



# Minutes

**Committee:** Membership Council

**Date:** 3/4/19

**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							
P	Dr. Virginia Brown	P	Esther Johnson	P	Kelly White	P	Steven James Potter
P	Christy Moffett	P	Greg McCormack	P	Kimberly Weinberg	A	Todd Marvin
P	Alex Zapata	A	Jennifer Stephenson	A	Laura Ward	A	Vella Karman
A	Ann Teich	P	Jessie Metcalf	P	Lisa Garcia	A	Yvonne Camarena
A	Catherina Conte	P	Josh Rudow	A	Lyric Wardlow		
P	Cecil Lockwood	P	Kathleen Casey	P	Peggy Davis Braun		
P	Erin Whelan	P	Kathleen Ridings	P	Steve Brothers		
Committee Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubit	P	Kali Gossett	P	Susan McDowell
P	Erin Whelan						
Advisors							
P	Awais Azhar	P	Bill Brice	A	Sarah Cook		
P	Adelita Winshester	A	Paul Caudero	P	Thomas Visco		
Other Attendees							
P	Blake Smith	P	Cacki Young				
ECHO Staff							
P	Ann Howard	P	Kate Moore	P	Sharyn Malatok	A	Andrea Brauer
P	Laura Evanoff	P	Tim Long	P	Melissa Wheeler	P	Preston Petty
A	Kaleigh Phelan	P	Axton Nichols	P	Whitney Bright		

AGENDA			DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<b>I. Welcome &amp; Nov Minutes</b>	Dr. Virginia Brown	1:00-1:10	Review and Approve February 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action item: Review and approve Feb 2019 minutes</li> </ul>	Approval of minutes with pending amendments.
<b>II. Membership Council Items</b>	Dr. Virginia Brown, Kate Moore	1:10-1:50	<b>Membership Council Timeline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor updates to calendar</li> <li>Potential for new changes to timeline once NOFA is released</li> </ul> <b>Filling Vacancy – Austin Recovery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Council voted to approve Catherina Conte from Austin Recovery to replace David Houke vacancy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catherina Conte from Austin Recovery approved by consensus to replace vacant seat formerly held by David Houke - Austin Recovery</li> </ul>



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	<p>Dylan Shubitz &amp; Chris Laguna</p> <p>Susan McDowell &amp; Preston Petty</p>	<p><b>Local Policy and Practice Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VAWA work group created model templates of Rental Agreements and Participant Agreements that can be adapted for use by individual programs to ensure compliance with federal regulations related to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ VAWA Housing Protections Workgroup requesting that Membership Council review documents and provide endorsement to promote forms as community best practice. Documents will be promoted in upcoming conferences and webinars.</li> <li>○ Not requesting any policy changes or program requirements.</li> <li>○ HUD is planning on releasing new tools and acknowledges that most communities are not in compliance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• L. Evanoff and E. Goodison will be presenting at the NLHP’s Housing Justice Network Conference on March 19th</li> <li>• L. Evanoff will be presenting at HUD/CSH Webinar on March 11 on implementing VAWA regulations at the community level</li> </ul> <p><b>YHDP Leadership Advisory Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 46 households have been housed through YHDP initiative</li> <li>• The goal is to house 75 households by the end of March or middle of April</li> <li>• 20 served with Diversion</li> <li>• HUD has stated that based on our current written standards YHDP RRH participants in one program are not eligible to transfer into a different RRH because participants are not “literally homeless” while enrolled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To abide by HUD regulations, our CE written standards must be amended to allow YHDP program to program transfers through local prioritization standards.</li> <li>○ Changes to CE written standards reviewed and approved by Membership Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MC approved Endorsement to promote forms as community best practices</li> <li>• Changes to include RRH to RRH transfers as a local prioritization in CE written standards approved by consensus</li> </ul>
<b>IV. Coalition Update</b>	Tim Long	<p>2:15 – 2:50</p> <p><b>Data Snapshot</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Needs and Gaps Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Analysis is based on data for approximately 3001 people seeking housing assistance</li> <li>○ Analysis identified the unmet need for housing services is approximately 3100 households</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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Melissa Wheeler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Analysis concludes that an additional \$30 million per year is needed to meet the current unmet need for housing services in our community.</li> <li>• Send requests for specific data needs to K. Moore</li> <li>• Disparities Data Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ African-Americans experience rates of homelessness much higher than any other group in the community</li> <li>○ Hispanic/Latinx individuals experience higher rates of poverty than other groups but their rate of homelessness is not as high</li> <li>○ African-Americans are scoring on the higher end of VI-SPDAT (higher vulnerability) at lower rates than other groups.</li> <li>○ Program Entries and Exits generally reflect the demographics of the homeless population. No disparities observed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Seeking volunteers for an advocacy task-group regarding Disparities work. Volunteers will be contacted by Sharyn Malatok.</li> </ul> <p><b>Point-In-Time Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparison between 2018 and 2019 PIT Count results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emergency Shelter decrease slightly</li> <li>○ Transitional Housing down slightly</li> <li>○ Safe Haven decrease slightly</li> <li>○ Unsheltered increase slightly</li> <li>○ No significant increase overall</li> <li>○ <b>Unsheltered youth homelessness down 53%</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Individuals were found further North and further South compared to previous PIT Counts</li> <li>• PIT work group currently working to fill in missing subpopulation data (due to incomplete forms or observation surveys)</li> </ul> <p><b>Advocacy Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 4<sup>th</sup> is Homelessness Awareness Day at the Capital, 9am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign up <a href="http://thn.org/policy">thn.org/policy</a></li> <li>○ 101 training to occur prior to April 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Travis County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be presenting Travis County Consolidated Plan in detail at a future meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthcare for the Homeless</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New clinic is open as of 3/4/19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHO staff to f/u with identified members to engage in task group.</li> </ul>

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	Chris Laguna		
<b>V. Current Topics</b>	Josh Rudow	2:50-3:00	<p><b>City of Austin – Blueprint Implementation Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City of Austin adopted the Implementation Plan, that indicates how NHCD will implement the blueprint and including how bond dollars will be allocated. In addition, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City Council will be voting on corridor goals of housing</li> <li>○ Seeking community input on anti-displacement policy ideas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>			<p><b>Next Meeting: April 1 2019</b> 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</p> <p><i>Bring lunch, network, and/or do homework from 12:15 – 1:00 at ECHO Training Room</i></p> <p><b>2019 Meetings (all meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00PM)</b>  January 7, 2019  February 4, 2019  March 4, 2019  <b>April 1, 2019</b>  May 6, 2019  June 3, 2019  July 1, 2019  August 5, 2019  September 2, 2019  October 7, 2019  November 4, 2019  December 2, 2019</p> <p><b>REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.</b></p>