

COVID19 Updates & Report-Outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

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Meeting Recording:

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

Date: May 11, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers
May 11th Agenda



City of Austin / Austin Public Health



Agency Updates



Wrap Up – Next Call: Wednesday, May 13th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

COA– Vela Carmen

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austins-homeless-strategy-covid-19-support>

- 2127 confirmed COVID-19; 713 recovered; and 60 deaths
- Demographic information on cases available at <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
 - At least 40 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 24 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.
 - Austin Public Health launched an online enrollment form for COVID-19 testing
 - Form will allow people to take self-assessment to determine eligibility and schedule a test without a medical provider referral
 - <http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19>
 - Click “self-assessment” button to create an account and complete the questionnaire listing your symptoms
- Order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority stating **masks when outside the home or in public are recommended**
 - Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals is still recommended
- Quarantine and Alternate Facilities:
 - ProLodges 1-3 are operational, and at full capacity,
 - Considering options for a 4th ProLodge

- Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge 1, 2, and 3
- Starting this week Front Steps staff are providing on site case management at all 3 ProLodges
- If other programs have capacity to work with people staying at ProLodge sites, please contact Vella Karmen, vella.karmen@austintexas.gov
- Food access for people experiencing homelessness; Eating Apart Together (EAT)
 - The Central Texas Food Bank is utilizing City of Austin RAISE funds to provide 4 additional weeks of shelf stable meal bags
 - In the EAT 123 survey
 - Include information on encampment trash pickup needs
 - EAT has the hopes of providing or increasing trash pick up in the identified locations
 - When food is distributed in the community
 - Or send information to Michelle.miles@austintexas.gov
 - If you want to participate in any aspect of Eating Apart Together Initiative Zach Shlachter at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov
- Hygiene Update
 - 1 leased and 2 purchased shower trailers
 - Operational early this week
 - Contracting with Family Elder Care and The Other Ones Foundation to operate at different locations in Austin
- Down Town Community Court Update
 - Continue to offer walk in triage case management services 8am-5pm Monday through Friday
 - Provide flyers to all clients on COVID-19 and safety planning
 - Last week May 4th-8th 116 people served through triage case management
 - And since March 16th they have served 750 individuals, an average of 19 individuals a day
 - Individuals accessing basic hygiene resources are not factored into this number, or
 - Client's case managers reach remotely
- City Council
 - Last week 18 million dollars was approved to support;
 - COVID19 emergency relief for revolving loan programs and
 - Grants for businesses, child care support, health and human services assistance, work force development, social services, legal services, education, arts and culture, environment and animal protection, and declaring an emergency
- City of Austin
 - Housing First Request for Qualifications Statements Solicitation

- To establish a contract with one or more qualified nonprofit or governmental agencies to provide operations management and support services for converted motels
 - RFQS Due May 14th by 2 PM to Central Purchasing
- Austin Public Health
 - Include awareness material and messaging about 2020 Census
 - Through the COVID19 response and ongoing Austin Public Health community services

Agency Updates:

Front Steps – Greg McCormick

- Starting to screen individuals to bring them back into the shelter
 - Working with Community Care clinic on site
 - Will give updates

ECHO Updates:

- COVID Coordination meetings this week
 - Emergency Shelter Task Group this Wednesday at 11 AM
 - Street Outreach Coordination this Wednesday at 2:30 PM
 - Permanent Housing Programs Meeting Thursday at 10 AM
 - Health Care Meeting and Criminal Justice Response this week at 10:30 AM
 - Next week Safe will be presenting 5/18/20 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
 - How to screen for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse and how to connect clients to crisis resources
 - Contact lauraevanoff@austinecho.org for more information
 - A calendar invite will be sent out to service providers

Chat Box

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:01 AM

Please enter any questions or agency updates in the group chat.

From zack shlachter to Everyone: 09:04 AM

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From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:04 AM

Thanks Zack!

From Preston Petty to Everyone: 09:09 AM

Thanks Laura!