

## 2016 Dashboard January Meeting

January 28, 2016

Present: Mariana Gomez (Central health), Michelle Casanova (CAN Community Council), Greg Cumpton (Ray Marshall Center), Korey Darling (Travis County), Jonathan Tomko (Neighborhood Housing and Community Development), Darla Gay (Community Justice Council), Kathy Green (Capital Area Food Bank), Louise Lynch (ATCIC), Adele Noel (Travis County Air Quality), Amy Price (2-1-1), Mariana Salazar (ECHO), Sara Seidel (Austin Travis County HHS), Simon Tidd (E3 Alliance)

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting.

Mary Dodd shared a summary of Dashboard Steering Committee meetings in 2015 and reminded members that minutes of the meetings and presentations shared at meetings are available for review at <http://www.cancommunitydashboard.org/building.php>.

The Dashboard Steering Committee voted to take the following recommendations to the CAN Board of Directors at their February 12, 2016 meeting:

**Voting:** change Gubernatorial election Target date from 2014 to 2018

**Low-income:** Change indicator to poverty rate

**Health Insurance:** Change target from 20% by 2014 (target was met!) to 15% by 2020

**School Ready:** Change target date from 2015 to 2018 to be in alignment with updated Travis County School Readiness Action Plan

**High school graduation:** Change target year to 2020 to align with E3 Alliance Blueprint for Educational Change

**Unemployment:** Change indicator from January monthly rate to annual rate, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Change target to 3.5% by 2020. (Changes were recommended to Dashboard Steering Committee by a sub-committee of Tiffany Daniels and Leslie Puckett with Workforce Solutions, Lawrence Lyman with Travis County and Chris King with Ray Marshall Center, which met on January 6, 2016.)

### **Housing Cost Burdened vs Severe Cost Burdened**

On February 5, 2015, the Dashboard Steering Committee adopted a new target of 33% by 2017 for the Housing Cost Burdened indicator. At the August 6, 2015 meeting, the Committee voted to change the Housing Cost Burdened indicator to Severe Cost Burdened. Since that time, new data has been released, raising CAN staff concerns about the change. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines cost-burdened as paying 30% or more of your income for housing and severe cost-burdened as paying 50% or more of your income for housing. Both data points are provided annually by the American Community Survey, 1-Year estimates. The ACS provides a history of the number and percent of renter households that are housing cost burdened. This data has not historically be available for severe cost burdened, but was released in 2014. It was noted that large percentages of people earning up to \$50,000 are housing cost burdened, while those who are severe cost burdened are

concentrated in the very low income levels. After some discussion, it was agreed that a subcommittee would meet to review data and agree upon a final recommendation for the next Dashboard Steering Committee meeting. Members who offered to serve on the Committee were: Michelle Casanova, Mariana Salazar, and Jonathan Tomko. It was also recommended that Mandy De Mayo, not present, be invited to join the group.

The Dashboard Steering Committee will next meet on March 3, 2016 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in the Large Training Room of ATCIC. Among other items, the Dashboard Steering Committee will:

- Review CAN Board action taken in response to the Committee's recommendations
- Review draft of new format for indicator pages and other changes to the Dashboard report
- Consider adoption of a housing indicator and target
- Consider a poverty rate target
- Consider a new smoking target
- Consider changing college success indicator and target to align with E3 Alliance