



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 3/2/2017

Attendees: Awais Azhar (Housing Works), Tiffany Daniels (Workforce Solutions Capital Area), Korey Darling (Travis County Health and Human Services), Hunter Ellinger (CAN Community Council), Marianna Gomez (Central Health), Louise Lynch (Integral Care), Leslie Puckett (Workforce Solutions Capital Area), Alison Bentley (United Way for Greater Austin), Simon Tidd (E3 Alliance)

Staff in Attendance: Raul Alvarez, Mary Dodd, Carlos Soto

Welcome and Introductions: Louise Lynch called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Lynch announced that the recommendations of the Dashboard Steering Committee over the past year will be presented to the CAN Board of Directors on April 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. She invited and encouraged DSC members to attend the meeting so they can be recognized for their contributions.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of January 5, 2017 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Consider recommendation to replace unemployment rate indicator: Carlos Soto reported that a subcommittee of Greg Cumpton, Tiffany Daniels, Laura Griebel and Leslie Puckett met on February 3 to consider whether there is another indicator to replace the unemployment indicator. They discussed the possibility of Opportunity Youth – the percent of youth aged 16 to 24 who are not in school or employed. In Travis County 10% of youth, aged 16 to 24 are not in school or employed. Soto noted that the Opportunity Youth indicator does not provide a drill-down by race and ethnicity. Tiffany Daniels, a member of the Committee said there really are not good options for population wide indicators that provide break-down by race and ethnicity. Louise Lynch said, based on the discussion, she would recommend keeping unemployment as the indicator, but continuing to highlight disparities.

Review recommendations made by the Dashboard Steering Committee: It was suggested that the slides include what is being replaced as well as what is being recommended. It was recommended that the presentation divide the items and include something visual that shows, for example, what VMT used to show and what Dove Alone to Work would look like. Also, put only one item on each slide and repeat the headers.

Raul Alvarez said CAN is in the process of a graphic redesign of the CAN Dashboard report and website.

Korey Darling noted that ACS data is based on samples and so there are some issues with reliability. The Census Bureau does provide some guidance around what is a reliable estimate to report. Travis County HHS talked to other departments in other communities and developed some basic guidelines for what is allowable to report. This will be shared at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on May 4th. The press conference is tentatively scheduled for May 18th, 2017 at Austin City Hall. All DSC members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.