



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2020

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

ZOOM

MINUTES

Members Present: Jennifer Tucker (Goodwill Central Texas), Carolyn Brown (Travis County Correctional Facility), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Helen Gaebler (UT Law School), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Carl Hunter (Recovery People), Marissa Latta (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid), Marsha Morgenroth (Travis County Pretrial & Adult Probation), Katy Jo Muncie (Capital Area Private Defender Service), Hank Perret (Community Representative), Joe Ramirez (Texas Veterans Commission), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Don Tracy (ACC)

Guests: Melissa Craig (Community Member), Michelle Davis (Department of Labor), Heather Emerson (Truth Be Told), Rochion Gregg (City of Austin – Fair Chance Hiring Investigator), Jesus Guerra (Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area), Diana Hernandez (SAFE Alliance), Tresa Hernandez (Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area), Beverly Johnson (Community Member), Mary Moran (City of Austin), Lori Mellinger (Empowered Women of Purpose), AtmaJodha Singh (Community Member), Doug Smith (Texas Criminal Justice Coalition)

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

- I. **12:30-12:45 p.m. – Welcome** – Jennifer Tucker welcomed attendees at 12:34 pm. Kelly led attendees in a connecting activity. Jennifer then invited new guests to introduce themselves.
- II. **12:45-12:50 p.m. – Voting Items – Jennifer Tucker**
 - a. **November 2020 Minutes** – Dr. Louella Tate moved to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes. Joe Ramirez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Woollard Nichols and Associates Contract for 2021 Coalition Support** – Hank Perret moved to approve WNA's 2021 coalition support contract with the Reentry Roundtable. Don Tracy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **12:50-12:55 p.m. – Review Workplan Progress** – Jennifer encouraged Planning Council members to get involved in the Roundtable work reviewed. Kelly shared the following updates:
 - a. During the first quarter of 2021, the Executive Committee will work on developing a formal mentorship component for the fellowship as well as improving onboarding and training plans for the next fellow. The selection process for the next fellow is anticipated to begin in March or April of 2021.
 - b. Kelly updated attendees on the community conversation on reentry co-hosted by the Roundtable and Austin Justice Coalition on December 7. The Roundtable will be submitting the relevant documentation to the City of Austin and Travis County by the end

- of the month.
- c. Kelly provided an overview of the three phases of the service landscape project including survey/data collection, mapping/analysis, and website/web application development. The Planning Council meeting in January will include details and discussion around the first phase as well as a call for workgroup members.
 - d. KiYa Moghaddam is working on the 2020 Impact Report and plans to share in the early January.
 - e. The Reentry Roundtable and Community Coalition for Health have been invited to submit a full grant application for the Community Solutions for Health Equity from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The application is due by February 2021.
 - f. Kelly and Lily Feldman are meeting soon with the Travis County Sheriff's Office to move forward with researching reentry centers and best practices.

12:55-1:50 p.m. – Shift & Share Activity – Don Tracy provided an overview of the activity and stressed the importance of attendees connecting and learning from each other.

- a. Carl Hunter – Building Promise USA
- b. Joe Ramirez – Texas Veterans Commission
- c. Doug Smith -- Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

IV. 1:50-2:00 p.m. – Member Updates and Announcements – Carl Hunter

- a. Attendees inquired about the Roundtable's plans for the 2021 legislative session.
- b. The Executive Committee will be meeting with District Attorney-Elect Garza's transition team regarding coordination and alignment with their work. As a member of his transition team, Darwin Hamilton invited the Roundtable to be part of this discussion focused on reentry.

V. 2:00 p.m. – Meeting Adjourned