



Local Policy & Practice Committee

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ECHO Training Room

300 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Suite 200

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Attendees

Stephanie Green (Caritas), Sandra Chavez (ASA), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Andrew Willard (FFH), Erin Goodison (SAFE), Brooke White (LW), Liz Schoenfeld (LW), Ruth Ahearn (IC), Karen Dorrier (IC), Dan Mosely (HACA), Erin Kunish (NAMI), Haggai Eshed (Front Steps), Allison Shurr (St. Louise House), Erin Clever (VA), Josh Rudow (COA-NHCD), Natasha Ponczek-Shoemake (COE-APH), Laura Evanoff, Bree Williams, Preston Petty, Casey Soberon (ECHO)

Minutes

9:00-9:10AM

Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)

- *Action Item: Approve May Minutes*
- *May Minutes approved by consensus with no amendments.*

9:10-9:25AM

Strengths Based Model Overview (B. White)

- Overview of Housing Plan developed by Outreach and Navigation Team
- Will be training the trained assessors in the community July 24th to determine the best way to use these tools
- B. White is willing to provide TA to programs using this model
- S. Chavez looking for support for CMgrs in the implementation of the housing plans
- LW serves homeless, young parents, and system involved youth. The model has been used with the adult population and LW has found a way to translate that to youth services.
- Model looks for strengths in a person's life that will help them translate that strength across all domains the assessment tool. The assessment does not unpack any trauma or challenges- the focus is on things that are going well for the individual.
- How long does initial assessment take? If assessing a family, how many assessments would be done?
 - An assessment can span days/meetings and seeing where the conversation goes. Who does the assessment and how many, is up to the individuals. A kids' assessment is also available for young parents.
- Strengths based assessment will be incredibly valuable in the YHDP in measuring social/emotional well-being and permanent connections.

9:25-9:30AM

FY18 NOFA Updates (C. Soberon)

- NOFA has not yet been released.
- IRT in the process of reviewing renewal applications.

9:30-9:40AM

Membership Council Updates (Co-Chairs/C. Soberon)

- June Actions Taken
 - Confirmed NOFA rank & review process
 - Approved VAWA P&P and Emergency Transfer Plan

- July Voting Items
 - Agenda not yet finalized, but will approve NOFA appeals process

9:40-10:00AM

Workgroup Updates (WG Chairs)

- **PSH (H. Eshed):** Housing Retention discussion next week.
- Pay for Success summary one pager provided. 24 unit pilot (CM by Caritas) to prepare for rollout next year. Target chronic homelessness and extremely high utilizers of healthcare system and juvenile justice system. RFP process will take place before rollout.
- **RRH (CM- A. Willard, Policy-L. Evanoff, T. Davis, M. Podowski):**
 - CMgmt: Last meeting about outreach capacity to bring to policy group to troubleshoot. 33 people housed last month. Up 50% from the previous 3 months. ASA and others added to that group.
 - Policy: B. Williams discussed housing plan and P. Petty has been working on voucher preference. Working on building out system map and identifying strengths and details of those programs to refine COC Written Standards. NO updates on BSS+ pilot.
- **Outreach & Navigation (K. Dorrier/A. Price):** Discussions around self-resolution and diversion, defining diversion, and identifying diversion resources. Need to develop standardized process to include discharge from institutions, and standardized HMIS tracking. Next meeting to get a picture of how programs are actually conducting outreach on the ground- what does it look like in practice. Pop up tomorrow 6/21 from 9-1 at Palm Park to include HIV/Hep C testing, clinic, Coordinated Assessment, MAP cards, SP Cards, Mental Health Service enrollment, etc. SP card and APD card can help you get SS card and TX State ID respectively, voter registration to provide VR card to help the process of getting Birth Certificate. Notary required for Texas Residency Affidavit.
- **Inquiry as to what is happening on a system/policy level in regard to discharge policies of institutions. There is work happening at a system level and on the ground, but an update will need to be provided on specifics. Lots of work happening with PFS and YHDP.**
- **Income/Employment (S. Verde P. Petty):** Officially kicked off income and employment pilot. All housing providers have been trained on how to pre-screen for soar and are aware of income resources. Pilot will last for 30-60 days.

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Healthy Communities Collaborative (R. Ahearn)

- Community Trainings on motivational interviewing. Looking for ways to identify staff to bring back learnings and techniques to their teams.
- Working with mobile intake teams.
- Would like to open up recovery coaching to the broader community.
- Oak Springs Update: Determining budgeting and staffing to prepare for April open.

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City of Austin Updates (COA Reps)

- **Austin Public Health (T. Ponczek)**
 - ARCH RFQS will be coming out in next two weeks.
 - Released RFA for RRH and recommendations are going to Council for approval: LW (Youth), Casa Marianella (Brand new programming for immigrants), Family Eldercare (55 and older), to get started on July 1st. \$400K for three agencies.
 - Encampment strategy meetings to address camping outside the ARCH and victimization of women in the area. COA would like additional partners at the

table- this is crucial to the health and safety of persons on the street as well as the staff at the ARCH. Please also show your support of Shelter Staff by stopping by and saying thank you.

- **NHCD (J. Rudow)**
 - Various stakeholders convened to give presentation to City Manager on the NHCD action plan. Budget proposals and need for single homelessness staffer. Homelessness mapping not being shared with additional entities at this time. If shared with the public, would only show resources and trends and not have specific location identifiers to ensure it is used only for policy recommendations. J. Rudow to provide documentation on who currently has access.
- iTeam (~~T. Cook~~ L. Evanoff): M. Salazar presented Action Plan to Advisory Group for feedback. The group is passionate about providing their expertise to any group need feedback from persons with lived experience. They are also working on a Zine about coping skills.

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Other Community Updates & Discussions (Open)

- Veterans Initiative (T. Davis): Employment push- Goodwill employment program attending meetings for streamlined connections. SSVF program managers opening up conversations about racial equity in our Veterans programs to see how they are comparing to national data and how to address possible disparities.
- YHDP (C. Soberon): Projects are moving into grant agreement phase. Austin participating in SAMHSA round 2 peer learning conference.
- Point In Time Count (C. Soberon): Reviewed and updated Team Lead description and requirements. Next month reviewing sections and shifts for any changes to 2019 section map.
- HACA Update: Submitted application for Mainstream voucher Program, should hear back in August on whether they received anywhere from 25-500 vouchers. About to start pulling again from the waitlist- help your clients update contact information and mailing address and check their status on waitlist. The Section 8 Waitlist is about to open in September to add another 2,000 or so lottery selected applicants. Apply between September 18th and 25th.
- Driver's License Recovery Clinic on Friday to get warrants and tickets taken care of- 3-6PM on Rutherford Lane.

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Next Steps

Next Meeting: July 18, 2018 9:00AM-11:00AM; ECHO Offices 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.