



Membership Council  
8/13/2018 | 1:00PM-3:00PM  
ECHO Office  
300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.

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**Chair** Dr. Virginia Brown  
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**Co-Chair** Christy Moffett  
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**Attendees** **Quorum met with: Christy Moffett (Travis Co-HHS), David Houke (Austin Recovery), Vella Karman (COA-APH), Josh Rudow (COA-NHCD), Jennifer Stephenson (APD), Ann Teich (AISD), Kim Weinberg (VA)**

Lisa Garcia (HACA), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Kathleen Ridings (TSA), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Chris Laguna (Integral Care), Kathleen Casey

Ashley Richardson (MPT Office), Tom Visco (Glasshouse Policy), Awais Azhar (HousingWorks), Susan McDowell (LifeWorks)

Andrea Bauer, Katy Manganella, Laura Evanoff, Tim Long, Melissa Wheeler, Ann Howard, Casey Soberon (ECHO Staff)

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## Minutes

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### 1:00-1:10 **Welcome & Introductions (C. Moffett)**

- **Action Item: Review & Approve July 2018 Minutes**
- **July minutes approved by consensus with no amendments.**

### 1:10-2:30 **Continuum of Care Business (IRT/C. Moffett)**

- **FY18 NOFA**
  - **IRT Priority Listing Recommendations**
    - **Action: Discuss and Approve Final Project Priority Listing**
      - ✓ The group reviewed and discussed 4 different rankings:
        1. Overall ranking by score of renewal projects only
        2. Overall ranking by score that includes consolidated and bonus projects
        3. Ranking of projects by policy- which places new projects below renewal projects
        4. Additional ranking strategy to include a smaller bonus project SSO-CE to place below bonus RRH project
      - ✓ **Motion to approve the additional ranking strategy by A. Teich. Second by D. Houke. Additional Ranking Strategy approved 7-0.**
    - **Action: Discuss and Identify MC volunteers for 2019 Appeals Committee**
      - ✓ Of eligible voting members, the following members volunteered: K. Weinberg, C. Moffett, J. Rudow.
      - ✓ **Motion to approve Appeals Committee volunteers by K. Ridings. Second by A. Teich. Appeals Committee approved by consensus.**

## 2:30-3:00 Community Business (Community Members)

- **City of Austin (V. Karman/L. Garcia/J. Rudow)**
  - V. Karman sent C. Soberon link to weekly iTeam updates to share with group. 3-year Bloomberg grant. iTeam have been operating a lived experience advisory council (paid members). Temporary grant means they will long be able to maintain that group long term. Currently looking into other ways/agencies to support this group. Group has rebranded to AHAC (Austin Homeless Advisory Committee).
  - RFQS for services and operation of the ARCH open until September 6<sup>th</sup>. Single point of contact through the COA purchasing office. Pre-offer meeting this Thursday at 10am.
  - HACA applied for 500 mainstream HUD vouchers. Feedback from partners that it has been a challenge for homeless preference applicants to pass the current screening criteria. HACA will present revised screening criteria for homeless preference for HCV to the board and then released for public comment (30 days) and then back to the board at the end of September.
    - *The Council agrees to draft formal feedback to submit during public comment.*
    - *Waitlist opening September 17-24<sup>th</sup> online. L. Garcia to share the website link with C. Soberon to distribute.*
  - COA NHCD Homelessness Mapping- received lots of feedback from various groups on public facing map. Moving forward with statistical noise to show trends without showing actual data points. Need for public face to streamline communications among City service providers.
  - City is committed to putting out data in different formats- open data, smart city initiative.
    - *J. Rudow will bring examples to next meeting.*
  - Funding opportunity available for Social Services for Persons Living with HIV.
- **TxDOT I35 Mobility (A. Howard)**
  - Meet next Thursday morning. Last meeting, Sen. Watson in talks with contracts working on the project
- **YHDP Update (S. McDowell)**
  - Bringing all three contracts (Diversion, RRH Plus, PORT) to agreement and on the ground by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Projects will be in renewal competition in FY19 CoC Competition
  - SAMHSA Conference- K. Manganella and E. Whelan attended for peer learning with Round Two YHDP communities.
- **Action Plan (A. Howard)**
  - Sen. Watson spoke on behalf of the Action Plan at the Summer meeting.
  - City Council considering the Action Plan with developing the budget.
  - Budget currently includes expanding the HOST team, camp cleanup, assistance at the libraries. No dollars allotted to housing yet.
  - Budget workshop this week. A. Richardson to send budget percentages to A. Howard.
  - AustinTexas.Gov has all budget materials, videos, and minutes available for review.
- **Travis County (C. Moffett)**
  - C. Moffett went on a ride along with the TC Constables office to visit encampments in Precincts 3 and 4. If commissioners court is interested in expanding that pilot, C. Moffett has an interest in tying homeless services to the TC pilot.

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**Next Meeting:** **September 10, 2018** 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.