



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 5/20/2020

Duration: 9:30 – 11:00

Meeting Place: Microsoft
Teams videoconference

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Local Policy & Practice Members							
P	Allison Shurr	A	Greg McCormack	A	Mamadou Balde	A	Donna Ware
A	Bailey Gray	A	Hannah Cweigenberg	P	Marilyn Hartman	A	Scott Merritt
P	Liz Baker	A	Jason Phillips	A	Rachel Hampton	A	Sylvia Garrett
A	Eric Kunish	A	Jenn Mishler	P	Rick Rivera	P	Akeshia Johnson-Smothers
P	Erin Goodison	A	Karen Dorrier	P	Ruth Ahearn	A	Lauren Katz
A	Vedia Sherman	A	Laura Enderle	A	Sarah Frazier	A	Megan Podowski
P	Kellee Coleman	A	Chris Larson	A	Dan Mosley	P	Marissa Latta
P	Quiana Fisher	P	Mikayla Stocks	A	Sam Verde	P	Shawna Arnesen
		P	Rhie Azzam Morris	A	Chris Meigs	A	Steven Potter
						A	Emily Seales
Co-Chairs							
P	Dylan Shubitz						
ECHO Staff							
P	Andrew Willard	P	Laura Evanoff	P	Axton Nichols	P	Allison Mabbs
P	Bree Williams	P	Niki Kozak	P	Preston Petty	P	Chris Davis
P	Claire Burrus	P	Chris Murray	P	Paloma Lefebre	P	Katie Rose
P	Mason Turpin						

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I.	Welcome & Introductions	D Shubitz	<p>Review and Approve January 2020 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved with no changes
II.	Membership Council Updates	D Shubitz	<p>Feb - May 2020 Meetings - Actions Taken at Membership Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions around changes to CoC governance structure on hold due to coronavirus outbreak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting firm Homebase was hired to assist with governance restructuring but work stopped when the pandemic began Homebase has been in contact with the consultants hired by the City of Austin

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Kitchen attended March MC meeting to discuss a measure she put forward directing the city manager’s office to explore ways to increase funding for permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Measure asked each council district to identify a PSH unit in each district to spread resources across the community. • Discussions around amending CoC scorecards have been put on hold • Equity Task Group requested feedback on their proposal to modify the Coordinated Entry assessment (VI-SPDAT) process to address concerns about racial inequities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC was generally supportive of efforts to promote racial equity ○ Prior to bringing the proposal for a vote, MC council requested the proposal be vetted by experts in the Fair Housing Act and HUD regulations <p>June Meeting Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC & ESG workgroup will likely put forward a termination policy for CoC and ESG programs to be approved by MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Termination policy is needed for ECHO to be in compliance as the coordinator of ESG funds made available through the CARES Act ○ Policy will be fairly general and is not expected to be significantly different than the termination policies individual programs already have in place 	
<p>III. Committee Co-Chair Discussion</p>	<p>D Shubitz</p>	<p>Nomination and Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former co-chair Chris Laguna is no longer working at Integral Care leaving an opening for co-chair of this committee • Nominations were requested previously via email and can also be made during this meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kellee Coleman from the City of Austin’s Equity Office was nominated by D. Shubitz, seconded by Q. Fisher • Committee voted and Kellee Coleman was recommended as new co-chair. MC Chair will review recommendation and appoint a co-chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kellee Coleman recommended as new co-chair of Local Policy and Practice Committee. • Dylan Shubitz informed MC chair of Committee recommendation.
<p>IV. City of Austin Updates</p>	<p>Michelle Myles</p>	<p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City is now in week 6 of their shelf-stable food distribution operation in coordination with the Central Texas Food Bank. Four more weeks of food distribution is currently planned • City continues to work with Revolution Food to distribute prepared meals Monday through Friday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City continues to look for partners to assist with meal distribution on the weekends ● New group formed to focus on access to hygiene including showers, handwashing stations, toilets, and trash pick up ● New group formed to help coordinate social services at the city ProLodge housing sites ● Downtown Austin Community Court has provided some funding to assist “low-risk” individuals at ProLodge sites to assist with moving into permanent housing. ● More information on the ongoing work of the City of Austin/APH around COVID-19 can be found in the meeting notes of the triweekly community update calls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.austinecho.org/covid19-service-providers/#call-notes <p>NHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a community stakeholder survey about how to utilize COVID-19 funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8JTWHJM ○ Responses due by Friday 5/22/20 	
<p>V. Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>P Petty</p> <p>PSH WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workgroup has returned to regular meeting schedule. Meetings conducted via videoconference ● Will continue working on standards and procedures <p>A Mabbs</p> <p>RRH WGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recent policy group meetings have been canceled due to ongoing pandemic. Expect meetings to resume soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referrals have continued even as meetings were canceled ● Staffing group continues to meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions around how case managers have been adapting to challenges caused by the pandemic <p>K Rose</p> <p>Outreach & Navigation WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recent meetings canceled to ensure COVID-19 response is well coordinated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street outreach group focusing specifically on COVID-19 have been meeting Wednesday as 2:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group has helped establish processes for screening individuals at risk or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

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<p>P Petty</p> <p>N Kozak</p> <p>A Willard</p> <p>Q Fisher</p> <p>A Nichols</p> <p>M Hartman</p>	<p>YHDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs continue to raise funds • Youths continue to be housed at a higher rate than this time last year <p>Care Connections Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic still offering medical services mostly via telehealth • Most support staff have been working on other pandemic-related responses <p>AHAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered feedback to city Federal Funding Implementation team on COVID-19 funding priorities <p>Equity WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted proposal to MC to address racial inequities of the current community prioritization system (Coordinated Entry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC council requested the proposal be vetted by experts in the Fair Housing Act and HUD regulations and resubmitted <p>PIT Count</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 PIT Count results released on Tuesday, 5/19/20 • Results can be viewed on ECHO’s website https://www.austinecho.org/leading-system-change/data-and-reports/#pit-count-results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall there was an 11% increase in the homeless population ○ Sheltered homelessness decreased due to reduced shelter capacity ○ Unsheltered homelessness increased ○ Per capita rate of homelessness has held relatively steady over the past few years ○ Increased volunteer participation likely contributed to increased number of people identified during the count <p>Texas Health and Human Services Housing Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking input on the housing needs of people with mental health conditions, substance use histories and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. HHSC is seeking input from people in this target population, their families/caregivers, providers, service agencies and organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey available here: https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5381252/Housing-Survey-2020 	

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	○ Responses due by June 15 th	
Adjournment	• Next Meeting: June 17, 2020 9:00AM – 11:00AM; Location TBD (likely via videoconference)	