COVID19 Updates & Report-Outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

Monday May 11, 2020 9:00 AM

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

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City of Austin / Austin Public Health

Agency Updates

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

Meeting Notes:

COA– Vela Carmen

- 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 in still recommended
- Quarantine and Alternate Facilities:
  - ProLodges 1-3 are operational, and at full capacity,
  - Considering options for a 4th ProLodge
o Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge 1, 2, and 3
o Starting this week Front Steps staff are providing on cite case management at all 3 ProLedges
o 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)
  o The Central Texas Food Bank is utilizing City of Austin RAISE funds to provide 4 additional weeks of shelf stable meal bags
  o 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
  o Or send information to Michelle.miles@austintexas.gov
  o If you want to participate in any aspect of Eating Apart Together Initiative Zach Shlachter at zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov

- Hygiene Update
  o 1 leased and 2 purchased shower trailers
    ▪ Operational early this week
  o Contracting with Family Elder Care and The Other Ones Foundation to operate at different locations in Austin

- Down Town Community Court Update
  o 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
  o Last week May 4th-8th 116 people served through triage case management
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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 cite
  - 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
zack.shlachter@austintexas.gov

From Laura Evanoff to Everyone: 09:04 AM
Thanks Zack!

From Preston Petty to Everyone: 09:09 AM
Thanks Laura!