



Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

Reentry and Reintegration in Austin/Travis County, Texas

PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 10, 2022

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Zoom

Meeting packet: <https://app.box.com/s/4ot2c20rt64r4fqdxskzdgmm14n4yyh3>

Meeting Slides: <https://app.box.com/s/j6vrs8m04cp0h2t9gx9wyrtyi1y290iq>

Google Slides for Breakout Notes: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10MV8tZ2-WQKZOsofKu0nXEhASIVyQjgZ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111580153932600318801&rtopf=true&sd=true>

Members present: Charles Moody (Chair), Melissa Shearer (Vice Chair), Cynthia Simons (RAP Representative), Sonja Burns (Community Representative), David Clauss (American YouthWorks), Helen Gaebler (UT School of Law), Juanita Garcia (Travis Co Public Defender), Cathy McLaugherty (Travis Co. Justice & Public Safety), Kaleigh Phelan (Capital Area Private Defender Service), Marsha Morgenroth (Travis County Adult Probation), Hank Perret (Community Representative), Paola Silvestre (Indeed), Louella Tate (Community Representative), Alex Villarreal (Integral Care)

Guests: Julie Guirguis (Integral Care), Karen Boyd (Integral Care), Mary Moran (On Point Reentry), Shelley MacAllister (Unite Us), Jezzmen McPeters (ECHO), Quiana Fisher (ECHO)
Support: Kelly Nichols and Madeleine Jordan-Lord (WNA)

I. 12:30-12:40 p.m. – Welcome

- a. Guest Introductions
 - b. Advocacy Fellow Update – Amanda Cassidy-Trejo
- Amanda was not in attendance for today's meeting and did not provide a fellowship update.

II. 12:40-12:45 p.m. – Voting Items

- a. September 2022 Minutes
- A motion to approve the September 2022 Minutes was made by Melissa Shearer and seconded by Cynthia Simons. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.
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III. 12:45-1:05 p.m. -- Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies

- a. Review of Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies
- Charles provided an overview of Reentry Roundtable's strategic plan goals and strategies (listed on powerpoint slides).
 - b. Partnered discussion

- Participants partnered up in breakout rooms and discussed the following prompts: What strategies are you most excited about? Where would you like to lead some of this work? Where can you start with existing resources?
- Participants shared their feedback in chat:
 - Cynthia Simons: Build out a list of peer support positions, Roundtable can help connect folks to paid positions
 - Jezzmen McPeters: ECHO supporting data dashboard work, there may be organizations in the Roundtable network already collecting the data
 - Karen Boyd: Opening up housing resources so they're actually accessible to those who really need them instead of creating additional barriers through unreachable eligibility criteria
 - Melissa Shearer: We talked about paying peer supporters more. We talked about housing for people with mental illness, and reducing the requirements specific of HCBS
 - Helen Gaebler: I'm especially interested in the org structure and capacity building work. Thinking about ways that UT can help to support the work going forward.
 - Shelley MacAllister: Looking forward to working on the capacity building work.
 - Jezzmen McPeters: Leadership- developing a guide for organization confronting barriers to employing persons with justice system involvement - also housing Capacity building – Engage area jails and prisons to review internal policies and procedures to align with evidence-based practices for reentry. Advocacy- Data; utilizing our Research and Evaluation team. Governance Structure - ensuring that there is a alignment between Roundtable and our HRS governance- specifically the Systems Improvement Committee.
 - Charles Moody: leadership, capacity building
 - Paola Silvestre: Capacity building and advocacy
 - Hank Perret: Leadership and career development
 - Juanita Garcia: capacity building and advocacy
 - Kaleigh Phelan: advocacy, capacity building
 - Cynthia Simons: housing, leadership, capacity building
 - Sonja Burns: Capacity building, advocacy
 - Shelley MacAllister: More specifically, the facilitating and supporting the development of a closed loop referral system for reentry services and build partnerships with area academic institutions to advance the dissemination of evidence-based reentry practices and support data driven decision making.
 - Mary Moran: Capacity building. OPRC is here to help!

IV. 1:05-1:15 p.m. – End of Year Financial Update

- Kelly provided a financial update. It can be viewed in the meeting packet.

V. 1:15-1:50 p.m. – FY22-23 Funder Deliverables Discussion

- a. Overview of FY22-23 Funder Deliverables
 - b. Small group discussion: 90-day Action Plan
- Charles will provided an overview of the 22-23 funder deliverables (on powerpoint slides)

with the context that these activities will provide the foundation for further work in each goal area.

- Quiana Fisher made the observation that it will be important to find where each deliverable intersects. An example is engaging RAP in the Roundtable's advocacy goals.
- Breakout rooms: Each participant self-selected which deliverable they would like to discuss in small groups. An Executive Committee member led each group and took notes on the 90-day workplan template on google slides: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10MV8tZ2-WQKZOsofKu0nXEhASIVyQjgZ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=111580153932600318801&rtpof=true&sd=true> The prompts were: What work on this deliverable needs to happen over the next 90 days? (30-60-90 template) What do you see as the best structure for this work? (examples: work group, student project/internship)
- Breakout Rooms:
 - Advocacy (Melissa)
 - Community of Practice (Kelly)
 - Governance (Madeleine)
 - Peer Support (Cynthia)
 - Leadership (Charles)

VI. 1:50-2:00 p.m. –Member Updates & Announcements

- Cynthia Simons announced that Texas Center for Justice and Equity will be hosting a series of legal clinics for parents who have lost custody of their children. These workshops will be scheduled over the next 6-9 months, with participants' scheduling preferences in mind. Please contact Cynthia at Csimons@texascje.org or 512-364-4192 if you are interested in participating.
- Charles Moody announced that Community Coalition for Health's Wellness Fair will take place on Nov 19, 2022 and they are still accepting groups to table at the event. Please visit their website, c2h.us, to sign up and contact Charles charlesmoody@c2h.us or info@c2h.us if you encounter any issues.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa Shearer and seconded by Cathy McClaugherty. The meeting ended at 2:01pm.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, November 14, 2022

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom