



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 14th, 2019
12:30 – 2:00pm
Goodwill Community Center

MINUTES

Attendees: Reggie Smith (TCJC), Mary Moran (TCSO), Mia Greer (Community Coalition for Health), Don Tracy (ACC), Laurie Pherigo (Advocacy Fellow), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Bree Williams (ECHO), Kenneth Thompson (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services)

Guests: Rachel Hampton (Goodwill Central Texas), Sandra Smith (Via Hope), Javier Soto (Communities for Recovery), AJ Bingham (Easy Expunctions), Yousef Kassim (Easy Expunctions), Julie Potrykus (Bingham Group), Carl Hunter (Recovery People), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Samantha Friedman (Community Representative), Amber Warne (Workforce Solutions), Laura Enderle (Austin Social Service Policy—APH), Gary Wardian (Community Representative),

Support: Kelly Nichols, Laylee Safa

- I. **Introductions (Reggie Smith)**

Reggie opened the meeting at 12:30pm and facilitated a round of introductions.

 - a. **Highlighted Guest: Easy Expunctions (A.J. Bingham and Yousef Kassim)**

Yousef and AJ shared the story behind Easy Expunctions and how they came to this work. Easy Expunctions offers low cost expunctions with a 100% moneyback guarantee.
- II. **Vote: December 2018 Minutes (Reggie Smith)**
 - a. Tabled due to lack of quorum.
 - i. **ACTION:** Include in vote via email.
- III. **Vote: Woollard Nichols & Associates 2019 Contract (Reggie Smith)**
 - a. Tabled due to lack of quorum.
 - i. **ACTION:** Include in vote via email.

ACTION: Please review WNA 2019 contract up for renewal. Will send for vote via email. No significant changes made to last contract.
- IV. **Vote: New Planning Council Member: Sandra Smith (Mary Moran)**
 - a. Mary formally offered Sandra's nomination. An email vote will be conducted due to lack of quorum.
- V. **Fellowship Update (Laurie Pherigo)**
 - a. Laurie announced plans for a convening in April. She will connect with Rachel Hampton regarding financial literacy training.
- VI. **Update on ACC/Roundtable Convenings on Employment Supports (Don Tracy)**
 - a. Don Tracy summarized the employment support convenings with ACC and the Roundtable. A survey is currently out to help determine next steps. Mia Greer shared

that training is essential for managers in order to reduce stigma and encourage second chance hiring. She shared her personal experience as a person with lived experience who now can hire others with lived experience in the criminal justice system. The Roundtable will engage with the Austin Regional Manufacturing Association (ARMA) to connect this work to this year's deliverables for the City, County, and Integral Care. Other associations will be engaged with as well. The Roundtable Executive Committee will apply to Leadership Austin for an Executive Fellow to support this work on second chance employment.

Peer support as individuals transition out of incarceration will play an important role in the success of these efforts. Dr. Sandra Smith is working on a curriculum for peer support specifically for reentering populations. Reggie is working on this as well. A workgroup around peer support may be convened in the next fiscal year.

VII. Amplify Austin Overview and Discussion (Laurie Pherigo and Laylee Safa)

- a. The Roundtable will participate in Amplify Austin this upcoming February for the first time. Although Planning Council members may not be able to contribute financially to the campaign, they are encouraged to boost the Roundtable's social media messages related to Amplify in order to reach their personal networks. The Roundtable will be sending letters asking for support to 50 potential sponsors in the community, starting with Austin's top employers. Planning Council members recommended contacting defense attorneys for support.

VIII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

- a. Kelly shared that the theme for the Roundtable website has been revamped and will be going live very soon.
- b. Mary Moran shared that there will be a free re-entry employment specialist training held at ACC Eastview Campus starting on February 20th. She also shared that she recently met with Rey Arellano, Pete Valdez, and two other women to discuss a Travis County one stop reentry center.
 1. **ACTION:** Kelly will connect with Mary about this.
- c. Kenneth Thompson shared that Spencer Cronk is interested in having an additional representative of the City of Austin join the Roundtable.
- d. Javier Soto announced that he holds a reentry/justice meeting once per month Communities for Recovery. He would like to increase the meeting frequency to every Thursday and would like to discuss potentially connecting with RAP. The space at Communities for Recovery can hold 90-100 people.
 1. **ACTION:** Laurie will connect with Javier.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 1:51.

Next Planning Council Meeting

February 11th, 2019

12:30 – 2:00pm

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