



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 4/17/19

Duration: 9:00 – 11:00

Meeting Place: ECHO 300
E. Highland Mall Blvd

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

Local Policy & Practice Members						
P	Allison Shurr		Greg McCormack	P	Mamadou Balde	Stephanie Green
	Angie Sommers		Hannah Cweigenberg	P	Marilyn Hartman	Scott Merritt
P	August Weems		Jason Phillips	P	Natasha P Shoemaker	Sylvia Garrett
P	Bailey Gray	P	Jenn Mishler		Rachel Hampton	Taryn Davis
	Carson Barwinkel	P	Josh Rudrow	P	Rick Rivera	P Lauren Katz
P	Eric Kunish	P	Karen Dorrier	P	Ruth Ahearn	P Megan Podowski
P	Erin Goodison	P	Laura Enderle		Sarah Frazier	
Co-Chairs						
	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubitz			
ECHO Staff						
	Kate Moore	P	Laura Evanoff		Tim Long	P Allison Mabbs
	Sharyn Malatok		Dylan Juza	P	Preston Petty	P Axton Nichols

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I. Welcome & Introductions		<p>Review and Approve March 2019 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March minutes approved pending the following revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarification: 50% of the money allocated by the Local Policy and Practice Committee went to PSH ○ Clarification: All numbers regarding households served are estimates and are used for planning purposes only. ○ Funding priorities: “the proportion was that 21.3% went to RRH.” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved with pending revisions
II. Membership Council Updates	Co-Chairs	<p>April Actions Taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member approved at Membership Council in order to fill vacant seat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CDR Jason Bryant replaced CDR Jennifer Stephenson (who stepped down due to recent promotion). • Membership Council approved updates to NOFA related polices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consolidated multiple policy documents ○ CoC-funding policy priorities was approved in order to prepare for upcoming competition. ECHO is developing a survey that will be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Shubitz to email funding priorities document to Committee members.

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	<p>distributed to Membership Council to collect more feedback on funding priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction in the size of Independent Review Team (IRT) and added standing seat representation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 member will be recruited from AHAC (lived experience) ▪ 1 member will be recruited from St. David’s Foundation or other foundation. • May Voting Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC seeking additional community feedback on funding priorities beyond just the CoC-funding competition ○ Approve FY19 IRT membership slate 	
<p>III. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion</p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Enderle is still in planning phase and needing additional time to collect more information about City of Austin’s historical context around board and care standards. • There is a City Resolution to develop an incentive program that encourages boarding homes to become credentialed by the City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City workgroup is seeking representatives with experience living in boarding homes to come speak about their concerns ○ Meeting of stakeholders (board and care operators, social service providers) is planned, not yet scheduled • Request for additional analysis on the current condition of board and care facilities in town before committing to any changes or reporting to Membership Council • Work continues on gathering the information needed to create useful policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A survey was created by UT for board and care residents about their experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UT gave committee permission to modify and administer the survey ▪ Suggestion for program case managers to administer some version of a survey to their clients living at board and care facilities ○ Suggestion for program staff to survey their clients that leave board and care facilities to better understand what issues might have contributed to the clients exiting housing type. ○ Austin Tenants Council may have records of client complaints/issues with board and care facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>TBD on who will contact ATC</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August Weems to email overview of research complete on Board and Care standards • P. Petty will contact Family Eldercare for the results of their internal board and care facility survey to present during May meeting. • D. Shubitz will contact UT School of Social work to request research assistance on board and care facilities. • Identify committee member to reach out to ATC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Eldercare previously conducted an internal survey about board and care facilities including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of beds ▪ Number of open beds ▪ Services offered at the facility offers (e.g., meals) ▪ <i>P. Petty will reach out to FEC to try to get this survey information</i> ● Ongoing concerns that implementing strict board and care standards could lead to a reduction of available housing as facilities close or move away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to implement a set of minimum standards for Board and Care facilities to choose to follow ○ Programs would agree to only house and/or pay for board and care housing that has successfully implemented minimum standards ● Committee agreed that there is a need to identify a program or agency who will take the lead on researching existing issues at board and care facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Shubitz will reach out to UT School of Social work to see if someone there is willing to take on this project</i> 	
<p>IV. Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>P. Petty</p> <p>PSH WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Examining PSH to PSH transfer policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Difficult to have one transfer policy when programs have different exit policies ○ Plan to survey program exit policies to help develop common standards <p>A. Mabbs</p> <p>RRH CM and Policy WGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently working on Rapid Rehousing written standards for RRH referrals ● WF has been sharing tips on outreach strategies ● Expecting RRH referrals to pick up soon <p>Outreach & Navigation WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No WG meeting in April ● Two sub-workgroups are meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource sub workgroups ○ Advocacy sub workgroup <p>Income/Employment WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workgroup is currently on hiatus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to D. Shubitz or P. Petty if interested in working on this workgroup <p>VAWA Housing Protections WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting 5/13/19 at 1pm at ECHO • Drafted External Emergency Transfer procedures • Working on infrastructure to facilitate transfers through an online portal with de-identified data 	
<p>V. Health Communities Collaborative</p>	<p>E. Goodison</p> <p>R. Ahearn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Terrace at Oak Springs scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2019 and open in late June. • Last community tour will be May 9th at 5:00pm instead of 4:00pm. • Integral Care has hired 2 additional staff on the PATH Team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<p>VI. City of Austin Updates</p>	<p>COA Reps</p> <p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim City Homeless Strategy Officer is Veronica Briseno <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City is conducting a national search for permanent officer • Ongoing discussion on camp cleanups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying and prioritizing encampments in areas that are especially hazardous to inhabitants • ARCH re-design contract began April 1st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently working with Front Steps, NAEH, and ECHO ○ Trying to accurately gauge how changes will affect the population utilizing those services ○ Front Steps instituted new \$15/hr minimum wage ○ Renovations inside the building expected to close the ARCH sometime in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with downtown providers to coordinate around this closure ○ Contact N. Shoemaker if you're interested in Downtown Strategies meetings <p>NHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidated Plan draft released recently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30-day public comment period ends May 17th ○ Public hearings May 9th at City Hall and May 14th at Community Development Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Info on submitting public comments and community meetings at http://www.austintexas.gov/five • "Affordability Unlocked" proposal passed recently by City Council to encourage development of affordable housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact N. Shoemaker if interested in participating in Downtown Strategies meetings.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relaxes some existing guidelines (building height, parking, etc.) ● Blueprint Goal metrics will be released soon to track progress on developing PSH/CoC units ● Developers will need to have active MOU's with ECHO in order to access funding for PSH/CoC units 	
VII. Other Community Updates & Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Veterans Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing move-ins were low last month due to programs caseloads being full ○ IC Oak Springs development will have 25 units dedicated to Veterans when it opens June 2019 ● YHDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ System only needs to house 10 more households to meet the yearly housing goal ○ PORT (TH-RRH) program is experiencing challenges with filling beds in the transitional housing facility. ○ Diversion services have been slow due to coordination challenges with juvenile justice system ○ Delegation from a federal congressional committee will be visiting Austin next week to examine the work being done around YHDP ● Care Connections Clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECHO SOAR outreach set up at the clinic ○ IC is working on finalizing an MOU with the clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expects to have PATH based out of clinic ● AHAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting April 29th to select IRT representative ○ New By-Laws adopted due to DACC leading group. COA will provide ongoing funding (payment for participation, incentives, and staffing) to sustain AHAC. ○ Providing training opportunities focused on advocacy with next meeting being at City Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Meeting: May 15, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd 	