



AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY
**REENTRY
ROUNDTABLE**
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2020
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
ZOOM
MINUTES

Members Present: Don Tracy (ACC), Carolyn Brown (TCCC), David Clauss (American Youthworks), Carl Hunter (Recovery People), Marsha Morgenroth (Travis County Adult Probation), Katy Jo Muncie (Capital Area Private Defender Service), Kaleigh Phelan (ECHO), Joe Ramirez (Texas Veterans Commission), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Helen Gaebler (UT Law School)

Guests: Jessica Blumenstein (TCCC Intern), Laura Enderle (Austin Public Health), Kendra Garrett (Austin Justice Coalition), Jeff Lewis (Second Chances Recovery Homes), Mary Moran (City of Austin), Matt Smith (Aunt Bertha), Madeline Sonntag (TCCC Intern), Alex Villarreal (Integral Care)

Support: Kelly Nichols, KiYa Moghaddam, Laylee Safa (WNA)

- I. **12:30-12:45 p.m. – Welcome, Guest Introductions, Connecting Activity**
 - a. Don Tracy opened the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Kelly led attendees in a connecting activity around the following question: What’s a personal or professional challenge related to reentry that you need help or advice with right now? After reflecting on the exercise, Don encouraged guests to introduce themselves.
- II. **12:45-12:50 p.m. – Vote to Approve October 2020 Minutes** – David Clauss moved to approve the October 2020 meeting minutes. Joe Ramirez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **12:50-12:55 p.m. – Review Workplan Progress** – Kelly Nichols provided an update on the Roundtable’s current workplan progress. She reviewed the new dashboard that will be shared during each Planning Council meeting.
 - a. **ACTION:** Next time, leadership will include the deadline for each item and will include color coding for progress status.
- IV. **12:55-1:50 p.m. – Planning Discussion: Community Conversation on Reentry in Partnership with Austin Justice Coalition – Kelly Nichols**
 - a. **Overview** – Kelly provided an overview of the event that will be held in partnership with Austin Justice Coalition. It will be held on Monday, December 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. Kelly reviewed the objectives, target audience, and the agenda for the event.
 - b. **Volunteer Recruitment** – Kelly invited Planning Council members to participate as co-moderators for breakout sessions during the event.
 - c. **Brainstorm Targeted Invitations** – Kelly asked attendees to complete a Google Form (<https://forms.gle/jYF6N1fqSmzkm55v7>) as a follow-up to today’s conversation about who to invite to the event. The group brainstormed the following groups for targeted

invitations:

- i. Parole
- ii. Probation
- iii. Media
- iv. Community leaders (opinion leaders)
- v. CBO/FBO/NPO leaders outside of those directly involved in reentry work
- vi. Partner networks of members and guests of this meeting
- vii. Fox news
- viii. Landlords
- ix. Homeless service providers
- x. Policy makers
- xi. City Council members
- xii. Social Work students
- xiii. Students with a focus on criminal justice

d. Feedback:

- i. How does jail/prison reentry impact us as a community?
- ii. Conversation needs to touch on how reentry *does* impact you even if you don't think it does. It impacts our healthcare system, our workforce, our community. You may ultimately have to pay for or connect with.
- iii. What is the impact of reentry in your life and in your family? In your neighborhood? In your workplace? In your faith community?

V. **1:50-2:00 p.m. – Member Updates and Announcements**

VI. **Other**

- a. **ACTION:** Kelly will follow up with Danny at TCSO about reentry center planning.

VII. **Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.**