



Minutes

Committee: Membership Council

Date: 6/3/2019

Duration: 1:00 – 3:00

Meeting Place: ECHO 300
E. Highland Mall Blvd

Presiding:

Attendance:

P = Present

TC = Attended via Dial in

A = Absent

| Membership Council Members | | | | | | | |
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| A | Dr. Virginia Brown | A | Esther Johnson | A | Kelly White | P | Steven James Potter |
| P | Christy Moffett | P | Greg McCormack | | Kimberly Weinberg | P | Gretchen Nelson |
| A | Alex Zapata | P | Jason Bryant | A | Laura Ward | P | Vella Karman |
| P | Ann Teich | P | Jessie Metcalf | P | Lisa Garcia | A | Yvonne Camarena |
| P | Catherina Conte | P | Josh Rudow | P | Lyric Wardlow | | |
| P | Donna Ward | P | Kathleen Casey | P | Peggy Davis Braun | | |
| | | P | Kathleen Ridings | A | Steve Brothers | | |
| Committee Chairs | | | | | | | |
| P | Chris Laguna | P | Dylan Shubit | P | Kali Gossett | A | Susan McDowell |
| A | Erin Whelan | | | | | | |
| Advisors | | | | | | | |
| P | Awais Azhar | A | Bill Brice | P | Sarah Cook | | |
| A | Adelita Winshester | A | Paul Caudero | A | Thomas Visco | | |
| Other Attendees | | | | | | | |
| A | Cacki Young | P | Phil Session | P | Jason Philips | P | Blake Smith |
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| ECHO Staff | | | | | | | |
| A | Ann Howard | P | Kate Moore | A | Sharyn Malatok | P | Andrea Brauer |
| P | Laura Evanoff | A | Tim Long | A | Melissa Wheeler | P | Preston Petty |
| | | P | Axton Nichols | P | Whitney Bright | | |

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| I. Welcome & Nov Minutes | C Moffett | 1:00-1:10 | Review and Approve May 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action item: Review and approve May 2019 minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Minutes approved |
| II. Continuum of Care Business | C Moffet, K Moore | 1:10-1:0 | 2019 NOFA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appeals Policy approved with amendments NOFA timeline will be updated and sent out by ECHO once HUD releases 2019 NOFA |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal Application Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently waiting on HUD to release the 2019 NOFA ○ Renewal applications have been submitted and are being reviewed for deficiencies ○ Independent Review Team (IRT) orientation this week, will be reviewing throughout June • Appeal Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having an appeal policy is a requirement for the CoC NOFA competition ○ Policy has been updated to be more clear ○ Renewal projects may only request appeal for their own project ○ Only eligible for appeal if project ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 or in Tier 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HUD says that Tier 1 projects are safe if threshold is met. Tier 2 goes into a national ranking which could result in projects not being funded if other applications across the nation are stronger ○ Overview of Appeal process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Independent Review Team will score renewal projects and submit rankings suggestions to Membership Council (MC) ▪ MC reviews and approves rankings submitted by IRT ▪ Once MC approves rankings, applicants will have 3 days to submit an appeal ▪ MC will form an Appeal Committee of non-conflicted members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously the Appeal Committee consisted of randomly chosen MC members • New Appeal Policy allows more flexibility on who is appointed to Appeal Committee ▪ Appeals committee will provide feedback to MC ▪ MC makes final ranking decision ○ Amendments suggested during MC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appeals Policy amended in order to create an appeals committee prior to releasing preliminary rankings ▪ Section on who is eligible to appeal was amended for clarity <p><i>Action Item: Review and Approve 2019 Appeal Policy</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC to appoint members to the NOFA Appeal Committee during the July 2019 meeting |
| III. Membership Council Items | K Moore P Petty | 1:30 – 2:00 | <p>Membership Council Committees</p> <p>New Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity Taskgroup (previously <i>Disparities Workgroup</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New taskgroup that reports to MC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC can recommend any individuals or staff to participate in the Equity Taskgroup by emailing P Petty |

