



Planning Council Meeting
November 14th, 2016 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm
700 Lavaca, Room 1.112

Minutes

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT Law School), Sherry Blyth (ATCIC), Sandra Eames (Austin Community College), Rebecca Farrell (Truth Be Told), Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office), Laura Griebel (Goodwill Central Texas), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Lisa Howard (TDCJ), Karen Keith (Community Representative), Melissa Orren (Community Representative), Doug Smith (TCJC), Reggie Smith (RAP Member), Mia Sneed (TX HHSC), Kenneth Thompson (TX DFPS), Bree Williams (ECHO), Sara Worthington (TRLA)

Guests: Ephrin Dubula (Justice Planning for Kimberly Pierce), Daniella Diaz (Social Work Student), Lauren Marsiglia (ECHO), Elisa Ramirez (Corrections Complex Intern and Social Work Student), Joyce Simmons (TX HHSC)

Support: Caity Barillas (WNA), Lauren Johnson (Fellow), Kelly Nichols (WNA)

- I. **Introductions: *How did you engage personally or professionally with reentry this month?***
Helen Gaebler welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions. Attendees shared how they engaged with reentry in the past month.
- II. **Approval of October 2016 Minutes (Helen Gaebler)**
ACTION: Sarah Worthington moved to approve the October 2016 minutes, Kenneth Thompson seconded, and attendees unanimously passed the motion.
- III. **Vote on Update to By-Laws re: Proxy Voting (Helen Gaebler)**
Attendees discussed the By-Laws re: Proxy Voting, and decided to remove the language on the Proxy Form about the letter from the ED of their organization and add a signature line for the Planning Council member. **Action Item:** WNA will update the proxy form and send to the planning council via email for review.
- IV. **Breakout groups: FY17 Deliverables and Work Plans**
Participants divided into four breakout groups: Behavioral Health, Employment, Housing and Legislative Session. Sandra Eames, Sarah Worthington, Ephrin Dubula, Karen Keith, Mia Sneed, Daniella Diaz, and Elisa Ramirez attended the Behavioral Health Work Group. Helen Gaebler, Rebecca Farrell, Sandra Eames and Laura Griebel all participated in the Employment Work Group. Melissa Orren, Bree Williams, Kenneth Thompson, Darla Gay, Lauren Marsiglia, and Joyce Simmons attended the housing Work Group. Lauren Johnson, Doug Smith, Lisa Howard and Darwin Hamilton attended the Legislative Work Group.

Each work group discussed opportunities for change over the next year; key dates and milestones; and top action and policy steps for the upcoming year. The groups reported out at the end of the session on their proposed work plans.
- V. **Misc. Announcements and Roundtable**
There were no other announcements made.

Next Meeting: December 12th, 2016 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm, 700 Lavaca, Room 1.112