



Planning Council Meeting
Monday, March 13th, 2017
700 Lavaca, Room 2.110

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT School of Law), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Sandra Eames (Austin Community College), Rebecca Farrell (Truth Be Told), Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Karen Keith (Community Representative), Danny Smith (Travis County Sheriff's Office), Doug Smith (Texas Criminal Justice Coalition), Mia Sneed (TX HHSC), Kenneth Thompson (TX DFPS), Bree Williams (ECHO).

Proxies: Jennifer Sowinski (for Pete Valdez); Brittany Hopkins (TCJC)

Guests: Catalina Casar (Center for Health Empowerment); Gary Wardian (RAP); Cathy McLaugherty (Travis County Justice Planning); Dwayne Street (Goodwill Industries of Central Texas); Abby Tatkow (ECHO)

Support: Kelly Nichols (WNA), Lauren Johnson (Fellow), Annette Price (Fellow)

I. Introductions (Helen Gaebler)

The meeting was called to order at 12:07pm. Helen Gaebler welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions and announcements.

Catalina Casar from the Center for Health Empowerment introduced the organization. It is located in the "pink house" at 1115 E. 12th St. They will be hosting an Open House on April 8th. For more information, visit their website at house.austinche.org or email Catalina at ccasar@makingthingsclear.com.

Kelly Nichols mentioned that the Roundtable will be conducting a strategic planning session on a weekend in May or June. **ACTION ITEM:** A doodle poll will be distributed to the PC to decide the best date.

II. Approval of February 2017 Minutes (Helen Gaebler)

ACTION: Kenneth Thompson moved to approve the January 2017 minutes, Bree Williams seconded, and attendees unanimously passed the motion.

III. Planning Council Membership Update & Vote (Kenneth Thompson)

ACTION: Kenneth Thompson moved to nominate Dwayne Street of Goodwill Industries of Central Texas as a Planning Council member, Sandra Eames seconded, and attendees unanimously passed the motion.

IV. Legislative Session Overview (Lauren Johnson & Annette Price)

Lauren Johnson, Annette Price, and Doug Smith gave an overview of key reentry-related bills, including the following:

- HB548 & HB541, 1981 – expands Fair Chance Hiring
- HB577 – preempts Fair Chance Hiring
- HB 1426 – certificate of relief from collateral consequences (hearing this Thursday)
- HB 2676 – related to community supervision

- HB3001 –magistration for persons with behavioral health issues
- HB2398 “no entry” – reclassify all possession-related offenses – significant budget rider – take savings and support pre-trial behavioral health treatment. Questions regarding the feasibility of engaging with pre-trial services.
- HB1111 – applies to transportation for persons required to register for sex offenses
- HB2724: stipulates that probation can’t get revoked due to inability to pay fees and fines; time in rehabilitation and community service counts.

ACTION ITEM: The Fellows will continue to track re-entry related bills and send them out to the Planning Council. In addition, the Executive Committee and Fellows will put forward a short list of the highest priority bills for the Planning Council to vote via SurveyMonkey to take action on.

V. Network Mapping Exercise (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly Nichols facilitated a network mapping exercise with the Planning Council. Results of the network mapping exercise are included as an attachment to the minutes.

VI. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

The meeting was called to an end at 1:28pm.