



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 10th, 2017

12:00 noon – 1:30PM

Texas Association of Counties Event Center, Central Texas Room
1210 San Antonio St, 4th Floor

Minutes

Attendees: Kenneth Thompson (TX DFPS); Michelle Collins (Integral Care); Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office); Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative); Lisa Howard (TDCJ); Karen Keith (Community Representative); Rudy Perez (Travis County Adult Probation); Jaime Rodriguez (U.S. Bureau of Prisons); Mary Moran (Travis County Sheriff's Office); Doug Smith (TCJC); Laura Sovine (Austin Recovery); DeWayne Street (Goodwill Central Texas); Bree Williams (ECHO)

Guests: Roger Jeffries, Mario Espinoza, Abby Tatkow, Gary Wardian, Mary Moran

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

I. Introductions (Kenneth Thompson)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. Kenneth welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions.

II. Approval: June 2017 Minutes (Kenneth Thompson)

Darla moved to approve the minutes from the June 12th Planning Council Meeting. Doug seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Vote on New Planning Council Member: Mary Moran (Kenneth Thompson)

Kenneth introduced and provided background information on Mary. Kenneth made the nomination to name Mary as a new Planning Council member. Sandra seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Strategic Planning - Discussion on Member Engagement and 2017 Work Plan (Kelly Nichols)

The final strategic plan is scheduled to be released in August. Kelly provided an update to the group regarding the changes to the identity statement. Key changes include adding the word "equity" to the vision statement, and removal of "public safety" from the mission statement.

Additionally, the issues areas have been updated to refer to the timeline of reentry as opposed to individual services because there are a variety of services that are needed in each point of reentry. The four issue areas are:

- Community Engagement
- Pre-Release
- Release
- Collateral Consequences.

One concern was raised that the four areas do not address jail diversion. The group will continue having

conversations about this to determine how and where this topic fits within the existing issue areas or if the issue areas should be expanded.

Attendees were divided into groups to brainstorm and discuss ways in which Planning Council members can encourage engagement and strengthen the leadership pipeline. One recommendation was to establish standing committees that focus on the four issues areas.

ACTION: WNA will provide finalized deliverables for approval at next PC meeting.

V. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

Mario Espinoza provided a brief overview of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority and the work that the organization want to begin doing within the reentry sector. One of the biggest offerings the organization has is employment. These positions range from construction to commercial drivers.

Laura Sovine advised the group that a jail diversion program is in the works and that one individual will go through the program initially and will become the case study for future jail diversion practices.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Planning Council Meeting

August 14th, 2017

12:30 – 2:00pm

Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.)