



## CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 7/7/2016

**Attendees:** Maureen Britton (Children's Optimal Health), Heather Cooks-Sinclair (ATCHHSD), Caitlin D'Alton (Capital Metro), Korey Darling (ATCHHSD), Marianna Gomez (Central Health), Stephanie Hawley (ACC), Louise Lynch (ATCIC), Amy Price (United Way 211)

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

**Welcome and Introductions:** Louise Lynch called the meeting to order at 2:06pm. Dashboard Steering Committee members introduced themselves.

**Approval of minutes:** The Committee reviewed and approved minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting as written.

**Release of CAN Dashboard 2016:** Raul Alvarez provided an overview of the new CAN Dashboard 2016 report, highlighting some of the new sections including the Demographics and the Equity Analysis sections. After the press conference at City Hall on 6/2/16, CAN received a number of Dashboard presentation requests. DSC members are also invited to request a dashboard presentation for their organizations if interested. The report has been met with positive reception.

**Discussion:** The report has a lot of information to guide our efforts in addressing the areas that need work. As we think about our revisions, we also need a way to raise up the things that are good across the board. We must be mindful that CAN is not an advocacy organization. CAN's role is to objectively report our findings. CAN will be producing more maps featuring data that will provide a better picture of what local communities are facing.

**Recommendations from "We are safe, just and engaged" subcommittee:** The subcommittee, consisting of Greg Cumpston from the Ray Marshall Center, Darla Gay from the Community Justice Council, and Stephanie Hawley from ACC, together with CAN staff, met on 6/28/16 to consider the Vision Statements and Indicators that compose this section, and develop recommendations for improvement. The changes recommended at the meeting were:

- Adjusting the wording of the Vision Statement by combining the last two bullet points into a comprehensive statement.
- Adding a new indicator to show civic engagement, specifically volunteering from the Volunteer and Civic Engagement supplements conducted by the US Bureau of the Census as part of the Current Population Survey.

Questions from the DSC: Is the variation in the volunteer rate due to the definition of "volunteer"? How are the surveys carried out (phone, mail, in person)? What's the margin of error of the data? Is there a breakdown of who is volunteering (age, race, etc)?

A motion to recommend that the Vision Statements be combined was made by \_\_\_\_\_. It was seconded and approved unanimously by members present. Members discussed the new volunteering indicator, but no action was taken. CAN staff will provide the additional information requested by DSC members regarding methodology, margin of error, and demographics.

**"Our Basic Needs Are Met" section review:** Currently, we are experiencing an affordable housing shortage in our region that is making local agencies struggle to meet the needs of the population. The DSC looked at the Vision Statements to consider them for revision. For the Transportation Vision Statement, the concern was that the current indicator (Vehicle Miles Traveled, or VMT) doesn't address the vision statement. Safety, for example, isn't addressed by VMT. The Housing + Transportation Affordability Index

(H+T), prepared by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, was discussed as a possible alternative to VMT.

The DSC was concerned that, since H+T is an index, it is complicated and for our purposes we need something simple. H+T might be a good indicator for us to analyze and learn from, but perhaps not appropriate to include in the Dashboard. CAN staff will continue to research H+T and see if a baseline can be determined, and what assurances we can get that the data will be published every year. If it satisfies the DSC's requirements, then perhaps it could replace VMT and Housing Cost Burdened.

The question of whether there would be value in adding a safety specific traffic indicator was raised, such as traffic fatalities, which the city is working to eliminate through the Vision Zero action plan. Although it remains undetermined whether to replace Housing Cost Burdened and VMT with H&T, the DSC agrees that we need an indicator to more accurately inform our vision statements. DSC members also expressed how they like the Vision Statements, but would like to take a closer look at them and find an appropriate indicator. In order to address these issues, a subcommittee meeting of the DSC will be organized.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.