



Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

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

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2021
12:30 – 2 p.m.
ZOOM

Attending: Don Tracy (Austin Community College), Mia Greer (Community Coalition for Health), Carolyn Brown (Travis County Correctional Facility), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Helen Gaebler (UT School of Law), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Marissa Latta (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid), Katy Jo Muncie (Capital Area Private Defender Service), Hank Perret (Community Representative), Kaleigh Phelan (ECHO), Cathy McClaugherty (Travis Co. Justice Planning), Joe Ramirez (Texas Veterans Commission), Melissa Shearer (Travis Co. Mental Health Public Defender), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Peter Valdez (City of Austin Community Court), Alex Villarreal (Integral Care)

Guests: Sonja Burns (Advocate), Claire Burrus (ECHO), Laura Enderle (Austin Public Health), Heather Emerson, Julie Gant (Socrates Software), Juanita Garcia (Travis County Public Defender), Rochion Gregg (City of Austin Civil Rights Office), Melissa Hargis (Travis County Attorney's Office), Beverly Johnson (Helping Hands Through Connects), James Levy (Socrates Software), Matthew Lovitt (NAMI Texas), Lori Mellinger (Empowering Women Out of Prison), Mick Normington (Lee College), Wendi Power (Batya Foundation), Ellie Thompson (Travis County Mental Health Public Defender), Jeanette Toledo (New York City Peer Workforce Coalition and the NYC Justice Peer Initiative), Terra Tucker (Alliance for Safety and Justice), Steven Wentreck (Safety Division Manager)

Support: Amanda Cassidy (Advocacy Fellow), Madeleine Jordan-Lord (WNA), Kelly Nichols (WNA)

I. 12:30-12:45 p.m. – Welcome – Don Tracy

- a. Guest Introductions (7 mins)
 - i. [Guest Google Form](#)
- b. Connecting Activity (5 mins) – Partnered prompt
 - i. Have you ever completed anything on your “bucket list”?
 - ii. If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?
- c. Advocacy Fellow Update (3 mins)
 - i. Amanda spoke about her first month as Advocacy Fellow and her 1-on-1 calls with Planning Council members.

II. 12:45-12:50 p.m. – Voting Items – Don Tracy

- a. May 2021 Minutes
- b. ACTION: A motion to approve May 2021 Minutes was made by Hank Perret and seconded by Joe Ramirez. Minutes were approved by a voice vote with no abstentions.

III. 12:50-12:55 p.m. – Council Award Honoree – Don Tracy

- a. Hank Perret is recognized as Council Award Honoree. Hank was integral to the work of the

Reentry Service Provider Landscape Work Group. He conducted outreach to Philadelphia Reentry Coalition to learn more about their survey process and found contact info for the service providers we surveyed.

IV. 12:55-1 p.m. – Texas Veterans Commission Extra Mile Award – Joe Ramirez

- a. Joe Ramirez shared more about the Texas Veterans Commission Extra Mile Award. He nominated Jennifer Tucker for the award, and she won.

V. 1-1:55 p.m. – Shift & Share

- a. ECHO Racial Equity Strategy Group – Claire Burrus
- b. Empowering Women Out of Prison – Lori Mellinger
- c. Capital Area Private Defender Service - Katy Jo Muncie
- d. ANEW Clinic Services – Alex Villarreal

VI. 1:55-2 p.m. – Member Updates and Announcements

- a. There will not be a Planning Council meeting in July.
- b. Mia Greer announced the following event: Juneteenth Vaccine Fair; 12224 Jourdan Crossing Blvd, Austin 78753; 9am to 2pm.
- c. Rochion Gregg spoke about a series of reentry workshops starting July 21st. She will share flyers closer to the start date. You can contact her by phone or email for more information: Rochion.gregg@austintexas.gov; 512-974-3285.
- d. Jeanette Toledo joined us as a guest from New York City Peer Workforce Coalition and an Executive Committee Board Member for the NYC Justice Peer Initiative. She is interested in learning more about Reentry Roundtable and connecting with Planning Council members. Her email is jtoledopwc@gmail.com.

VII. 2 p.m. – Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mia Greer and seconded by David Clauss. Motion was approved by a voice vote with no abstentions.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, August 9, 2021

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom