



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 14, 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), Sarah Worthington (TRLA) Reggie Smith (Community Representative), Sherri Cogbill (TDCJ), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Rebecca Farrell (Community Representative), Mary Moran (TCSO) Doug Smith (TCJC), Jennifer Tucker (Goodwill), Peter Valdez (COA DCC), Bree Williams (ECHO)

Guests: Laura Enderle (Austin Public Health), Cathy McClaugherty (TCJP), Ellen Paddock (TCJP), Valerie Hollier (TCJP), Lauren Dreyer (Integral Care), Mark Balderson, Lee Pendleton (Workforce Solutions), Leslie Puckett (Workforce Solutions), Preston Stewart (COA Economic Development), Karen Smithson (Austin Human Resource Management), Ed Latson (Austin Regional Manufacturers Association)

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

I. Introductions (Kenneth Thompson)

Kenneth called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. He welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions.

II. Vote: April 2018 Minutes (Helen Gaebler)

Michelle Collins moved to approve the April 2018 Planning Council Meeting Minutes. Rebecca Farrell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Financial Update (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly provided an update on the Roundtable financial status. She stated that revenue and expenses for the next year are almost equal and the current account balance is about \$60,000. She explained the Roundtable's revenue sources are mostly deliverables-based with the bulk of funding coming from Travis County and the City of Austin. Funding from the Shield-Ayers Foundation made the Fellowship possible, but other sources of funding must be found to keep the program sustainable. Recently, via a connection from Helen, the Roundtable was invited to submit a grant application for \$5,000 from the France-Merrick Foundation which we are expected to receive during this fiscal year – the funds will support the fellowship program.

IV. Panel Discussion: Second Chance Employment

- **Ed Latson, Austin Regional Manufacturers Association**
- **Lee Pendleton and Leslie Puckett, Workforce Solutions**
- **Karen Smithson, Austin Human Resource Management Association**
- **Preston Stewart, City of Austin Economic Development Department**

Attendees spent the remaining meeting time hearing from the above listed panelists about second chance employment. Panelists discussed how to most effectively engage employers as well as other stakeholders, how we can create a safe space for employers to learn and ask questions about Second Chance employment, and what messages would be most compelling for employers. Key themes included focusing on the economic impact of second chance employment, building a long-term, sustained conversation with employers rather than just a one-day convening, and identifying champions in the business community to share their second chance employment stories with their peers.

V. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

The Roundtable participated in a recent conversation hosted by Travis County Justice Planning and volunteer to help facilitate a convening of stakeholders related to the planning of a new jail facility to help identify priorities and then to identify the people to lead the conversation.

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June 11th, 2018

12:30 – 2:00pm

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