



## CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 11/3/2016

**Attendees:** Allison Bentley (United Way for Greater Austin), Maureen Britton (Children's Optimal Health), Caitlin D'Alton (Capital Metro), Korey Darling (ATCHHSD), Hunter Ellinger (CAN Community Council), Darla Gay (Community Justice Coalition), Marianna Gomez (Central Health), Mariana Salazar (ECHO), Simon Tidd (E3 Alliance), Lauren Marsiglia (Mayor Adler's Office)

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

**Welcome and Introductions:** Koren Darling called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. Dashboard Steering Committee members introduced themselves

**Approval of minutes:** Darla Gay attended and needs to be added. . Marianna Gomez asked the minutes be changed to strike the word "rough." Motion made by Simon Tidd, were approved by consensus.

**Executive Director's Report:** Equity Training last week, summit yesterday, and a Board/Community Council retreat tomorrow. The retreat will help CAN identify its priorities for next year. Thanks for your continued participation on the Dashboard Steering Committee and your thoughtful recommendations for changes to improve the Dashboard.

**Consider new target for poverty:** Carlos Soto noted that the newest American Community Survey data for 2015 indicates a poverty rate of 13%, but the target recommended by the Dashboard Steering Committee and approved by the CAN Board of Directors is 15%. The Committee asked Carlos to prepare background materials and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

### **"Our Basic Needs Are Met"**

At the last DSC meeting, the Committee approved a recommendation from a subcommittee made up of Caitlin D'Alton, from Capital Metro, Marianna Gomez, from Central Health, and Jonathan Tomko, from the City of Austin NHCD, to remove VMT from the indicator list, and replace it with "Percent who drove alone to work." This indicator would compare the percent of workers who drove alone to work, with the percent of workers who used alternate means such as carpooling, public transportation, walking, biking, or working from home. "Percent who drove alone to work" would be based on ACS data, and is available for national, state, county and city levels, and available broken down by race/ethnicity and sex. Carlos provided a breakdown by race and ethnicity and indicated the data appears to meet reliability standards. Darla Gay mentioned that pending changes in the Capital Metro fare schedule and other changes may help shift this indicator. There were questions about the data reliability. The Committee discussed adding an item to the next agenda to adopt data reliability standards.

Caitlin D'Alton requested that the VMT indicator continue to be recorded in the drill-down because it is an indicator that allows us to reflect on the implications of land use decisions and the combined cost of housing and transportation. Hunter Ellinger suggested also adding information available about worker's commutes.

### **"We are healthy"**

A subcommittee of Heather Cooks-Sinclair, Marianna Gomez, Dr. Phil Huang, Louise Lynch, and Adele Noel met to review vision statements and indicators for this section. The subcommittee recommends revising the first Vision Statement to "We live, work, learn and play in environments that promote optimal health."

The Committee initially voted to approve the recommendation, on a motion made by Mariana Gomez and seconded by Darla Gay. The motion was approved, but two members voted against the motion. Concern was expressed about losing the phrase "safe, clean and accessible." Other committee members said it would be helpful if the two vision statements were more specific. Marianna Gomez recommended that some of the members involved in Maureen, Sarah Seidel and Marianna Gomez offered to craft wording for the two vision statements and bring them back to the next meeting.

Darla Gay made a motion to revert and reconsider the change of the Vision Statement. Sarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The subcommittee also recommend replacing the “Attainment of national ambient air quality standards” with the “Number of days with good air quality.” Darla Gay made a motion to accept the subcommittee’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Marianna Gomez and passed unanimously. The Committee asked Carlos to bring back information to help the Committee establish a target for the new indicator at a subsequent meeting.

**We achieve our full potential:**

The Committee reviewed the Vision Statements. No changes were recommended.

The Committee reviewed the indicators. Hunter Ellinger noted there is no indicator that helps address the importance of adult retraining and continuing education. The other indicators track the traditional educational pipeline. It was suggested that we could replace the unemployment indicator with another indicator that tracks adult re-training and workforce development. Marianna Gomez asked if literacy rates might be an indicator we could track.

Allison Bentley, with United Way Success by Six, and Simon Tidd, with E3 Alliance, said the school readiness indicator and target are in alignment with their work.

Simon Tidd said the high school graduation indicator and the percent of high school graduates who enroll in college within a year of graduation and earn a degree within six years are both also tracked in the Educational Blueprint.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.