



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 9th, 2018

12:30 – 2:00pm

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

MINUTES

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT School of Law), Kenneth Thompson (DFPS), Reggie Smith (Community Representative), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Rebecca Farrell (Community Representative), Darla Gay (Travis County DA), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Mary Moran (TCSO), Laura Sovine (Austin Recovery)

Guests: Kristen Spencer, Lauren Johnson, Laura Slocum, Bitra Razavi, Gregorio Salas, Daniel McCoy-Bue

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

I. Introductions (Kenneth Thompson)

Kenneth called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. He welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions.

II. Appreciative Inquiry Exercise (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly led the attendees through an Appreciative Inquiry Exercise.

III. Vote: March 2018 Minutes (Kenneth Thompson)

Darla Gay moved to approve the March 2018 Planning Council Meeting Minutes. Michelle Collins seconded the motion. A quorum was not present, and an electronic vote will be taken.

UPDATE: The motion was approved via electronic vote on April 12.

IV. Vote: New Planning Council Members (Rebecca Farrell)

a. Sherri Cogbill representing TDCJ

Rebecca moved to nominate Sherri Cogbill for membership to the Planning Council. Helen Gaebler seconded the motion. A quorum was not present, and an electronic vote will be taken.

UPDATE: The motion was approved via electronic vote on April 12.

ACTION: WNA will complete the onboarding process for new PC member Sherri Cogbill.

V. Stepping Up Initiative (Michelle Collins)

Michelle provided an overview of Integral Care's work around the Stepping Up Initiative, a national effort to divert people with mental illness from jails and into treatment. She said Integral Care is helping to provide continuity of care by creating a linkage to services upon release.

VI. Update: Housing Guide and Template (Helen Gaebler)

Helen updated attendees that the Texas Criminal Background Screening Guide for Rental Housing Providers and the Housing Applicant Criminal Background Screening Template were released to the public on Monday, April 2. She also noted that there are plans for a formal press release announcing the availability of the Guide and Template.

VII. Update and Discussion: Community Engagement Plan (Annette Price & Tray Frazier)

Annette updated attendees that she has been in contact with an affinity RAP group in Baton Rouge that is looking to replicate the Reentry Roundtable's model. She has already provided a copy of the recently released and just discussed Housing Guide and Template. Tray announced the date and location of the RAPStars event. He invited PC members to the Wildflower Church (1314 E Oltorf St.) on April 26 from 6-8 p.m. Travis County DA Margaret Moore will provide the keynote with four RAP members scheduled to speak. The event will be recorded, and the footage will be provided the Annette and Tray. The formal invitations are being sent soon. Registration will be through Eventbrite.

VIII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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