



# Minutes

**Committee:** Membership Council

**Date:** 02/01/2021

**Duration:** 1:00 – 3:00

**Meeting Place:** VIRTUAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

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Meeting ID: 865 3287 0646

**Presiding:**

**Attendance:**

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Membership Council Members							
P	Dr. Virginia Brown	A	Esther Johnson	P	Laura Ward	P	Summer Wright
P	Christy Moffett	P	Greg McCormack	P	Lisa Garcia	P	Vella Karman
P	Andrew Miller	A	Gretchen Nelson	A	Lyric Wardlow	P	Yvonne Camarena
P	Ann Teich	P	Jessie Metcalf	P	Lynn Meredith		
A	Catherina Conte	P	Kathleen Casey	A	Ryan Adam		
P	Dawn Perkins	P	Kathleen Ridings	A	Steve Brothers		
A	Donna Ware	P	Julia Spann	A	Steven James Potter		
Committee Chairs							
P	Dylan Shubitz	P	Kali Holyfield	P	Susan McDowell		
P	Erin Whelan	P	Kellee Coleman	A	Karen Dorrier		
Advisors							
P	Awais Azhar	A	Bill Brice	A	Irit Umani	A	Sarah Cook
P	Adelita Winchester	A	Cossy Hough	A	Paul Caudero	A	Thomas Visco
P	Cacki Young	A	John Waller (COA)	A	Quiana Fisher	P	Patrick Wigmore
A	Akeshia Johnson-Smothers	A	Lara Foss	A	Ruth Ahearn	P	Alissa Weber
P	Ashley Richardson	A	Phil Session	A	Sam Verde	A	Diana Grey
A	Kelly White	A	Peggy Davis Braun	A	Alberta Phillips	A	David Gomez
A	Jason Phillips	P	Neil Hackett	P	Rhie Morris		
ECHO (CoC Lead)							
P	Matt Mollica	P	Chris Murray	P	Laura Evanoff	P	Sarah Duzinski
P	Akram Al-Turk	A	Claire Burrus	A	Mason Turpin	P	Whitney Bright
P	Andrew Willard	P	Eri Gregory	A	Norman Harris	A	Kaylin Rubin
P	Chris Davis	P	Kate Moore	P	Preston Petty	A	Bree Williams
P	Nicolina Kozak	P	Teri Yates				

