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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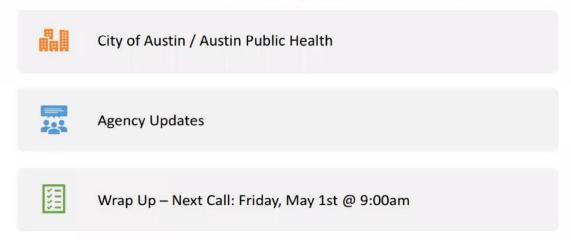
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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

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Meeting Notes:

COA - Laura Foss

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

- 1539 confirmed COVID-29 cases in Travis County; 406 recovered; and 42 deaths
- Demographic information on cases available at http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19
 - At least 37 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 21 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.
 - Austin Public Health launched an online enrollment form for COVID-19 testing
 - Form will allow people to take self-assessment to determine eligibility and schedule a test without a medical provider
 - http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19
 - Click "self-assessment" button to create an account and complete the questionnaire
- 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 and Alternate Facilities:
 - ProLodges 1-3 are operational, and
 - Considering options for a 4th ProLodge
 - Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge 1, 2, and 3
 - Front Steps staff are working on providing case management services at all 3
 ProLedges
 - If other programs have capacity to work with people staying at ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, <u>vella.karmen@austintexas.gov</u>
- Food access for people experiencing homelessness; Eating Apart Together (EAT)
 - Launched a survey Friday on number of bags prepared; number of bags distributed; and at which locations
 - Working with city staff to create a dashboard on website to display that survey data
 - If you want to participate in any aspect of Eating Apart Together Initiative Zach Shlachter at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov
 - Looking for available individuals who can distribute prepared meals over the weekend provided by the city.

Communications

- The new flyer is complete
 - Communications team will send out after call, and
 - To get printed copies delivered email lara.foss@austintexas.gov
- Basic Needs Street Signs
 - Approved; being created at Transportation Department
- o Purchased Add in the Challenger to run in the May addition
 - Same as the Flyer,
 - Does include the new CDC symptoms, and
 - Includes information on staying staff; accessing services; and meeting needs

Agency Updates:

No updates

ECHO Updates

- Scheduled coordination group updates
 - Emergency Shelter Task Group Wednesdays at noon Contact Preston Petty, prestonpetty@austinecho.org
 - Street Outreach Coordination Wednesdays at 2:30 Contact Katie Rose, katierose@austinecho.org
 - Homeless Response Coordination Fridays at 10:30 Contact Niki Kozak, nikikozak@austinecho.org

Chat Box

From larafoss to Everyone: 09:08 AM

For demographic breakdowns, more information, and to access the public testing portal you can visit the http://austintexas.gov/covid19

If any programs have capacity to serve clients at these Pro-lodge sites, please contact Vella Karman at Vella.Karman@austintexas.gov

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