



Membership Council
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Attendees Virginia Brown (Dell Med), Christy Moffett (Travis Co), Yvonne Camarena (CommUnity Care), Kathleen Casey (Integral Care), Lisa Garcia (HACA), David Houke (Austin Recovery), Vella Karman (APH), Greg McCormack (Front Steps), Kathy Ridings (TSA), Jennifer Stephenson (APD), Ann Teich (AISD), Toni Townsend (Community Member), Kim Weinberg (VA), Kelly White (SAFE), Stephanie Green (Caritas), Chris Laguna (Integral Care), Dylan Shubitz (HACA), Bill Brice (DAA), Susan McDowell (LifeWorks), Ann Howard, Katy Manganella, Casey Soberon (ECHO)

Minutes

1:00-1:10 **Welcome & Introductions (V. Brown)**

- Introduce new ECHO Director of Communications and Strategy- Andrea Bauer
- *Action Item: Review & Approve June 2018 Minutes*
 - Double check CCC numbers with Sara Cook.
 - Include “No report” on standing items not discussed.
 - **June Minutes approved with comments above.**

1:10-1:25 **City of Austin (V. Karman)**

- **Rapid Rehousing Awards**
 - RFA for \$400 for Rapid Rehousing. June 28th – authorization to move forward on grant agreements for 3 projects: Family Eldercare, LifeWorks (SAFE), Casa Marianella.
 - **V. Karman will follow up with estimated number of persons served by programs.**
 - Working on operationalizing USICH benchmarks to these RRH programs.
- **ARCH Recommendations by NAEH and City RFI**
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness informed City Request for Information- should be released this week. This will be a public opportunity (open for 2 weeks) for draft scope of work. Next step is Request for Qualifications (RFQS- competitive solicitation process) (open for one month).
 - Does the CoC Board want to respond as a collective body to respond to the scope of work? Opinion that ECHO as an organization or as the CoC should somehow respond with a letter of recommendation. More comment that if the shelter is truly to achieve a connection to housing-

the housing resource also needs to be available in order to actually see change.

- Suggestion to either:
 - i. develop a small subcommittee to draft comment on behalf of the group, or
 - ii. have ECHO draft initial comments for review.

Either option but does not prevent individual persons or agencies to provide their own letter of recommendation.

- Suggestion to include a statement of who the membership council is and what the purpose of the council is.
- Concern that because members of the council may be competitors in the RFQS, it may not be appropriate for the Council as a whole to submit a letter.
- Concern that because the NAEH recommendations are already so controversial, the details could not be agreed upon, but rather the high-level recommendations could.
- *Question: How does the MC want to provide their voice? As a body or as individuals?*
 - *A. Howard, C. Moffett, B. Brice, T. Townsend, V. Brown will review RFI and provide comments/recommendations for the group as initial step.*

- City Auditor has entered in Phase IV- looking into homeless contracts.

1:25-1:45 Austin's Action Plan to End Homelessness (A. Howard)

- **Discuss City Budget Request**
 - No official budget request yet, but desire to impact City Budget as we've had in the past. Proposal by A. Howard to push for more RRH and other housing pieces of the action plan knowing resources are limited.
- **Pay For Success Update**
 - One-pager provided to group
 - Projected to have RFP in Fall to execute contracts in winter.
 - 250 persons are not individually identified, but the pool of eligible persons have been identified.
 - Contracts have to be signed (hopefully in Sept) between City, County, and Central Health, that they have identified the budget that will pay back the investors.
 - A. Howard and C. Moffett to connect on implications with County Interlocal may affect the RFP.
 - ECHO has hired consultant to assist echo in communicating with the larger community on all the work being done, as well as the greater need.

1:45-2:15 Continuum of Care Business (ECHO Staff)

- **FY18 NOFA**
 - Bonus Funding Research
 - Review FY18 NOFA Summary
 - NEW: Intent to Apply Form
 - *Action Item: Approve CoC Competition Appeals Process*

- #4. Applicant has 3 business days to notify MC chair in writing (email attachment) of appeal.
- August meeting to select subcommittee. Conference call within 48 hours or next business day to determine the final project priority listing.
- Appeals Process approved with afore mentioned clarifications.

- **Save the Date! ECHO Summer Meeting- 7/31**

- Casey to send out save the date.

- **August meeting rescheduled for 8/13**

2:15-2:45 System Performance Measures (K. Manganella)

- Katy Manganella reviewed the results of the FY 17 System Performance Measures.
- A comparison to FY 16 and FY 15 was provided to evaluate performance over time.
- Additionally, implications to the 2018 CoC Collaborative Application were identified and discussed in detail. HUD is placing a greater emphasis (56 of the 200 points on the collaborative application) on the System Performance Measures.
- Membership Council discussed the growing importance of System Performance Measures to the CoC.
- Comment that the broader community asks questions about system performance but is unaware these metrics exist. This underscores the importance of a) stakeholders knowing about and understanding the System Performance Measures, b) communication strategy related to System Performance Measures.

2:45-3:00 Community Business (Community Members)

- TxDOT I35 Mobility – No Update
- YHDP Update- AYC Listening Session – July 26th, 9-11am
 - Casey to send out invitation
- iTeam- recent focus on encampments outside the arch. Vella to send weekly update list to Casey to send out.
- Travis County Constables starting a pilot to address encampments outside the urban core.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2018 1:00PM – 3:00PM; ECHO Training Room, 300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.