COVID19 Updates & Report-outs w/ Homeless Service Providers

Friday, May 1, 2020 9:00 AM

Meeting Recording:

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

Date: May 1, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting Agenda

Austin/Travis County

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May 1st Agenda

- City of Austin / Austin Public Health
- ECHO – Local Operations
- Agency Updates
- Wrap Up – Next Call: Monday, May 4th @ 9:00am

Meeting Notes:

COA/ APH – Vella Karmen


- 1654 COVID-19 cases in Travis County, 47 deaths and 462 people recovered
  - At least 38 individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive, including 10 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
- 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
  - http://www.austintexas.gov/covid19
    - Click “take self-assessment” button to create an account and complete the questionnaire listing symptoms
- Order from Austin/Travis County Health Authority encourages everyone to wear a fabric mask when outside the home or in public
  - Physical distancing of at least 6 feet between individuals in still in affect
- Quarantine/Isolation accommodations
  - ProLodges 1, 2, and 3 are operational and at full capacity
Looking into setting up ProLodge 4

Integral Care behavioral health teams are providing services at IsoFac and ProLodge 1, 2, and 3.

Front Steps is providing on site case managed for people in 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)
  - Receiving regular shipments of shelf-stable food from the Central Texas Food Bank
    - Looking into other sources of shelf-stable food
  - 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
  - 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
  - The City put out a memo on homelessness and COVID-19 earlier this week http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=339355
    - APH expects to administer 2000 test a week

- DACC
  - Continues to offer walk in case management triage services, 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday
  - Served 611 individuals total since March 16th

**ECHO Updates – Matt Mollica**

- Provided an overview of a memo City Council from the City Manager’s office, http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/pio/document.cfm?id=339355
  - See linked memo or meeting recording for information on the different objectives identified and how coordination groups are working on those objectives. Coordination groups include:
    - Project management team
    - Hotels/Motels implementation team
    - Emergency shelter and unsheltered implementation team
    - Funding strategies implementation team
    - Rehousing strategies implementation team

- Schedule for Coordination Groups
  - Emergency Shelter Task Group
    - Wednesdays at noon
    - Contact Preston Petty, prestonpetty@austinecho.org
  - Street Outreach Coordination
    - Wednesdays at 2:30
    - Contact Katie Rose, katierose@austinecho.org
  - Criminal Justice and Homeless Response Coordination
    - Fridays at 10:30
    - Contact Niki Kozak, nikikozak@austinecho.org
  - Healthcare and Homeless Response System Coordination
    - Fridays at 8am
Agency Updates

- CommunityCare Healthcare for the Homeless
  - Hotline now open- 512-978-8850. warm line staffed by case managers Mon-Fri 8-4:30.
    - Call for same day or next day appointments, prescription refills, or general questions
  - ARCH clinic is open, Mon-Thurs. Individuals can let ARCH staff know they want to be seen in the clinic.
    - Conducting COVID-19 testing
  - Mobile team is back out at Sunrise Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. COVID screening/testing available as well as regular medical visits.
  - On Monday May 4th, CommunityCare will doing another “surveillance day” where people, even those without symptoms, can be tested for COVID-19

Chat Box

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Good morning. Happy Friday

Laura Evanoff

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The enrollment form is available at AustinTexas.gov/COVID19. To access the form, click on the “Take Self-Assessment” button to create an account and complete a questionnaire listing your symptoms.

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If any programs have capacity to serve clients at these Pro-lodge sites, please contact Vella Karman at Vella.Karman@austintexas.gov

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The Austin Youth Collective would be good to reach out to

Andrew Willard
That's definitely a good thought, and their input would be impactful.

Andrew Willard
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Thank you Audrey! You guys are awesome!

Larisa Corder
thanks Andrew !!