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| | V Karman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ P Petty will be leading this taskgroup. Contact him if interested in working on taskgroup ○ Tasked with identifying disparities that exists in the community and shared initiatives and proposing data-driven solutions to move toward equality/equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P Petty clarified that the taskgroup will not be examining practices/policies within specific agencies and instead will focus on the larger homelessness system <p>Update on Shelter Taskgroup formation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAEH and Org Code held workshop on May 3rd around best practices in shelters and presented recommendations for the redesign of operations at The ARCH • Taskgroup created to facilitate ongoing discussions on what “Housing-focused shelters” will look like in Austin and help prioritize recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taskgroup is open to interested parties including shelter residents ○ Initial taskgroup meetings will focus on defining the scope of work within the taskgroup • Concerns raised about accessibility of shelter services to people with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C Moffett stated that county research found that people with disabilities do not feel welcomed ○ C Moffett encouraged providers to consider doing a 504 assessment of physical locations to ensure compliance with ADA regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessment can provide a list of changes and modifications that can be made to increase compliance. • Ongoing discussion with NAEH’s about what their contract will cover including types of trainings NAEH will facilitate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact V Karman with suggestions on items to include in contract <p><i>Action Item: Review and approve creation of Equity Taskgroup</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact V Karman about any training topics that agencies are wanting for COA to include in the contract with NAEH. |
| IV. Emergency Shelter and Shelter Flow NAEH Presentation and Discussion | C Moffett, K Moore | 2:00 – 2:40 National Alliance to End Homelessness: The Critical Role of Housing-focused Emergency Shelter in Austin’s Homeless Response System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See presentation in meeting packet <p>MC Comments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC will request additional information from ECHO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tracking CE scores for unsuccessful exits from RRH programs |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of building communities/connections for people exiting homelessness to avoid isolation which could contribute to entering homelessness again • Often local-level initiatives that could help reduce homelessness meet resistance in State Legislature • Overall housing supply is too low especially for low-income and families • Additional shelter space is needed, recognizing shelter alone won't solve homelessness • Access to transportation is important to facilitate long-term success in housing • Suggestion to track the CE scores of individuals exiting from housing programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MC agreed to request specific information from ECHO to be discussed at future meeting • Concerns about the effect of continually rising rent costs when wage growth does not keep pace • Concerns that we don't have good data tracking diversions and outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does a good model for diversion look like? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tracking income for people exiting RRH programs | |
| V. Coalition Update | K Gossett, E Whelan D Shubitz, C Laguna S McDowell | 2:40 – 3:00 | <p>CoC & ESG Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agreed to move meetings to last Wednesday of the month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting June 27 • No updates at this time <p>Local Policy and Practice Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Dept of Public Health around their Board and Care initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is advocating for Dept of Public Health to consider input from residents at Board and Care homes as well as home operators ○ Committee is interested in tying Board and Care regulations into City Action Plan on Homelessness <p>Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Leadership Advisory Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one available to provide update <p>Other Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City Council meeting this Thursday, 6/6/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Item 45 regarding building a new homeless shelter up for discussion ○ City Council meeting 6/20/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Item 49 regarding pan-handling, no sit/no lie, and camping ordinances up for discussion | N/A |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested amendments would ensure these rules only apply if a person poses a danger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City Council considering new rules around aggressive panhandling, camping, and “no sit no lie” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the suggested amendments these ordinances would only apply to people posing a danger or impeding the use of public property ○ HUD proposing changes to equal access rules allowing shelters to make their own policies around recognizing people’s gender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commenting will be available on HUD website or through NAEH ▪ Deadline for comments is July 9 • AHAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on a resolution regarding locker/storage access for individuals experiencing homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposal based on solutions that have worked in other cities ▪ Need for storage to be located near bus/transit hubs • City of Austin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 Year Consolidated Plan going in front of City Council this week (Thursday 6/6/19) • Travis County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Texas Legislature passed bill limiting the growth of property tax revenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New law is projected to greatly limit how much the county’s budget can grow • Healthcare for the Homeless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grant submitted a few months ago to add more medical services for women at Trinity Center, waiting for response ○ Healthcare for the Homeless is now operating out of the Care Connections Clinic along with other providers | |

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| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>Next Meeting: July 1, 2019 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</p> <p><i>Bring lunch, network, and/or do homework from 12:15 – 1:00 at ECHO Training Room</i></p> <p>2019 Meetings (all meetings are from 1:00 – 3:00PM) January 7, 2019 February 4, 2019 March 4, 2019 April 1, 2019 May 6, 2019 June 3, 2019 July 1, 2019 August 5, 2019 September 2, 2019 October 7, 2019 November 4, 2019 December 2, 2019</p> <p>REMINDER: Starting in 2019, the meeting materials will not be printed in an effort to go green.</p> | |