



# Minutes

**Committee:** Local Policy & Practice Committee

**Date:** 11/20/19

**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	A	Greg McCormack	A	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	P	Rick Rivera	A	Lauren Katz
A	Eric Kunish	A	Karen Dorrier	A	Ruth Ahearn	A	Megan Podowski
P	Erin Goodison	A	Laura Enderle	A	Sarah Frazier	A	Jill Smith
A	Vedia Sherman	A	Chris Larson	A	Dan Mosley	A	Christina Crean
A	Kellee Coleman	A	Brion Oaks	P	Sam Verde	A	Steven Porter
P	Quiana Fisher	P	Mikayla Stocks	P	Chris Meigs	A	Emily Seales
A	Linda Horbal	A	Michelle Myles	P	Robert Kingham	P	Marissa Latta
Co-Chairs							
P	Chris Laguna	P	Dylan Shubit				
ECHO Staff							
A	Kate Moore	A	Laura Evanoff	A	Tim Long	A	Allison Mabbs
P	Katie Wilkison	P	Niki Kozak	A	Preston Petty	P	Axton Nichols

AGENDA		DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
I.	Welcome & Introductions	<b>Review and Approve October 2019 Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes approved with no changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October minutes approved</li> </ul>
II.	Membership Council Updates	Co-Chairs <b>November 2019 Meeting - Actions Taken at Membership Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing discussion around changes to CoC Board structure and potentially combining the ECHO nonprofit board with the CoC Board (Membership Council), creating one Board (smaller than existing MC)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current and former ECHO Board members attended MC meeting to provide information on the history of the ECHO Board and MC                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the past a MC representative attended ECHO Board meetings, but this hasn't happened recently resulting in a disconnect between the two boards</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MC sub-committee examining changes to our CoC's charter met with ECHO Board members to continue discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agreement that changes are necessary to make CoC Board more efficient and flexible</li> <li>▪ Decision made to bring in outside consultant to assist with discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Existing CoC Charter states that the new slate of MC members is voted in at the Fall Stakeholder meeting (scheduled for Dec 10, 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current plan is for MC to vote at their December meeting to amend the Charter to allow existing MC slate to continue for the time being while discussions continue around changes to the Charter/Board structure</li> <li>▪ An update will be provided at the Fall Stakeholder meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>Local Policy &amp; Practice Committee comments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing concerns about potential conflicts of interest with ECHO and issues with transparency</li> <li>▪ Suggestion that having overlapping members between the ECHO and CoC boards could increase levels of trust</li> <li>▪ Concerns that if ECHO acts as the go-to organization when the City wants feedback, ECHO's response might not reflect the full range of opinions of all MC member agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>December Voting Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amendment to existing Governance Charter to allow current MC slate to continue while discussions on potential Board changes continue</li> </ul>	
<p><b>III. City of Austin Updates</b></p>	<p>R Kingham</p> <p><b>Austin Public Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● APD provided update to DACC about the changes to no sit/no lie ordinances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A couple weeks ago APD and outreach workers canvased the area near the downtown shelters to collect the names of individuals staying outside</li> <li>○ Individuals identified have been placed on a list, and they will not be cited for ordinance violations until they have been offered (non-shelter) housing</li> </ul> </li> <li>● DACC released information on community funding opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application and information available at <a href="https://austintexas.gov/article/permanent-suppotive-housing-and-transitional-housing">https://austintexas.gov/article/permanent-suppotive-housing-and-transitional-housing</a></li> <li>○ Laura Williamson (phone: 512-974-1233) is the primary point of contact</li> <li>○ Funding available for storage, housing opportunities (transitional, sober), and housing support services.</li> </ul> <p><b>NHCD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dawn Perkins will be replacing Josh Rudow as the NHCD representative to the CoC</li> </ul>	
<b>IV. Board and Care Follow-up Discussion</b>	Co-Chairs	<b>Update from City on existing resolution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<b>V. Workgroup Updates</b>	<p>Q Fisher</p> <p>C Laguna</p> <p>E Goodison</p>	<p><b>PSH WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates</li> </ul> <p><b>RRH WGs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next meeting will cover both outreach policy (inactivation list) discussions and client staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inactivation List policy will be examined by both RRH and PSH workgroups, then brought to Policy &amp; Practice Committee for comment/approval</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion on how Guided Path initiative may affect how providers pull clients from the existing prioritization list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concerns that RRH service providers will not have access to additional resources for Guided Path prioritization list</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outreach &amp; Navigation WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continued discussions around work with the U.S. Census</li> <li>● Following up on plans to allow people to use ServicePoint ID cards to access CapMetro transit</li> </ul> <p><b>VAWA Housing Protections WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● External Emergency Transfer form will be posted on ECHO’s website soon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Form will be downloaded from the website, filled out (all de-identified info) and submitted via email</li> <li>● WG not meeting in December</li> </ul>	
<b>VI. Health Communities Collaborative</b>	C Laguna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6 Veterans have moved into Terrace at Oak Springs</li> <li>● Lease signings currently paused while building maintenance issues are addressed</li> <li>● Plan is to have complex fully leased up by the end of this year</li> <li>● 25 potential residents have been identified through Coordinated Entry             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Everyone is being encouraged to tour the facility before agreeing to move in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<b>VII. Other Community Updates &amp; Discussions</b>	K. Wilkison               E Goodison	<p><b>Guided Path</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next community meeting will be on Friday 11/22/19 at ECHO office</li> <li>● Concerns about the limitations of using certain funding streams to pay for housing/services             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many people on the Guided Path list would likely need longer-term assistance than would be allowed based on existing funding restrictions,                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ e.g. some programs are using BSS+ funding to house individuals from this list, but that funding stream is short-term and may not be adequate for the population being served</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● City is open to feedback on how to improve Guided Path program</li> </ul> <p><b>Landlord Outreach Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ECHO Landlord Outreach team works to build partnerships with properties</li> <li>● Currently working to get landlords and programs to sign on to new partnership agreement MOU             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing programs seeking to access vacant units must sign on to new MOU</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Risk mitigation resources will remain available for clients at housing sites where agreements are already in place</li> </ul> <p><b>Veterans Initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates</li> </ul> <p><b>YHDP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our community has set the goal to end youth homelessness by the end of 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4.9 million is needed to fully fund initiative end youth homelessness               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The City and Lifeworks are working to find additional funding streams</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Care Connections Clinic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinic is running smoothly</li> <li>• Clinic has a ServicePoint ID card printer available</li> </ul> <p><b>AHAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions from members to consider coordinated case management services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If an individual is being served by multiple providers, those case managers should be working together</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Equity WG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions around recent City ordinance changes regarding no sit/no lie</li> </ul> <p><b>PIT Count</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kicked off General Volunteer recruitment on Monday, 11/18/19</li> <li>• Information on the PIT Count and how to register on ECHO's website <a href="http://austinecho.org/PIT">austinecho.org/PIT</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Pay for Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting on official contracts to be signed. Getting feedback from APD</li> <li>• Program expected to begin in January 2020</li> <li>• Plan is to house 250 individuals over the course of the program with a max of 8 people being housed per month</li> </ul> <p><b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRGLA along with the Central Texas Veteran Services Coalition (CTVSC) will be hosting a training about the housing rights of Veterans and legal protections around sources of income               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ November 21, 2019 from 2 – 4pm</li> <li>○ Austin Career Institute, 8711 Burnett Rd, Ste H98, Austin, TX 78757</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>ECHO Stakeholder meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at the LifeWorks office on Pleasant Valley</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next Meeting: December 18, 2019 9:00AM – 11:00AM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd</b></li> </ul>	

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