



## Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

*Building Successful Strategies for  
Reentry and Reintegration in Austin/Travis County, Texas*  
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### **PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, March 6, 2023  
12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Zoom

Members present: Melissa Shearer (Vice Chair), Amanda Cassidy-Trejo (Reentry Advocacy Fellow), Sonja Burns, Jennifer Carter, David Clauss, Helen Gaebler, Mia Greer, Carl Hunter, Robert Kingham, Kaleigh Phelan, Paola Silvestre, Louella Tate, Alex Villarreal

Guests present: Mary Moran (On Point Reentry), Richard Gamboa (Excel Center for Adults), Adam Ellison (Oxford House), Kyle Walker (ECHO), Tiffany Alexander (CoreCivic Austin Transitional Center), Tyra Clark (TXCROSS), Shelley MacAllister (UniteUS), Desiree Robledo (Communities Not Cages), Kristin Meurer (Travis County Juvenile Probation Department), Misty Campbell (ACC)

Packet: <https://app.box.com/s/0p27z7kipjv5kgff9fiam3agtjmqdt41>

#### **I. 12:30-12:40 p.m. – Welcome**

- a. Guest Introductions
  - b. Advocacy Fellow Update – Amanda Cassidy-Trejo
- Amanda has organized the RAP Visioning Session at Grassroots Leadership on March 10th and April Second Chance Symposium on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at RARE Reentry.
  - Amanda has accepted a full-time position at Faces and Voices of Recovery! She has also been invited to participate in the Recovery Leadership Summit in DC in June.

#### **II. 12:40-12:50 p.m. – Voting Items**

- a. February 2022 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Louella Tate and seconded by Alex Villarreal. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

- b. Advocacy Fellow Contract Extension; \$1950 per month

A motion to extend the Advocacy Fellow contract for an additional month for a stipend of up to \$2000 was made by Louella Tate and seconded by Helen Gaebler. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

- c. Budget for March 10<sup>th</sup> RAP Visioning Session; up to \$2000

A motion to approve up to \$2000 for the RAP Visioning budget was made by Helen Gaebler and seconded by Mia Greer. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote with no abstentions.

### III. 12:50-1:50 p.m. – Deliverables Work Session

#### a. Breakout Room Option #1: Governance Structure Deliverable

- Design a blueprint for a more a sustainable organizational structure, including incorporating the perspectives of persons with lived and professional experience in the intersection of homelessness and reentry.
- Documentation: Meeting agendas including stakeholders engaged for the review process, and a copy of the updated organizational government structure.

#### b. Breakout Room Option #2: Community of Practice Deliverable

- Co-create recommendations for next steps for a reentry community of practice, including engagement of area reentry partners to determine value proposition and bandwidth to participate.
- Documentation: Report including an overview of findings (from surveys and/or interviews) and recommendations for next steps

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

#### a. [Mobilize sign-up link](#) and [user guide](#)

- Amanda Cassidy-Trejo, announcement on Lioness event: Join us as we celebrate the success and voice the struggles of currently and formerly incarcerated girls and women. Meet us at the Southside steps Wednesday March 8th from 11am - 1pm and celebrate International Womens Day with us! We will have 4 State Legislators sharing about the work they are doing in support of girls and women who are currently or formerly incarcerated as well as women in community organizations that are directly impacted and doing tremendous work to give back. RSVP Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/justice-impacted-girls-womens-rally-tickets-558406227057>
- From Kyle Walker: Support HJR 63!!! <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/hJ00063l.pdf>

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 10, 2022

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom