



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 11th, 2019

12:30 – 2:00pm

Goodwill Community Center

Planning Council Members Present: Reggie Smith (Texas Criminal Justice Coalition), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Sandra Eames (Austin Community College), Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office), Mia Greer (Community Coalition for Health), Mary Moran (Travis County Sheriff's Office), Jaime Rodriguez (US Bureau of Prisons), Sandra Smith (Via Hope), Don Tracy (Austin Community College), Peter Valdez (City of Austin Community Court), Laurie Pherigo (Advocacy Fellow)

Guests: Samantha Bloom Friedman (Community Member), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Jennifer Cregar (Guest), Rachel Hampton (Goodwill Central Texas), Carl Hunter (Recovery People), Dylan Juza (ECHO VISTA), Marissa Latta (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid), Mick Normington (Lee College), Ariel Ramirez (Guest), Amber Warne (Workforce Solutions)

Support: Kelly Nichols, Laylee Safa (WNA)

I. Introductions and Impromptu Networking (Reggie Smith and Kelly Nichols)

Reggie opened the meeting and welcomed attendees at 12:36pm. Attendees gathered in small groups to discuss three questions:

1. Who are you appreciating in your work or the broader reentry community right now? Why?
2. A big opportunity I see for the Roundtable is...
3. A courageous conversation the Roundtable is not currently having is...

II. Recognition of Departing Planning Council Members Rebecca Farrell, Karen Keith and Sarah Worthington (Reggie Smith)

1. Reggie Smith presented Sarah Worthington with a certificate of appreciation for her leadership and dedication to the Roundtable over the years. Sarah will be moving soon. Reggie also recognized the great work done by Rebecca Farrell and Karen Keith to help advance the Planning Council's mission. They were both unfortunately unable to attend the meeting

III. Vote: January 2019 Minutes (Reggie Smith)

1. Don Tracy moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Michelle Collins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Legislative Update (Laurie Pherigo)

1. Laurie will track bills related to reentry during the legislative session. Going forward, she will email a link to her tracking spreadsheet to Planning Council members on a weekly basis. During legislative updates at Planning Council meetings, she will share updates on 4-5 bills as well as ways that Planning Council members can get involved if necessary. Members were encouraged to suggestions of bills related to reentry to Laurie. The Roundtable may vote on endorsing specific legislation in the future. An abstention option will be provided every time.

V. Amplify Austin Update (Laylee Safa)

1. The Roundtable is gearing up for Amplify Austin Day from February 28th-March 1st. Planning Council members were encouraged to submit quotes about why they are passionate about the Roundtable's work. Members were also encouraged to share social media posts made by the Roundtable leading up to and on Amplify Austin Day. So far 15 letters requesting sponsorships for Amplify have been sent to local businesses. \$1000 of the \$5,000 goal has generously been pledged already by Helen Gaebler.

VI. Strategic Plan Update & Open Space Discussion (Kelly Nichols)

1. Kelly reviewed the top goals defined in the Roundtable Strategic Plan and provided updates on progress.
2. Discussion Topics:
 - a. Reentry service coordination/needs assessment/reentry one-stop shop – 9 votes
 - b. Engaging people with lived experience in the justice system – 8 votes
 - c. Behavioral health & substance use peer support – 8 votes
 - d. Reframing language in reentry – 7 votes
 - e. Employer engagement & education – 5 votes
 - f. Families – 4 votes
 - g. Connections with homelessness & reentry – 2 votes
 - h. Expunctions – 2 votes
 - i. Needs of violent and sexual offenders – Pushing back against offense discrimination – 2 votes
 - j. Physical health & reentry – 2 votes
 - k. Upward mobility – 1 vote
 - l. Public education around reentry
 - m. Race, equity, and criminal justice in Austin, TX

VII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

1. Darwin Hamilton will serve as the interim RAP Representative on the Executive Council meeting.
2. The Roundtable hopes to revive RAP Speaks event for Second Chance month.

Next Planning Council Meeting

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