



## Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable

*Building Successful Strategies for  
Reentry and Reintegration in Austin/Travis County, Texas*  
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### MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING SUMMARY

March 11, 2024

12:30 – 2 p.m.

Zoom

[Link to Meeting Packet](#)

#### Attendance

**Coordinating Committee:** Melissa Shearer, Misty Campbell, Julie Guirguis, Mandi Jai Zapata, Larry Wallace Jr, Reyda Taylor, Richard Gamboa, Lori Mellinger, Robert Lilly

**General Members:** Mary Moran, Sheri Wahl, Theo Hernandez- Walsh, Emily Seales, Khadijah Diaz, Robert Kingham, Juanita Garcia, Desiree Robledo, Kaleigh Phelan, Helen Gaebler

**Advocacy Fellow:** Barbara Ornelas

**Guests:** Camille Smith, Deborah Laday, Sonja Burns, Khadijah Diaz, Christian Duran, Jeff Lewis, Julie Smith

**Support:** Madeleine Jordan-Lord and Kelly Nichols

#### I. 12:30-12:45 p.m. – Welcome

- a. Introductions
- b. Opening Prompt: What is a favorite song you would like to put on a Reentry Roundtable playlist?
  - Let it Be, by the Beatles
  - sugar maroon 5
  - right where you are- wolf Bradley
  - All I know by Pink

#### II. 12:45 – 1:30 p.m. – 2024 Roundtable Deliverables Breakout Sessions

- a. Presentation and Discussion on Affordable Housing Funder Research – Khadijah Diaz
  - Most meeting participants stayed in the main room to discuss the 2024 funder deliverable: Conduct a scan of criminal background eligibility criteria of funders of affordable housing in Travis County including the City of Austin, Travis County, the Housing Authority of the City of Austin and the Housing Authority of Travis County; analyze criteria and processes for system-impacted persons to access affordable housing including both vouchers and affordable housing development; and make policy recommendations for funders to decrease barriers for system-impacted individuals to access affordable housing.

- Kelly provided an overview of the deliverable and Khadijah presented her work thus far. Meeting participants offered input on the direction of this project.
  - [Link to slides](#)
- b. Design Session for Reentry Services Community of Practice – Barbara Ornelas
- Reentry service providers divided into a breakout to design upcoming Reentry Service Community of Practice sessions.
  - Attendees: Mary Moran, Sheri Wahl, Deborah Laday, Misty Campbell, Larry Wallace Jr, Richard Gamboa, Mandi Zapata, Barbara Ornelas
  - [Link to slides](#)
  - ACTION: Madeleine will follow up with Community of Practice agreement letter and collect interest in hosting a workshop.
- III. 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. – Community Input on FY24-29 Consolidated Plan – City of Austin Housing Department**
- Christian Duran and Julie Smith from the City of Austin Housing Department presented a slide deck on the FY24-29 Consolidated Plan Community Input process. They encouraged participants to share input here: [www.speakupaustin.org/mycommunityneeds](http://www.speakupaustin.org/mycommunityneeds)
  - [Link to Slides](#)
- IV. 1:45 – 1:55 p.m. – Advocacy Fellow Update – Barbara Ornelas**
- Barbara has continued to participate in Leadership Austin and Hogg Mental Health Policy Academy.
  - Barbara facilitated RAP this month with a conversation on Civic Engagement and Advocacy. She is planning another in-person RAP meeting for May 2024, and hopes to start an alternating schedule for in-person and virtual meetings.
- V. 1:55-2:00 p.m. – Member Announcements**
- On Point Reentry Consortium is planning a Reentry Community Resource Fair for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Mary Moran if you want to have a free table to share resources: 512-947-0598 or email [mmoran@onpointreentry.org](mailto:mmoran@onpointreentry.org).
  - Sonja Burns shared upcoming meetings on Texas State Hospital planning: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/about/communications-events/meetings-events/2024/03/13/texas-state-hospital-long-range-planning-report-meetings>
  - Mandi Jai Zapata shared the Lioness Women’s Empowerment Event on March 30<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dangerous-women-in-our-villain-era-tickets-856427546847?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**NEXT MEETING**

**\*Please note date change due to solar eclipse\***

**April 15, 2024**

**12:30-2:00pm**

**Zoom**

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