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I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes	V. Brown	1:00 – 1:05	<b>Review and Approve December 2020 Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> </ul>	
II. Membership Council Business	V. Brown  S. Wright   C. Davis	1:05 – 1:15	<b>Membership Council Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Action Item:</b> Review and approve January 2021 minutes.</li> </ul> <b>Legislative Advocacy Opportunities/Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Austin City Council Resolution Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Item 49</b> (Resolution directing the City Manager to develop and implement <a href="#">the Housing-Focused Homeless Encampment Assistance Link (HEAL) initiative</a> to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and services in certain identified areas) to be discussed Feb 4<sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern that this is a “diet camping ban” that further criminalizes homelessness</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Parks Expansion:</b> Police funds are being diverted to fund the Parks Department, but concerns remain that park rangers will be trained as “homeless cops”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Communications Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">How to House Campaign</a> (landlord engagement) officially launched last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MC members are encouraged to share this info far and wide</li> </ul> </li> <li>New blog posts on ECHO website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">How to House: ECHO, Austin Justice Coalition launch new housing campaign</a></li> <li><a href="#">What a Biden Administration means for homelessness in Austin</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Action:</b> ECHO will send a follow up email with where to find more detailed information about the resolution items.  <b>Action:</b> ECHO to provide a template that partner agencies can use for advocacy efforts for the proposed City Council resolutions.
III. Homebase Governance Updates	P. Wigmore / A. Weber	1:15 – 2:55	<b>Homebase Governance Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick Wigmore &amp; Alissa Weber (Homebase) conducted PowerPoint presentation on the Homebase Proposed Recommendations (Discuss/Review Attached Documents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Action Items and Overview of Recommendations</a></li> <li><a href="#">Stakeholder Comments on Governance Recommendations</a></li> <li><a href="#">Updated Austin/Travis County CoC Governance Recommendations</a></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Action Items:</b> Details outlined in the attachment above</li> </ul>	<b>Decision:</b> Recommendations #1 & #2 approved by consensus as proposed.  <b>Actions:</b> Membership Council voting members will nominate (or self-nominate) candidates for the TBD positions to serve on the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ #1 Approve by consensus the initial Homebase recommendations as the overall vision and to guide ongoing work needed to formalize and operationalize changes to the Austin/Travis County CoC governance structure</li> <li>○ #2 Approve by consensus the creation of an ad hoc Governance Restructuring Workgroup and empower the workgroup with authority to operationalize recommendations</li> <li>○ #3 Approve by consensus the slate of members for the ad hoc Governance Restructuring Workgroup (GRW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommend no more than 7 members with representatives from at least each of the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Austin Homeless Strategy Officer</li> <li>• Person with Lived Expertise of Homelessness (AHAC)</li> <li>• Current Membership Council member (TBD)</li> <li>• Homeless Service Provider (TBD)</li> <li>• ECHO</li> <li>• Optional Additional Seat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (*NOTE: Revised later in the meeting to “Equity Task Group” per consensus- see feedback section below)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Optional Additional Seat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (*NOTE: Revised later in the meeting to “Lived Expertise of Homelessness (AYC)” per consensus-see feedback section below)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback: Questions, Comments, Suggestions etc.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion by Summer Wright: Include two Lived Expertise seats on the ad hoc GRW, one under the “Optional Additional Seat”, to fulfill the mandate of having a quarter of group as persons w/ lived expertise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AC members expressed unanimous support for this suggestion and subsequently <i>approved by consensus</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestion by Rhie Morris: Include representative from Equity Task Group or Equity Demo Project Core Group on the ad hoc GRW, under the “Optional Additional Seat” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AC members expressed unanimous support for this suggestion and subsequently <i>approved by consensus</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestion by Susan McDowell: Recruitment and ongoing training will be critical for the new board members.</li> <li>• Suggestion by Summer Wright: Submit internal nominations within each category of representatives to ensure each candidate is truly</li> </ul>	<p><b>Governance Restructure Workgroup (GRW) via email (Wednesday, 02/03/21, by 5 pm).</b> Online survey form will be sent to the five slate groups (City of Austin, ECHO, AHAC, AYC, Equity Task Group) to solicit internal nominations (Wednesday, 02/03/21, by 5 pm). Once these nominations have been compiled, ECHO will create and distribute an online survey for Membership Council to make a final selection of the GRW slate by vote (Monday, 02/08/21, by 12 pm). Candidates with the highest number of votes will be automatically approved as GRW members following the voting deadline.</p> <p>ECHO will announce the results via email by EOB 02/08/21.</p>

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			<p>appropriate/representative of that specific category, instead of having an open nomination process that is open to all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AC members expressed unanimous support for this suggestion and subsequently <i>approved by consensus</i></li> <li>• Request by Lara Ward: To communicate the timeline of the workgroup in accomplishing responsibilities for governance restructure.</li> </ul>	
<b>IV. Continuum of Care &amp; HMIS Lead Agency</b>	N/A	N/A	<p><b>Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul>	
<b>V. Committee Updates</b>	D. Shubitz / K. Coleman  E. Whelan / K. Holyfield	N/A	<p><b>CoC &amp; ESG Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Policy &amp; Practice Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul>	
<b>VI. Board / Committee / Coalition Updates</b>	N/A  N/A  N/A  N/A	N/A	<p><b>ECHO Board Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul> <p><b>Austin Youth Collective Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Leadership Advisory Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equity Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul> <p><b>How to House Campaign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates; meeting concluded after Item III.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>			<p><b>PARKING LOT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps on updated scorecards.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Meeting: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 1:00PM – 3:00PM</b></p>	