



A/TCRRT Planning Council Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016
12 Noon to 1:30 PM
700 Lavaca, Room 111.2

Minutes

Voting Members Present: Sarah Worthington, Kenneth Thompson, Sherry Blyth, DeWayne Street, Darwin Hamilton, Melissa Orren, Lauren Johnson, Darla Gay, Mia Sneed Pete Valdez, Danny Smith, Jorge Renaud, Jaime Rodriguez, Nancy Hohengarten, Louella Tate

Visitors: Doug Smith, Deena Hill, Jacqueline Conn, Don Tracy, Susan Requejo, Claire Morel

I. Welcome and Introductions (Sarah Worthington)

Sarah welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions. A quorum was met.

II. Approval of December 2015 Minutes (Sarah Worthington)

Darla moved to approve the December Planning Council meeting minutes. Mia seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Presentation on Young Adult Probation Programs at AMP360 (Claire Morel)

Claire Morel provided an overview of the Young Adult Probation (YAP) Programs at AMP360. The YAP Program uses hands-on service learning opportunities to build the skills of foster and justice-involved youth. The service learning projects also fulfill community service requirements. There are three tracks within the program: coding/website development for low-income clients that are young entrepreneurs; culinary arts and management; and college prep/tutoring for aspiring or current college students. The YAP programs are currently offered to young adults in adult probation aged 17-25, and the age limit may be increased to 30 in the future. They are currently looking for opportunities to increase the number of participants in the program. Planning Council members suggested considering expanding the program to juvenile probation, posting flyers in the court rooms, and potentially presenting to the Defense Bar to increase community awareness and participation.

IV. Presentation on Continuing Education at Austin Community College (Don Tracy)

Don provided an overview of continuing education opportunities at Austin Community College (ACC). ACC currently has 12,000 students participating in continuing education programs, many of which are working on a certificate programs or are working on site at businesses. The program is designed to be very flexible to cater to different students' needs. ACC has been working with the Travis County Juvenile Justice Center in their continuing education programs and would like

to expand collaboration and bring in more of their programs to juvenile and adult facilities.

V. Review of Board and Care Home Position Statement (Melissa Orren and Darla Gay)

The City Boarding Home Task Force is working on developing model standards around registration, permitting and licensing of all residences that meet the definition of board and care homes. New boarding home regulations that have been adopted in other cities in Texas have been restrictive, causing a number of boarding homes to close, and so it is important for the Roundtable to advise and monitor what and how regulations are implemented in Austin. Attendees reviewed a draft position statement regarding board and care home regulations. Darla presented additional draft statements that could be included in the Roundtable's statement. Attendees discussed the issue of reasonable accommodation being on the onus of the resident, which has not yet been raised by the City. **Action Items:** Darla and Kelly will look at the Dallas board and care home ordinance, to potentially incorporate it into an ask to Austin City Council to look at the language. The position statement will be updated and. Sarah will send it out for a vote before sending out to City Council.

VI. Discussion about Goodwill Central Texas Training 2 Work Program and Grant Request (DeWayne Sreet).

Goodwill is relaunching a 5-week pilot program at ATC this week; DeWayne is an instructor and his lessons are based on the work of Paulo Freire. Participants are paid through the Goodwill Resource Center (GRC) and when they graduate from this program they will be able to participate in the traditional Goodwill programs. The goal is to get participants to "take of their raincoat" with initial instruction in cultural competency, marginalization, and soft skills. If residents want to participate in the the program they should contact Robert Linder, Director of Goodwill Reentry Programs. Goodwill will be developing a white paper based on the outcomes of the program.

In regard to the grant, the Executive Committee sees the Roundtable's role under the umbrella of Collective Impact and the Roundtable would provide oversight over the grant. It is a \$1.3M grant over 39 months, with a ramp-up period and 24-month active period. The career pathways were chosen because they are friendly to formerly incarcerated persons., but they may revise the pathways to include more pathways that are friendly to women. The grant is projected to be submitted tomorrow, and Goodwill is open to continuing to receiving feedback from Planning Council members. Jorge made a statement about the Roundtable's commitment to serving persons with serious violent and sexual offenses. **Action Item:** The Planning Council agreed that a set of guiding principles on this issue would be useful. This could lead to asking organizations to present a plan on serving these marginalized populations. The Executive Committee will take this on. Please send any feedback on this issue to Sarah.

VII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

- The State Reentry conference is next week. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jorge.
- Please let Sarah know if there are any edits to the credentials to Planning Council members' names on the letterhead.
- Pete will check on City contract with the Roundtable.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.