



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 5/15/19

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

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I. Welcome & Introductions		Review and Approve April 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April minutes approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Minutes Approved
II. Membership Council Updates	Co-Chairs	May 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved new members to fill voting positions that were vacant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gretchen Nelson approved to replace Tod Marvin as voting member Donna Ware approved to replace Cecil Lockwood as voting member Local Funding Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECHO presented survey responses collected from Membership Council and responses from various ECHO committees and workgroups. ECHO requested decision be made on funding priorities for upcoming NOFA requirements but that the conversation continue for a deeper dive into community needs and a more comprehensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<p>funding priority strategy. Suggestion to create a task group to lead and continue the funding priority discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved Funding Priorities for New/Bonus CoC Projects during the FY19 CoC NOFA Competition. CM agreed that all new/bonus projects must focus on at least one of the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intervention types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSH • TH/RRH • RRH ▪ Support current initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Youth Homelessness by 2020 • Pay for Success – Ending Chronic Homelessness ▪ Sub-populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Person with behavioral health needs • Elderly • Medically fragile • Youth • Chronically homeless ● Approved the 6-member slate for the FY19 COC NOFA Competition’s Independent Review Team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IRT Chair - City of Austin - Josh Rudow, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department ○ Travis County - Cathy McClaugherty ○ United Way of Greater Austin – Kay Garza ○ St. David’s Foundation – Kim McPherson ○ Membership Council Representative – Awais Azhar ○ AHAC – Community Advocate - Donna Ware ● Decision was made for ECHO to draft comments on the Consolidated Plan and MC to vote electronically to approve document to be sent on behalf of Membership Council ● New Disparities Task Group will begin meeting in June. Contact Sharyn Malatok if interested in working on this group <p>June Voting Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June agenda items have not been scheduled. 	
<p>III. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion</p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P Petty contacted Family Eldercare and received a summary of their survey of Board and Care Homes (B&C Homes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey described services provided by some B&C Homes but did not go into detail on the quality of homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D Shubitz to provide update on next steps with partnering with UT Social Work

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are over 1,000 B&C Home beds in Austin with around 90 beds currently open ● D Shubitz contacted UT School of Social Work about their B&C Home survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UT School of Social Work interested in working with the committee going forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D Shubitz has phone call planned to discuss next steps ○ UT School of Social Work provided committee with a copy of their survey and gave permission for the committee to implement it ● D Shubitz contacted Austin Tenants Council (ATC) about their records around B&C Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ATC stated they rarely receive call from tenants at B&C Homes ○ Most of the calls they do receive need to be referred to Adult Protective Services (APS) and don't fall under the purview of tenant's rights ● City HHS presentation on Board and Care standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The State introduced B&C standards in 2009 but these standards were unfunded and not required ○ The City of Austin took some steps to adopt the standards in 2012 but efforts were not successful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently examining ways to update 2012 standards ▪ Link to historical material from 2012 HHSD presentation ▪ Link to Community Engagement Findings (p 34) ○ In Fall 2018 the City Council passed a resolution to "explore opportunities and options to improve the standard of care offered by [Board and Care Home] providers..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In response, Austin Public Health issued a memo outlining 2 potential avenues to improve standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Licensing B&C Home providers ● Incentive program for B&C Home providers ▪ APH is currently seeking public input with responses due by the end of June ● Committee feedback on APH proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incentive ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainings for B&C staff on CPR/First Aid, mental health, small business classes, and healthy meal preparation ▪ Discounts on utilities or facility repairs ▪ Bed bug removal ○ Licensing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee members to review UT survey

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service providers could agree to only spend funds on licensed B&C Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion for committee members to collect stories from clients living at B&C Homes to include in feedback to APH • Suggestion to connect APH B&C incentive and licensing proposals to the Homeless Action Plan • Concerns about B&C Home operators acting as payees for their residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Although there may be benefits to this payee setup; it also opens the door for increased risk of exploitation and abuse 	
<p>IV. Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>P. Petty</p> <p>PSH WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing By-Name-List and what client engagement practices consistently work well <p>RRH WGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seeing an uptick in referrals after recent slowdown • Policy sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking into how to project overall RRH capacity to help keep referrals moving ○ Creating performance measures to help evaluate outreach policies <p>Outreach & Navigation WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing in guest speakers including from Integrated Community Recovery Team • Resource sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a survey for providers to help determine what resource guides are used and what would be useful to have • Advocacy sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploring a few ideas including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting Cap Metro to allow free/reduced cost fare for individuals with Service Point ID cards ▪ Providing free/reduced cost access to replacement ID documents (State ID, birth certificates, etc.) for people experiencing homelessness <p>VAWA Housing Protections WG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on creating final draft of external emergency transfer procedures and updating current policy documents to present to the community. Continuing to develop template tools for community providers. Most recent tool is a screening tool for call centers/shelters/service providers - to determine if someone can be reconnected to existing housing program (prevention/diversion) through an emergency transfer. Tools asks about their current living situation and ways to look up if their most recent housing situation falls under a HUD covered housing program for VAWA protections. June meeting will focus on reviewing current policies to make sure templates are incorporated and they are updated based on most recent updates from the VAWA Housing WG <p>Equity WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New committee created by Membership Council tasked with identifying racial/ethnic disparities and proposing solutions First meeting invites will be in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact S. Malatok and Preston for more information 	
V. Health Communities Collaborative	R. Ahearn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclement weather has pushed back the opening of Terrace at Oak Spring to August 2019 Not planning any more neighborhood tours, but interested agencies can contact R. Ahearn to schedule a tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
VI. City of Austin Updates	COA Reps <p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates <p>NHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
VII. Other Community Updates & Discussions	<p>Veterans Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 3 primary housing programs have been operating on reduced capacity due to staffing issues Programs have re-hired for most vacant positions and expect to begin ramping up move ins <p>YHDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRH program has housed 78 people Demand for Diversion services continues to be low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PORT (TH-RRH) program is experiencing challenges with filling beds in the Transitional Housing facility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many eligible youths are opting for their own permanent housing rather than sharing space in temporary housing <p>Care Connections Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic is up and running including medical, SOAR, and outreach services • PATH Team has been using the clinic as a space for them to meet at the beginning of the day <p>AHAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking into developing storage options for individuals experiencing homelessness • AHAC encouraged to send a representative to the Local Policy & Practice meetings 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting: June 19th, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd 	