



HRS Leadership Council's Public Meeting Minutes

Duration:	TIME: 12 pm - 2 pm	Date: 7/6/2026
		Meeting Place: VIRTUAL MEETINGS Meeting ID: ZOOM INFO

P = Present
A = Absent

Leadership Council Members							
P	Atma Meek	P	Linda Jackson	P	Monique Coleman		
P	Coni Stogner	P	Candace McGary				
P	Linda Zamora	P	Sheila Joseph	P	Ashley Jones		
P	Dylan Shubitz			P	Tim Mercer		
P	Jacob Emerson	P	David Gray	P	Barbara Ornelas		
Committee Chairs							
Guest Attendees							
	Guest Attendance is Recorded						
P		P		P			
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ECHO Staff Presenting (Collaborative Applicant)							
P	Shan Robertson	P	Perla Carranza	P	Anthony Curtis	A	Alayna Nomula
P	Helen Eisert	P	Joseph Montano	P	Amir Erfanian	A	Jason Phillips
P	Kate Moore	A	Dominique Peevy	P	Kyle Walker	A	Whitney Bright
A	Kawther Alrubaye	P	Sharon Kao	A	Bill Wallace		
P	Megan Biscamp	A	Angel Romero	P	Tania Hughes		

AGENDA	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Welcome	Shan Robertson	Welcome and Agenda Overview The meeting was called to order. Shan opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to Leadership Council members and attendees. Overview of the agenda items for June 1, 2026, Public Meeting.	N/A
Quick Business	Shan	Review of Shared Values & Group Agreements The Leadership Council (LC) reviewed the established Shared Values and Group Agreements to reaffirm commitments to respectful engagement, transparency, and collaborative decision-making. Candace reminded us of the efforts of support and struggling together in this work. Acknowledgements and appreciation were extended to LC members that rolled off and were slated to roll off LC July 2026. (Amanda Jasso, Dr. Larry Wallace, Ebonie Oliver and Liz Baker) Action Taken The Leadership Council approved the June 1, 2026, Public Meeting Minutes as presented.	Approval of 6/1/2026 Public Meeting Minutes with no edits - Approved by all LC members present.
PHC, Housing Protections Workgroup	Claudia/Pamela	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) System Improvement Recommendations Presenters: Claudia Thompson and Pamela Bryant, Housing Protections Workgroup	

		Presenters: Claudia Thompson and Pamela Bryant, Housing Protections Workgroup Claudia Thompson and Pamela Bryant presented the Housing Protections Workgroup’s Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) system improvement recommendations. The objective of the recommendations is to enhance the local CoC’s responsiveness, training, and systems to better protect and serve survivors. The presentation highlighted four core areas of focus: • Training and Accountability – Strengthening VAWA knowledge, implementation, and accountability across the Homelessness Response System. • System Navigation – Improving how survivors navigate and access services and resources within the system. • VAWA Emergency Transfers – Strengthening processes and practices related to emergency transfer protections for survivors. • Community and Landlord Engagement – Increasing awareness and engagement among community partners and landlords to support effective implementation of VAWA protections. Leadership Council members discussed the recommendations and had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Action: The Leadership Council approved the VAWA system improvement recommendations.	
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PMC, Point in Time (PIT) Count Date	Shan	PIT Count Methodology – Community Awareness The Leadership Council considered the Performance Monitoring Committee’s recommendation for the 2027 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count date. The Performance Monitoring Committee recommended January 23, 2027, as the date for the 2027 PIT Count. Leadership Council members reviewed and discussed the recommendation. Action: The Leadership Council approved January 23, 2027, as the official date for the 2027 Point-in-Time Count.	
FY 2026 Continuum of Care NOFO Update	Helen	Presenter: Helen Eisert Helen Eisert provided an overview of current U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding opportunities and the evolving federal funding landscape. Helen shared that there were four HUD funding opportunities currently open with deadlines occurring during the summer. The	No Action

		presentation focused on the timing and relationship of the following funding opportunities: • Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) • Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) • Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) • CoC Builds Helen also presented a historical timeline spanning 1987, 2009, 2010–2024, and 2025 to present to provide context for how federal homelessness policy and funding priorities have evolved over time. The presentation highlighted shifts in federal priorities. Helen contrasted priorities reflected in the FY 2024 CoC NOFO, including Housing First, addressing unsheltered homelessness, equity, low-barrier access, and permanent housing, with priorities emerging in the 2026 federal funding environment, including: • Self-sufficiency • Treatment and recovery • Transitional housing • Competitive renewals • Geographic shifts in funding The Leadership Council received the update and had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the implications of the changing federal funding landscape for the local CoC.	
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HACA EHV Update	Dylan	Emergency Housing Voucher Program Update Presenter: Dylan Shubitz, Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Dylan Shubitz provided an update on the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program and ongoing efforts to transition participants to other available funding sources. Dylan shared that the focus of the transition is to maintain continuity of services for participants, particularly those with the highest service needs. As individuals transition to different rental assistance resources, efforts are being made, where possible, to avoid unnecessary changes to their existing service providers and supports. At the time of the update, 47 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) clients remained on the EHV Program. Leadership Council members received the update and had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the ongoing transition.	No Action
HSO Updates	David	Homeless Strategy Office Updates Presenter: David Gray, Homeless Strategy Office (HSO) David Gray provided updates from the Homeless Strategy Office (HSO) on several current initiatives and developments. South Austin Housing Navigation Center David reported that the evaluation panel identified Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center as the highest-scoring applicant and tentative awardee to operate the City facility. The proposed award will be brought before Austin City Council for approval. If approved, the City will enter into contract negotiations with Sunrise to operate the South Austin Housing Navigation Center.	No Action

		At the time of the meeting, there were no additional updates regarding construction or build-out of the facility. Homeless Encampment Management Effort David provided an update on the City's Homeless Encampment Management effort, which began in May. HSO published its first operational report to City Council and the public as part of its commitment to transparency regarding the work and its impact across the community. David reported that City staff had: • Visited 456 encampment sites, representing 127 unique locations. Some locations received repeat visits as part of efforts to prevent the re-establishment of large encampments. • Removed debris from encampment locations. • Offered individuals encountered at the sites connections to shelter and other supportive services. • Connected 35 individuals to shelter. • Issued five Class C misdemeanor citations for camping in public areas. These citations are referred to the Downtown Austin Community Court, where they are often resolved. • Made no arrests as part of these efforts. State Legislative Efforts David also discussed recent state legislative efforts and shared that HSO had the opportunity to testify regarding the need for expanded mental health services. HSO was joined by representatives from communities across Texas, ranging from smaller cities such as Georgetown to larger cities including Dallas and Houston. David described a shared message that arrest alone is not a pathway out of homelessness and emphasized the need to expand access to healthcare, particularly mental health services, for individuals experiencing homelessness. David shared that HSO felt these concerns were heard during the legislative discussions. Marshalling Yard and Future Shelter Planning	
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		David provided an update regarding the Marshalling Yard , noting that it currently serves as the City's largest shelter but was established as a temporary shelter location. He explained that the facility was always intended to be temporary and will eventually need to close so the property can be returned to its intended use associated with the Austin Convention Center. Leadership Council members received the HSO updates and had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the information presented.	
Public Comment		Public Comments • With no further business before the Leadership Council, the meeting was adjourned.	
Next Public Meeting: Monday July 6, 2026 12pm-2pm			

Actions taken by Leadership Council during the meeting on 7/6/2026 Public Meeting	
1) Approval of the 6/1/2026 Public Meeting Minutes	

Approved: October 5, 2026