

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

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ECHO – National Updates and Local Planning – Matt Mollica & Kate Moore



Medical System Updates – Dr. Audrey Kuang & Dr. Tim Mercer



City of Austin / Austin Public Health – Michelle Myles



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Monday, 24th @ 9:00am (will open at 8:45am – updates in chat box)

ECHO – Laura Evanoff, Matthew Mollica, Kate Moore

National level update

- Congress still in negotiations for spending bill put forth by republicans and includes:
 - \$4B ESG
 - \$10B for CDBG
 - \$1B PBRA
 - \$1.25B for TBRA
 - \$685M for public housing operating
 - \$300M for Indian housing
 - \$50M for Section 202
 - \$15M for Section 811
 - \$2.5M for Fair housing
 - \$65M for HOPWA
- ECHO is a part of these conversations and continues to advocate for assistance
- ECHO has been working closely with APH around quarantine strategies and getting people inside
 - Right now, the push is for hotels, we are hoping this will be finalized today and we will be in touch as soon as we have more information.
- CDC came out with guidance for unsheltered homelessness – we are seeing guidance from the federal level of how to work in these different areas. Is this feasible for us as a community? Please send any guidance we want to send back to CDC or HUD for recommendations
- Breakout group coordination has started -
 - Coordinated Outreach for unsheltered homelessness, Led by Katie Rose
 - Mondays at 8:00am email katierose@austinecho.org
 - Housing Program Providers Support and Coordination, Led by Bree Williams
 - Thursday at 10:00 email lauraevanoff@austinecho.org
 - Healthcare System Needs – led by Niki Kozak
 - TBD – email nikikozak@austinecho.org

City of Austin – Michelle Myles

- Encourage people to check austintexas.gov and austintexas.gov/homelessness for information
 - New content being added daily
- APH working on new flyer and will be shared with the group
- The city is working to support TOOF and their outreach efforts for the unsheltered population, including hygiene, food, supplies, access to water
- The city is working on an interactive map with resources; Michelle going to connect groups
- APH working on quarantine and isolation options available for people currently
- A protocol will come out, so everyone understands what actions to take once we have a quarantine site. Things are moving very quickly and working to secure many different options for people including multiple beds and solutions to service everyone in the community.

CUC Health Care for the Homeless Team – Audrey Kuang

- Drive through testing at Hancock now 7 days a week starting today
- ARCH and Care Connections Clinic open for walk-ins
- HCH team reaching out to partners to find out where medical support is needed – be on the lookout from an email from Audrey
- Working with APH to get the quarantine shelters up soon

Other –

- Still needing to solidify coordination plan for meals
- 211 is working to keep updated via google doc
- THRA would like to be plugged into outreach group
- DACC remaining open
- CHP – restructure, half the staff reassigned to general EMS; Amber Price and Simon Powell point person from CHP services dedicated to homelessness

Resources

- COA Homeless Strategy page: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-homeless-strategy-covid-19-support>
- Google Drive Folder (drop docs/flyers to share)
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13MPhvSwdYqfNHASyfnOZgb0x9ScsHGmE>
- Q&A Form
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLTzZ6S91QYm3REfD7Lo6AVJ55dRLaTgsM7mZxx_Dc1pBSRg/viewform
- Community Google Doc (Homeless Services Continuities)
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SSLjrNBi7TWvpisfZ5PNIXUjQU_5A9ecoxvmH9DHycM/edit