guide-4.23.pdf

COA/ APH – Vella Karmen

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

- 1312 COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 31 deaths and 368 people recovered
 - At least 34 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 2 that have recovered
 - The count of cases among people experiencing homelessness is likely an undercount due to private labs and providers not necessarily recording each person's housing status when they test
 - Demographic information on cases available at http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19

- New order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority stating everyone must wear a fabric mask when outside the home or in public
 - o Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals in still in affect
- Quarantine/Isolation accommodations
 - ProLodges 1 and 2 are operational, and ProLodge 3 is expected to become operational within the next 5 days
 - o Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge sites
 - o Front Steps is providing on site case managed for people in ProLodge 2
 - o If other programs have capacity to work with people staying in ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, vella.karmen@austintexas.gov
- City departments are working with Downtown Austin Alliance's Downtown Ambassadors to promote safety, distribute supplies, and cleaning high traffic areas.
- Food access for people experiencing homelessness
 - Revolution Foods has begun delivering meals including 13,000 meals expected today
 - Food is being distributed around town by community partners
 - Dell Seton Medical School has created more than 3,000 face coverings to be distributed to people experiencing homelessness along with the food
 - Zach Shlachter is acting as the volunteer coordinator for people who would like to help with food distribution
 - Zach can be reached at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov
 - City is looking for community partners/volunteers to assist with distributing prepared meals on the weekends
 - Wes Bickham is the contact at to access the shelf-stable food bags being distributed out of the convention center
 - For information on availability and how to access food bags, call Wes at 512-492-5826
- Communications
 - City has been distributing informational flyers via food distribution networks and other channels
 - Working on text and social media strategies to increase the reach of safety messaging
 - Contact Lara Foss to have updates added to the City's COVID-19 homelessness information page
 - lara.foss@austintexas.gov
- DACC
 - Continues to offer walk in case management triage services, 8am 5pm, Monday Friday
 - Served 508 individuals total

Agency Updates

- Irit Umani with Trinity Center
 - Trinity Center is working with Mobile Loaves and Fishes and The Other Ones Foundation to distribute small McDonalds meals downtown (around The ARCH/Trinity Center area) in the late afternoon 7 days a week

Chat Box

From Andrew Willard to Everyone: 09:01 AM

Good Morning, Everyone!

From Larisa Corder to Everyone: 09:01 AM

Happy Friday :)

From IritUmani to Everyone: 09:03 AM

Starting tomorrow TOOF, in collaboration with MLF and Trinity Center will serve light McDonald dinner

at the Downtown Core (ARCH/Trinity area 7 days a week.

From Greg McCormack to Everyone: 09:05 AM

that is great Irit! Where will it be stationed?

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:06 AM http://austintexas.gov/covid19

From IritUmani to Everyone: 09:06 AM

near us and you :-)

From Matthew Mollica to Everyone: 09:06 AM

Yes Irit that is great news thanks for sharing. Also can you let people know what time it will start?

From Greg McCormack to Everyone: 09:06 AM

Irit, let us know how we/if we can help!

From IritUmani to Everyone: 09:07 AM

We MUST assume that many many more are infected indeed!

From Cate Graziani to Everyone: 09:07 AM

Is there a group working on coordinating services at the ISO and PROLODGE facilities?

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:07 AM

If any programs have capacity to serve clients at these Pro-lodge sites, please contact me at

Vella.Karman@austintexas.gov

From Jennifer Long to Everyone: 09:07 AM

How full are the hotels at this time?

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:08 AM

If you are interested in participating in any aspect of Eating Apart Together please contact Zach Shlachter (zach.shlachter@austintexas.gov). We are particularly interested in recruiting for weekend

delivery of prepared meals

From Matthew Mollica to Everyone: 09:08 AM

Yes Cate there is. Happy to update you on that work. Send me an email to connect

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:09 AM

austintexas.gov/homelessness

If you have updates you can email Lara Foss at lara-foss@austintexas.gov

From Cate Graziani to Everyone: 09:09 AM

Thx Matt!

From mylesm to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Thank you Irit!

From Larisa Corder to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Have a good weekend everyone!

From Andrew Willard to Everyone: 09:12 AM

Have a good weekend!