



Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

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

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom

Attending: Donald Tracy (Austin Community College, Chair), Charles Moody (The Rock ATX, Vice Chair), Erin Kingsbury (Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, Past Chair Proxy), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Helen Gaebler (UT School of Law), Darwin Hamilton (Community Representative), Carl Hunter (Building Promise USA), Marsha Morgenroth (Travis County Adult Probation), Hank Perret (Community Representative), Melissa Shearer (Travis County Mental Health Public Defender), Alex Villarreal (Integral Care)

Guests: Chris Bernhardt, Leila Blatt, LaKeidru Blaylock, Karen Boyd, Sonja Burns, Misty Campbell, Juanita Garcia, Mallory Hakes (Capital Area Private Defender Service) Beverly Johnson, David Johnson (Grassroots Leadership), Kelley Jura-Myrick, Shelley MacAllister, Cathy McClaugherty, Simone Price, Paola Silvestre, Caroline Solis, Crystal Voelpel, Laura Wilson-Slocum

Support: Amanda Cassidy, Madeleine Jordan-Lord, and Kelly Nichols

I. 12:30-12:50 p.m. – Welcome – Don Tracy

- a. Guest Introductions (5 mins) – Don Tracy
- b. Advocacy Fellow Update (3 mins) – Amanda Cassidy
- c. Why are we here today? (2 mins) – Don Tracy
- d. Connecting activity: Rapid Coordination (10 mins) – Madeleine Jordan-Lord

The activity begins by inviting participants to briefly share (1 minute or less) something they need help with or a potential collaboration they'd like to explore with others. After the person shares what they need, the rest of the meeting attendees will be invited to raise their hands if they believe they can help by sharing information, having a follow-up conversation, or providing resources.

- Charles Moody: create an operational definition of racial equity and social justice work
 - LaKeidru Blaylock-I'm interested in DEI work lblaylock@bcmafoundation.com
 - I'd like to follow up with Charles after and interested in DEI. Crystal.Voelpel@traviscountytexas.gov
- Don Tracy: Supporting juveniles in reentry
 - Don's contact info: dtracy@austincc.edu 512-705-6650
 - David Clauss—YouthBuild program, pre-apprenticeship model
 - Helen Gaebler: undergraduates might be interested in supporting
- Melissa Shearer: Peer specialists from Via Hope, would like access to visit jail but dealing with hurdles with the screening paperwork, Sheriff's policy
 - Helen suggested connecting with Danny Smith

II. 12:50-1:10 p.m. – Voting Items – Don Tracy

- a. January 2022 Minutes

A motion to approve the January 2022 Minutes was made by Erin Kingsbury and seconded by Helen

Gaebler. The motion was passed by voice vote with one abstention.

b. Planning Council Nominations

i. Sonja Burns – Community Representative

A motion to approve Sonja Burn's membership to the Planning Council was made by Melissa Shearer and seconded David Clauss. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

ii. Juanita Garcia—Public Defender

A motion to approve Juanita Garcia's membership to the Planning Council was made by Helen Gaebler and seconded Don Tracy. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

iii. Cathy McClaugherty—Travis County Justice & Public Safety

A motion to approve Cathy McClaugherty's membership to the Planning Council was made by Don Tracy and seconded Hank Perret. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

c. \$50 Visa gift card incentive for women in reentry and diversion focus groups

A motion to approve providing Visa giftcards, at an expenditure up to \$2200, to women's reentry & diversion focus group participants was made by Hank Perret and seconded by David Clauss. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

III. 1:10-1:25 p.m. – Presentation on Integral Care's Jail-Based Intake and Care Navigation Program – Karen Boyd

Karen Boyd shared a [powerpoint presentation](#) on Integral Care's Jail-Based Intake & Care Navigation Program and answered questions from the Planning Council.

IV. 1:25-1:55 p.m. – Strategic Planning Partnership with MEASURE Update and Introductory Discussion

Kelly shared a proposed strategic planning timeline and overview of WNA's current ongoing partnership conversation with MEASURE.

Activity: Create a 1-2 sentence "problem statement" that explains a problem Reentry Roundtable needs to address in strategic planning. The statement will describe the negative points of the current situation and explain why this matters.

The Planning Council and guests created the following problem statements in groups of 3-4.

- problem - when people leave TCCC they often do not have access to meaningful treatment and supports + basic needs
- problem - reentry and behavioral health workforce does not have capacity to address the current challenges
- problem - funding is siloed and not allocated appropriately
- problem - not enough urgency or leadership
- The Roundtable is working to erase barriers to employment, housing and mental health. But, as a convener and facilitator, we talk a lot about how to address the issues but we're not feet on the street to get things done.
- How does the Roundtable ensure that people know who we are and what we do? Do people in reentry know that the Roundtable exists? How can the Roundtable assist folks with lived experience in navigating our network?

- How do we develop, support and advocate for programming that builds upon the current ecosystem and addresses the immediate needs of the population that is sustainable over time.
- problem - siloed and disconnected agencies and service providers reduce opportunities for impact at scale - need to identify models for connection, coordination and collaboration around reentry supports

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

- a. Mobilize invitation for guests
- b. Reminder on Peer-led Innovations webinar.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Hank Perret and seconded by Charles Moody. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 14, 2022

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom