



Planning Council Meeting
Monday, June 12th, 2017
City of Austin Street-Jones Building
1000 E. 11th St., 4th Floor Training Room

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT Law School), Kenneth Thompson (TX DFPS), Rebecca Farrell (Truth Be Told), Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office), Jaime Rodriguez (U.S. Bureau of Prisons), Doug Smith (TCJC), Sarah Worthington (Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid), Reggie Smith (RAP)

Proxies: Marcus Ramirez (Lisa Howard, TDCJ), Abby Tatkow (Bree Williams, ECHO)

Guests: Gary Wardian, Marissa Latta, Rudy Perez, Mary Moran

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

I. Introductions (Helen Gaebler)

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. Helen welcomed attendees and noted that a quorum was not present. All votes on this meeting's agenda will be conducted via email.

II. Approval of May 2017 Minutes (Helen Gaebler)

ACTION: WNA will amend the May minutes to indicate that Mary Moran attended from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, not Danny Smith.

ACTION: WNA will initiate and compile the electronic votes for the May minutes.

UPDATE: As of 6/14/17, a quorum of the Planning Council (15 votes) was received electronically to approve this item.

II. Vote on New Planning Council Member: Rudy Perez (Kenneth Thompson)

Kenneth introduced and provided background information on Rudy. Kenneth made the nomination to name Rudy as a new Planning Council member. Due to lack of quorum, a vote will be conducted via email.

ACTION: WNA will initiate and compile the electronic votes on the nomination of Rudy Perez to the Planning Council.

UPDATE: As of 6/14/17, a quorum of the Planning Council (15 votes) was received electronically to approve this item.

III. Discussion on Meeting Location (Helen Gaebler)

Due to parking validation changes at the 700 Lavaca Building, the Planning Council will need to secure a different meeting location. Several suggestions were made by attendees including ECHO, Communities for Recovery, Regional Foundation Library, Texas Association of Counties, and Goodwill.

ACTION: WNA will follow up with suggested locations and secure a meeting location prior to the July meeting.

IV. Strategic Planning (Kelly Nichols)

Reggie, Doug, Sarah, and Rebecca participated in a “fishbowl” conversation to recap the June 3rd strategic planning session. Questions included, “What did we accomplish?,” “What felt hard?” and “What opportunities do you see ahead?”. Participants highlighted needing to identify and clarify populations and geographical areas served and not served by the A/TCRRT and the potential for expanding in to Pflugerville to meet some of the needs in that community. It was noted that another outcome of the session were more specific and defined goals.

Kelly then facilitated an exercise in which participants individually listed five core values of the Roundtable. Individuals then merged into groups of 2 or 3 to rework their lists. These small groups merged into larger groups where the lists were more narrowly defined. Each group then presented their final list to the whole committee.

Summary of discussion on core values:

- Equity – we focus on disparities and inequities in system delivery
- Results Orientation – we are not afraid to ask hard questions in order to facilitate change
- Inclusion – we seek to include and engage multiple perspectives
- Empathy – we support relationship building as a means to overcome challenges
- Respect – we honor the basic dignity of every person
- Listening to the community – we have our ears to the ground

Kelly followed up by announcing that the Strategic Planning work group would convene for one or more meetings before the July Planning Council meeting to hone the core values statements as well as the Identity Statement document.

V. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.