COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

Friday, April 24, 2020 9:00 AM

Meeting Recording:

Topic: COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers (April 8-June 30 invite)

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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

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April 24th Agenda

- ECHO – Local Operations
- City of Austin / Austin Public Health
- Agency Updates
- Wrap Up – Next Call: Monday, April 27th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

ECHO Updates – Matt Mollica, Laura Evanoff

- Addressing the structure/purpose of this meetings
  - The response around COVID-19 have begun to shift from “emergency operations” to “strategic planning”
  - Updates during this meeting will try to better address efforts around strategic planning and long-term goals rather than focusing exclusively day-to-day operations and emergency response
  - This will potentially include information on the content and schedule of meetings for the various coordination groups

- ECHO has posted a COVID-19 resource guide on their website

COA/APH – Vella Karmen

- 1312 COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 31 deaths and 368 people recovered
  - At least 34 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 2 that have recovered
    - The count of cases among people experiencing homelessness is likely an undercount due to private labs and providers not necessarily recording each person’s housing status when they test
  - Demographic information on cases available at http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19
• New order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority stating **everyone must wear a fabric mask when outside the home or in public**
  o Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals is still in affect
• Quarantine/Isolation accommodations
  o ProLodges 1 and 2 are operational, and ProLodge 3 is expected to become operational within the next 5 days
  o Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge sites
  o Front Steps is providing on site case managed for people in ProLodge 2
  o If other programs have capacity to work with people staying in ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, vella.karmen@austintexas.gov
• City departments are working with Downtown Austin Alliance’s Downtown Ambassadors to promote safety, distribute supplies, and cleaning high traffic areas.
• Food access for people experiencing homelessness
  o Revolution Foods has begun delivering meals including 13,000 meals expected today
  ▪ Food is being distributed around town by community partners
  ▪ Dell Seton Medical School has created more than 3,000 face coverings to be distributed to people experiencing homelessness along with the food
  o Zach Shlachter is acting as the volunteer coordinator for people who would like to help with food distribution
    ▪ Zach can be reached at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov
    ▪ City is looking for community partners/volunteers to assist with distributing prepared meals on the weekends
  o Wes Bickham is the contact at to access the shelf-stable food bags being distributed out of the convention center
    ▪ For information on availability and how to access food bags, call Wes at 512-492-5826
• Communications
  o City has been distributing informational flyers via food distribution networks and other channels
  o Working on text and social media strategies to increase the reach of safety messaging
  o Contact Lara Foss to have updates added to the City’s COVID-19 homelessness information page
    ▪ lara.foss@austintexas.gov
• DACC
  o Continues to offer walk in case management triage services, 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday
  o Served 508 individuals total

**Agency Updates**
• Irit Umani with Trinity Center
  o Trinity Center is working with Mobile Loaves and Fishes and The Other Ones Foundation to distribute small McDonalds meals downtown (around The ARCH/Trinity Center area) in the late afternoon 7 days a week

**Chat Box**

*From Andrew Willard to Everyone: 09:01 AM*
Good Morning, Everyone!
From Larisa Corder to Everyone:  09:01 AM
    Happy Friday :)

From IritUmani to Everyone:  09:03 AM
    Starting tomorrow TOOF, in collaboration with MLF and Trinity Center will serve light McDonald dinner at the Downtown Core (ARCH/Trinity area 7 days a week.

From Greg McCormack to Everyone:  09:05 AM
    that is great Irit! Where will it be stationed?

From larafoss to Everyone:  09:06 AM
    http://austintexas.gov/covid19

From IritUmani to Everyone:  09:06 AM
    near us and you :-) 

From Matthew Mollica to Everyone:  09:06 AM
    Yes Irit that is great news thanks for sharing. Also can you let people know what time it will start?

From Greg McCormack to Everyone:  09:06 AM
    Irit, let us know how we/if we can help!

From IritUmani to Everyone:  09:07 AM
    We MUST assume that many many more are infected indeed!

From Cate Graziani to Everyone:  09:07 AM
    Is there a group working on coordinating services at the ISO and PROLODGE facilities?

From larafoss to Everyone:  09:07 AM
    If any programs have capacity to serve clients at these Pro-lodge sites, please contact me at Vella.Karman@austintexas.gov

From Jennifer Long to Everyone:  09:07 AM
    How full are the hotels at this time?

From larafoss to Everyone:  09:08 AM
    If you are interested in participating in any aspect of Eating Apart Together please contact Zach Shlachter (zach.shlachter@austintexas.gov). We are particularly interested in recruiting for weekend delivery of prepared meals

From Matthew Mollica to Everyone:  09:08 AM
    Yes Cate there is. Happy to update you on that work. Send me an email to connect

From larafoss to Everyone:  09:09 AM
    austintexas.gov/homelessness
    If you have updates you can email Lara Foss at lara.foss@austintexas.gov
From Cate Graziani to Everyone: 09:09 AM
   Thx Matt!

From mylesm to Everyone: 09:12 AM
   Thank you Irit!

From Larisa Corder to Everyone: 09:12 AM
   Have a good weekend everyone!

From Andrew Willard to Everyone: 09:12 AM
   Have a good weekend!