



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2020

12:30 – 2:00pm

ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendees: Mia Greer (Community Coalition for Health), Carolyn Brown (Travis County Correctional Facility), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Helen Gaebler (UT Law School), Darla Gay (Travis County District Attorney's Office), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Carl Hunter (Recovery People), Marissa Latta (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid), Cathy McClaugherty (Travis County Justice Planning), Marsha Morgenroth (Travis County Adult Probation), Katy Jo Muncie (Capital Area Private Defender Service), Hank Perret (Community Representative), Sandra Smith (Via Hope), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Don Tracy (Austin Community College), Jennifer Tucker (Goodwill Central Texas), Peter Valdez (City of Austin Community Court)

Guests: Becca Bice (LBJ School), Sam D'Arcangelo (LBJ School), Stephen Fox (LBJ School), Jason Phillips (Caritas of Austin), Matt Smith (Aunt Bertha), Neal Whetstone (City of Austin)

Support: Kelly Nichols, KiYa Moghaddam, Laylee Safa

I. Welcome & Introductions – Mia Greer welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions at 12:33 pm.

II. Vote to Approve April 2020 Meeting Minutes – Louella Tate moved to approve the April 2020 meeting minutes. Don Tracy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Key Roundtable Updates

- a. **Funding Contracts** – Kelly Nichols shared that the Roundtable now has a fully executed contract with Travis County Justice Planning. She reviewed the deliverables and shared that the activities will be carried out over the next six months. The Roundtable will now begin working with funders on contracts for the next fiscal year.
- b. **Financial Update** – Kelly reviewed the Roundtable's income and expenditures. The Roundtable currently has a balance of over \$70,000. The City of Austin Equity Mini-Grant funding has been received at this time.

- c. **Reentry Simulation Postponement** – KiYa Moghaddam shared that the simulation will be postponed until late summer.
- d. **COVID-19 Update** – Attendees discussed issues that have arisen since the last meeting related to COVID-19 and reentry. The group discussed the push for early release, rates of COVID-19 in local facilities, how to avoid releasing individuals into homelessness, the City and County's approach, and more. This conversation will be ongoing.

IV. RAP-LBJ School Partnership Student Presentation and Q & A (20 mins) – Carl Hunter provided context for the RAP partnership with the LBJ School of Public Affairs group that has been in place since February. Students Becca Bice, Sam D'Arcangelo, and Stephen Fox shared their findings and insights related to RAP.

V. Breakout Groups

- a. Reentry Data & Analysis Workgroup Meeting
- b. RAP-LBJ School Partnership

VI. Other:

- a. Neal Whetsone from Council Member Natasha Harper Madison's office shared an update on the resolution draft for Fair Chance Housing.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.