



A/TCRRT Planning Council Meeting
Monday, May 9th, 2016
12 Noon to 1:30 PM
700 Lavaca, Room 111.2

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Sandra Eames, Helen Gaebler, Darla Gay, Darwin Hamilton, Lisa Howard, Melissa Orren, Jaime Rodriguez, Doug Smith, Mia Sneed, Kenneth Thompson, Sarah Worthington

Staff: Caity Barillas, Lauren Johnson, Kelly Nichols

Visitors: Rebecca Farrell, Susan Requejo, Emily Rogers, Jennifer Sowinski, Carol Waid

I. Introductions (Sarah Worthington)

Sarah facilitated a round of introductions and welcomed the council.

II. Approval of April 2016 Minutes (Sarah Worthington)

Voting on meeting minutes was tabled because there was not a quorum. The council will vote via email. UPDATE: As of 6/3/16, a quorum of the Planning Council voted by email to approve the April 2016 meeting minutes.

III. Behavioral Health Work Group Update (Sherry Blyth, Danny Smith)

Sherry Blyth and Danny Smith were not present at the meeting. Sarah requested that the present members consider assisting with the Behavioral Health Work Group. **Action Item:** Sarah will send the first quarterly report from the workgroup to the Planning Council.

IV. Discussion: Organizational Guiding Principles/Policy Work Session (Sarah Worthington/Kelly Nichols)

Sarah Worthington and Kelly Nichols updated the Planning Council about standardizing the process for requesting a letter of support. Members suggested that there be a standardized form sent out to all organizations to standardize responses. Members suggested that letters of support be "suggested" to be turned in a month prior instead of "required." "Evidence based or best practice" should be the language used in the letter rather than "promising practice." Members suggested the council keep track of the letters of support and what happened as a result of the letters of support. Kelly offered that the September Planning Council meeting will continue to focus on the Guiding Principles that were established.

V. Discussion: FY17 Funder Deliverables (Sarah Worthington)

Sarah Worthington presented the draft funder deliverables for 2017. Members suggested that the housing deliverable language be changed to reflect "removing barriers and enhancing housing opportunities." Members suggested the council provide technical assistance to not only Fair Chance Hiring, but also the workforce plan conducted by Workforce Solutions and provide reports for both items in the employment deliverable. Members suggested the behavioral health component should focus on women. The discussion on suggested deliverables will continue at the next meeting.

VI. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

Kelly Nichols announced Austin Travis Country Integral Care is working on implementation of a county-wide substance use plan. They are currently moving towards a more recovery friendly approach. Kelly will ask about a presentation on the plan at a future meeting. Lauren announced the second employment forum taking place on June 8th from 1-3pm. Lauren announced Conspire Theatre is at much smaller venue than intended. This will affect the performance that the Planning Council was going to support and Lauren is looking into other ways the Planning Council can get involved. Travis County Justice Planning invited the Planning Council to help create a map of the jail system on June 9th from 12:30-4:30pm at the Granger Building in Austin. To RSVP email Kimberly Pierce. An announcement was made that National Reentry Week will be an annual event and the Planning Council would like to participate as a deliverable for 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30pm.