



Minutes

Committee: Local Policy & Practice Committee

Date: 10/16/19

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	P	Mamadou Balde	A	Donna Ware
A	Angie Sommers	A	Hannah Cweigenberg	P	Marilyn Hartman	A	Scott Merritt
A	August Weems	A	Jason Phillips	A	Natasha P Shoemaker	A	Sylvia Garrett
A	Bailey Gray	A	Jenn Mishler	A	Rachel Hampton	A	Taryn Davis
A	Carson Barwinkel	A	Josh Rudrow	A	Rick Rivera	A	Lauren Katz
A	Eric Kunish	P	Karen Dorrier	P	Ruth Ahearn	A	Megan Podowski
A	Erin Goodison	P	Laura Enderle	A	Sarah Frazier	A	Jill Smith
A	Vedia Sherman	A	Chris Larson	P	Dan Mosley	A	Christina Crean
A	Kellee Coleman	A	Brion Oaks	P	Sam Verde	A	Steven Porter
P	Quiana Fisher	A	Mikayla Stocks	P	Chris Meigs	P	Emily Seales
P	Linda Horbal	P	Michelle Myles	P	Laura Torres	P	Steph Adler
Co-Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubit				
ECHO Staff							
A	Kate Moore	A	Laura Evanoff	A	Tim Long	P	Allison Mabbs
				P	Preston Petty	P	Axton Nichols

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I.	Welcome & Introductions	Review and Approve September 2019 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved with no changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September minutes approved with minor change
II.	Membership Council Updates	Co-Chairs October 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VA representative Kimberly Weinberg was replaced by Andrew Miller ECHO-led discussion around potential changes to the governance structure of the Austin/Travis County CoC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed HUD CoC Interim Rule requirements for CoC governance structures including having a board (Membership Council for our CoC) Requirement that CoC must have at least 1 member with lived experience of homelessness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support for Austin having more than 1 lived experience member ▪ Suggestion for replacing Membership Council with a 14-person board with members including 2 people with lived experience, 2 homeless service providers, 2 from local government, and an ECHO board member ▪ Sub-committee created to further discussion. Sub-committee will bring a proposal to the November Membership Council meeting ○ <i>Local Policy & Practice Committee comments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns about conflicts of interest if the CoC Board is combined with the lead agency (ECHO) board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about conflicts of interest if ECHO is providing direct services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ P Petty clarified that ECHO provides zero direct services outside of Coordinated Entry • How would a combined ECHO/CoC Board deal with internal ECHO issues (HR, payroll, etc.)? ▪ Questions on the effectiveness of the current CoC Board (Membership Council). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus at the MC meeting that the current board structure needs to change ▪ Concerns that current the CoC Board structure focuses exclusively on CoC-funded solutions to homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for creating a body that acts as a single voice to represent the entire homeless service system (including other funding streams). • Support for CoC Board to consist of all kinds of homeless service providers including from different funding streams ▪ Discussion around the categories of people who would sit on the proposed new CoC Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion that City Homeless Strategy Officer be included as part of any new CoC Board structure ▪ Support for decreasing the size of the our CoC Board to be more streamlined ▪ Comments on the current committee/workgroup structure 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees are most effective when creating standards for the whole community (rather than just CoC programs or specific populations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sub-committee meeting on Monday, send comments to D Shubitz and/or C Laguna <p>November Voting Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Council to discuss and possibly vote on changes to CoC Board structure 	
<p>III. City of Austin Updates</p>	<p>C Laguna</p> <p>Austin Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Alliance to End Homelessness and Org Code doing a diversion training for frontline staff Oct 23-24. More info available here <p>No sit/no lie and camping ordinance changes and prioritization list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APD plans to begin enforcing updated camping ordinances around the ARCH • The City to work with homeless service providers create a new (parallel) prioritization list specifically for people camping downtown near the shelters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enforcement will focus on the west side of the ARCH, near Caritas, and 7th St <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enforcing parts of the camping ordinances related to obstructing sidewalks ▪ Feedback from downtown outreach teams have indicated that the response from people camping in the area has been positive ○ Austin Homeless Strategy Office will work with providers on a pilot program to create a new by-name list of people camping in this area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Setting up a temporary navigation center to connect people to resources ▪ Currently fundraising for additional resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some providers, including the ARCH, Salvation Army, IC, Caritas, have set aside resources specifically for this population ▪ Individuals on this downtown camping by-name list will be prioritized over existing CE-fed by-name list • Concerns about community push back against prioritizing this specific population over the existing CE system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a City initiative with agencies/programs voluntarily setting aside resources for this population ○ Resources are not being taken away from other programs <p>NHCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates 	
<p>IV. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion</p>	<p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>Update from City on existing resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
<p>V. Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>P Petty</p> <p>PSH WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most recent meeting focused on staffing cases <p>A. Mabbs</p> <p>RRH WGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed standardizing exits from programs, particularly for people that have been housed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a policy that can be given out to clients at intake, so they understand expectations <p>L Torres</p> <p>Outreach & Navigation WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resource Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning to create a comprehensive guide on available community resources that can also be used to identify resource gaps ○ Looking for increased community/provider buy-in on creating and updating the resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some suggestions included by-monthly breakfasts to check in or having “accountability buddies” ○ Volunteer developers are currently creating a database structure ○ Still need to determine who will manage the list long-term <p>E Seales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advocacy Subcommittee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussions around group purpose and decision-making process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose: To give front line homelessness worker greater access to policy development, and to have their voices heard by government and agency leadership ○ Looking into creating free bus access for people experiencing homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One option would be to use ServicePoint ID cards as a bus pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

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	<p>K Dorrier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking into enabling free access to ID documents (Driver’s licenses/IDs, birth certificates, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possibly asking the City to create a pot of money that providers could use to assist clients ● US Census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outreach providers looking to join the existing City Complete Count Committee as a subcommittee to provide input on how best to count the homeless population <p>VAWA Housing Protections WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates <p>P Petty</p> <p>Equity WG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussions around goals, direction, and scope of the group ● Members requested to bring equity data from their own organizations to the next meeting ● Contact P Petty to attend workgroup 	
<p>VI. Health Communities Collaborative</p>	<p>R. Ahearn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Integral Care will be undergoing large change in electronic records system which may cause some delays or reduced appointment availability ● Terrace at Oak Springs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently accepting applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial focus is on Veterans ○ Open for tours ○ HACA conducting housing inspections ○ New psychiatrist hired for Terrace at Oak Springs and clients experiencing homelessness ● New IC team focused on assisting people who camp around the ARCH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
<p>VII. Other Community Updates & Discussions</p>	<p>Veterans Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assertive outreach initiative focusing on engaging VA-healthcare eligible individuals ● Texas Veterans Commission grant application is open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Money available for peer supports, direct services, deposits, and other expenses <p>YHDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● YHDP successfully re-applied for their funds, this time through the regular CoC NOFA process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A

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	<p>Care Connections Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinic continues to run well <p>AHAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available to provide lived-experience feedback to programs/organizations 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting: November 20, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd 	