



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 14th, 2017

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)

300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.

Minutes

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT Law); Kenneth Thompson (TX DFPS); Sarah Worthington (TX RioGrande Legal Aid); Michelle Collins (Integral Care); Rebecca Farrell (Community Representative); Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office); Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative); Lisa Howard (TDCJ); Karen Keith (Community Representative); Mary Moran (Travis County Sheriff's Office); Rudy Perez (Travis County Adult Probation); Jaime Rodriguez (U.S. Bureau of Prisons); Mia Sneed (Community Representative); Laura Sovine (Austin Recovery); Pete Valdez (City of Austin Downtown Community Court); Bree Williams (ECHO)

Guests: Abby Tatkow, Frank Ringer, Bita Razavi, Lauren Johnson, Jackie Patmore, Stacey Farr

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

I. Introductions (Helen Gaebler)

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 p.m. Helen welcomed attendees and facilitated introductions.

II. Approval: July 2017 Minutes (Helen Gaebler)

Laura moved to approve the minutes from the July Planning Council Meeting. Kenneth seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Discussion: FY2018-21 Strategic Plan and FY18 Work Plan (Helen Gaebler)

Kelly provided an overview of the strategic plan process and draft goals. A key discussion point was how to include individuals who may not have been incarcerated, such as persons on community supervision or in diversion programs, into the strategic plan goal areas. PC members were asked to divide into three groups: Community Engagement, Addressing Needs (includes pre-and-post-release), and Collateral Consequences and determine preliminary goals for each group. The following is a summary of those goals:

- Community Engagement → How reentry impacts community
 - Partnerships/Events (simulation)
 - Dialogue
 - Impacted communities
 - Decision Makers
- Addressing Needs
 - Minimizing impact; maximizing outcomes
 - Public safety

- Convening agencies
- Identifying gaps and strategies
- Use PC meetings to convene dialogues
- Relationship building
- Data sharing/principles
- Collateral Consequences
 - Increasing access to equitable housing and employment opportunities
 - Continue housing work
 - Evaluate Fair Chance Housing – licensing
 - Regional workforce development planning
 - Identify collateral consequences for juveniles and for those on probation

IV. Discussion: Member Survey/Annual Commitment Form (Helen Gaebler)

Helen reminded PC members the annual commitment form has been sent as an electronic version and advised that paper copies are available to be signed today.

V. Update: Criminal Background Barriers to Housing Project (Bree Williams)

Bree updated attendees that progress is being made toward eliminating the criminal background checks for affordable housing rentals in Austin/Travis County. A memorandum providing a full update is attached to these minutes.

VI. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

Jackie and Stacy provided an overview of a program for home and community-based services for adults. The program is offered through a partnership with The University of Texas and Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The program is called Home + Community Based Services: Adult Mental Health. The intention is to serve adults with serious mental health diagnoses who also have chronic homelessness/incarceration. Housing is not provided, but assisted living and supportive services within a housing setting are available. For more information, visit their website:

<http://sites.utexas.edu/homeiswherethehealthis/>

Planning Council Meeting

September 11th, 2017

12:30 – 2:00pm

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