Minutes

Attendees: Helen Gaebler (UT Law), Kenneth Thompson (TxDfps), Sara Worthington (TRLA), Reggie Smith (Community Representative), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Rebecca Farrell (Community Representative), Darla Gay (TCDA), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Mary Moran (TCSO), Cathy McClaugherty (TCJP), Doug Smith (TCJC), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Jennifer Tucker (Goodwill), Bree Williams (ECHO)

Guests: Samantha Bloom Friedman, Abby Tatkow, Bailey Gray, Olivia Jimenez, Kevin Percival, Nadia Carlson, Rita Pavone

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

I. Introductions and Announcements (Helen Gaebler)

Helen called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. She welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions and announcements. Helen updated attendees that Advocacy Fellow Annette Price has accepted a full-time position and has resigned her position as Senior Advocacy Fellow.

Cathy McClaugherty with Travis County Justice Planning announced that Intergovernmental Office of Travis County is interested in a public service campaign regarding voter registration status for people reentering the community. They want to know what existing efforts are out there.

Darla Gay announced a $50,000 grant with the McArthur Foundation. The purpose is to take the state jail study and push it down the road.

II. Vote: May 2018 Minutes (Kenneth Thompson)

Reggie Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the May 2018 Planning Council Meeting. Jennifer Tucker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Demonstration: Designing Client-Centered Services through Experiential Learning (Olivia Jimenez and Kevin Percival, (ix)plore Lab)

(ix)plore Lab’s goal is to help build skills that prevent burnout through a variety of live simulations that recreate real-life scenarios. Olivia Jimenez and Kevin Percival demonstrated a short training exercise in which they acted as case manager interviewer and a person
reentering the community interviewee. The demonstration included examples of what a case manager should not do followed by examples of an effective interview between the case manager and the job seeker.

IV. Update on State Reentry Task Force (Sherri Cogbill)

Tabled.

V. Update on Funder Deliverables (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly Nichols updated attendees on the final set of deliverables for FY2018-19. The updated chart is included as an attachment to these minutes.

VI. Discussion: Second Chance Employment next steps (Kelly Nichols)

Attendees discussed next steps for employer engagement around second-change hiring. Those steps include: Convening business leaders and hiring managers with the aim to promote hiring persons with criminal backgrounds. Documentation will include a copy of the invitation and contact list including outreach to a minimum of 50 employers and/or organizations representing employers, and a summary of the event including anticipated action steps and participant evaluations.

Planning Council Meeting
July 9th, 2018
12:30 – 2:00pm
Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (300 E. Highland Mall Blvd.)