HRS Leadership Council's Public Meeting Minutes

Duration:	TIME: 12 pm - 2 pm	**Date: 10/5/2026**
		Meeting Place: VIRTUAL MEETINGS Meeting ID: ZOOM INFO

P = Present
A = Absent

Leadership Council Members							
P	Atma Meek	P	Linda Jackson	A	Monique Coleman		
P	Coni Stogner	P	Candace McGary	P	Ashley Jones		
P	Linda Zamora	P	David Gray	P	Tim Mercer		
P	Dylan Shubitz	P	Jesus Simental	P	Barbara Ornelas		
P	Jacob Emerson	P	Ashley Jones	P			
Committee Chairs							
Guest Attendees							
	Guest Attendance is Recorded						
P		P		P			
P		P					
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 Oct 5, 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. **Action Taken** The Leadership Council approved the July 6, 2026, Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **Leadership Council Seat and Recruitment Announcement** **Non-HUD Funded Provider Seat** An update was provided regarding the vacant Non-HUD Funded Provider seat and ongoing recruitment efforts to identify eligible candidates who can contribute to the representation of service providers within the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care. **Healthcare/Disability Services Seat** An update was provided regarding recruitment for the Healthcare/Disability Services seat, with continued emphasis on strengthening representation from organizations serving individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Application link on ECHO website.	**Approval of 7/6/2026 Public Meeting Minutes with no edits - Approved by all LC members present.**

Permanent Supportive Housing	Stehpanie Lowe	Stephanie Lowe provided an update on the development of the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Written Standards. She explained that completion of the document had been delayed due to workgroup members capacity constraints. Despite the delay, the workgroup continues to move forward with revisions and plans to reconvene to review and finalize the document. A draft of the PSH Written Standards was made available for review ahead of the meeting. **Action: Informational update only. No vote was required.**	
NOFO	Helen Eisert	**FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update** Helen Eisert provided an update regarding the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The update addressed the status of the NOFO process and relevant developments affecting the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care. No action was requested.	
Housing Connector	Alesandra Dominguez	Alesandra Dominguez provided an overview of Housing Connector's work to expand housing access by partnering with property owners and community service providers to reduce common rental application barriers and support housing stability. The presentation highlighted Housing Connector's flexible screening criteria, including acceptance of applicants regardless of credit score, waived rental history requirements, past housing-related debt under	

		$3,000, up to two evictions within the previous three years, verifiable income of at least twice the monthly rent, and individualized consideration of criminal history using a five-year lookback period. Alesandra also shared the following Austin market outcomes reported by Housing Connector: • **153 households housed** through Housing Connector. • **115 property partners** participating in the initiative. • **33 community providers** engaged. • **138 households** remaining housed after 17 months. The presentation also outlined Housing Connector's proactive resident support model, which focuses on identifying and resolving housing stability concerns before they escalate to eviction. Property partners receive monthly check-ins to flag financial or situational concerns. Housing Connector staff then coordinate appropriate interventions, including rental assistance, payment plans, mediation, damage mitigation, or relocation support, while engaging the resident's case manager. Updates and resolutions are communicated back to property partners, with support available throughout the household's two-year enrollment period. The presentation emphasized Housing Connector's role in reducing barriers to housing access, strengthening landlord partnerships, and supporting long-term housing stability within the local Homelessness Response System. **Action:** Informational presentation. No action was requested.	

Public Comment		**Public Comments** • The meeting included an opportunity for public comment.	
Next Public Meeting: Monday Nov 2, 2026 **12pm-2pm**			

Actions taken by Leadership Council during the meeting on 10/5/2026 Public Meeting
1) Approval of the 7/6/2026 Public Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved on November 2, 2026