



Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

*Building Successful Strategies for
Reentry and Reintegration in Austin/Travis County, Texas*

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PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2020

12:30 – 2:00pm

ZOOM

Attendees: Carl Hunter, Carolyn Brown, Cathy McClaughterty, Darwin Hamilton, David Clauss, Hank Perret, Happye Dyer, Helen Gabler, Jeff Lewis, Jen Lee-Pearce, Jennifer Tucker, Kaleigh Phelan, Katy Jo Muncie, Kendra Garrett, Laurie Pherigo, Lisa Mitchell, Louella Tate, Marissa Latta, Marsha Morgenroth, Peter Valdez, Shaun Auckland

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Connecting Activity

Breakout rooms in pairs – 3 minutes each, two rounds

III. Vote to Approve June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Louella moved approval, Helen seconded, the motion was approved. Darwin Hamilton abstained.

IV. Key Roundtable Updates

a. Findings of RAP Focus Groups

Carl Hunter provided an update on the RAP Focus Groups. He described the planning and implementation process as a partnership with students from the LBJ School of Public Affairs and with individuals with direct lived experience. The focus group participants were limited to Travis County residents and were invited to participate after completion of a survey. A total of five focus groups were conducted during the month of July. Some of the items that stood out: many participants expressed that this was the first time they had ever been asked about their experiences in the justice system; many participants expressed similar challenges with housing and employment; and many participants expressed a desire to continue these types of conversations with a supportive group.

Kelly let the group know that the compilation of results is included in the meeting packet for today and that the Roundtable will use this data for journey mapping and other work planned in coming months.

V. Fishbowl Conversation

a. Kaleigh Phelan, Carolyn Brown, and Angela Blackwell on ECHO's Project with the Sheriff's Office Developed to Track Individuals Exiting Jail with Unstable Housing Status

At the beginning of the pandemic there was a coordinated effort to support people leaving the County jail with unstable housing status. This effort was a pilot program between ECHO and the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Kaleigh and Carolyn shared the story of this pilot program.

A jail referral form was created, similar to the form for healthcare referral. It asks basic information (name, DOB, contact information, etc). This form is handed out to people who are identified as experiencing homelessness. The person receives the form upon release, they are sent to Carolyn Brown who then sends them to ECHO for potential service matching. There have been some issues with clients not wanting to complete the form. Either because they don't want to self-identify as homeless or because there is not enough buy-in from the officers on the unit.

Coordinated assessment

The reason this was done is to identify who needs housing and to identify who is medically at-risk for contracting COVID-19. There have been 33 referrals since the start of the pilot program.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2020

12:30 – 2:00pm

Zoom