



CAN Dashboard Steering Committee 5/02/2019

Attendees: Alison Bentley, United Way Success by 6; Beth Corbett, Central Texas Food Bank; Greg Cumpton, UT Ray Marshall Center; Korey Darling, Travis County HHS; Nancy Gilliam, CAN Community Council; Garrett Groves, Austin Community College; Caitlin Hamrock, E³ Alliance; Ashley Levulett, Children's Optimal Health; Brooke W Martin, Integral Care; Josh Rudow, City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development;

Staff in Attendance: Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto,

Welcome and Introductions: Greg Cumpton, DSC Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of minutes: The 1/31/19 meeting minutes were reviewed. Greg moved to approve the minutes, with an edit. Caitlin Hamrock seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director Update: Raul Alvarez welcomed members and thanked them for being here despite the rainy forecast. CAN staff is busy working to meet the Dashboard Report publishing deadline next Friday. Last week we had the first Safety Net Forum, where we held a conversation on the "We Are Healthy" section of the Dashboard. The idea behind the forums is to have a conversation about each section of the Dashboard to have a more focused discussion. One thing that we've heard interest in is a sort of online dashboard presentation, so that folks who visit the website can get some sense of what the numbers mean. This year, a topic that frequently came up in our conversations was increasing engagement opportunities through technology. We will experiment with Community Council to facilitate remote access to the meetings.

The 2019 Dashboard Report press conference is scheduled for Thursday June 6 in the Media Room at City Hall. The Central Texas Regional Summit on Expanding Opportunity is scheduled for October in San Marcos. A stakeholder survey helped gather feedback on what themes to discuss. At the next Committee meeting, in addition to looking at the results from the Safety Net Forums, there will be an opportunity to provide input to us on the Strategic Plan in development this year. The steering committee's work will be focused on analyzing the feedback we get from the forums and evaluating the suggestions from the community to determine what can be improved on the dashboard.

The Community Council is continuing its work on effective strategies for addressing child poverty. The next work plan is shaping up to be workforce related. Priority issues for the board include supporting the workforce plan and addressing institutional racism. Many people are interested and participating in race equity training. In collaboration with our partners, such as Leadership Austin, opportunities to participate in Beyond Diversity and Undoing Racism courses will continue to be offered to those interested.

2019 CAN Dashboard Preview: Raul Alvarez called attention to the handout showing the 2019 CAN Dashboard, and briefly discussed some of the findings that stood out the most. Staff updated the target years for the Education indicators to match E3's targets as voted at the most recent DSC meeting. Suggestions: second Vision Statement in Health section is missing text, and CAPS on College Success indicator wording, and change "enroll" to "enrolled". Make a note on indicator and dashboard page that the measure is the same, but that this description more accurately describes the measure. Voting target for gubernatorial elections needs updating to 60% by 2022, as decided at the December 2018 DSC meeting. Also update the "on track to target" symbol. In terms of criteria for whether an indicator has shown improvement or not, although there isn't an explicit rule that's been discussed and implemented, if the change is greater than

5% over the most recent 5 years, the indicator is marked as having improved or worsened, and if the change is less than 5% the indicator is marked as unchanged. In the Local Efforts section for Food Insecurity indicator, update Central Texas Food Bank name instead of Capital Area Food Bank. There's a concern regarding the Poverty data that shows the indicator improving, but that improvement may not reflect what that means for many people experiencing poverty in our community. Regarding the idea that people who are finding Austin to be unaffordable are moving out to Travis County or surrounding counties within the Austin-Round Rock MSA, various data sources show this may not be the case. How do we include data on family mobility patterns (economic, geographic, etc.) into the report? Darling mentioned her office is looking at that and can share once it's released. Rudow mentioned the anti-displacement task force that are collecting data on issues related to displacement which he can share once they have results. An interesting number to have on the Housing page is how much additional housing we need, in Austin or the region, and what kinds of housing are most needed so we can get a better sense of the housing gap. Also change the "on track to target" dots for Smoking and College Success. Should the economic indicator be Poverty, or should we switch to Low-Income? We have a large number of folks whose income is above poverty level but not enough to make ends meet, such as those who live with an income within 200% of the poverty level.

2019 State of the Safety Net Forum Highlights: Raul Alvarez introduced the survey that was used as a tool to gather feedback about the Dashboard and its indicators from forum participants and called attention to a handout with the survey results. According to the responses, the Dashboard is most frequently used to learn about the community, engagement, dialogue, and data/research. In terms of the indicators on the list, respondents suggested interest in amount and type of debt, type of employment, access to parks, low-income housing, preventative care, child care access/cost, youth mental health (depression), LGBTQ, general environmental health (air + water + soil, etc.), distance/access to parks and their mobility links, alcohol and/or substance use (especially opioids), among others. Regarding the indicators in the Health section, respondents suggested adding the number of people that are actually enrolled in service(s) related to health, e-cigarette use, and more gender and race data for the Obesity indicator. There was also interest in measuring progress by zip code. Maybe CAN could compile and share a central map repository, featuring Story Maps. Can there be a Local Research or Local Data section? Can the drilldowns and additional data be featured on the Press Conference? Perhaps include on the website a page with all the reports and resources related to the issues. The general structure for the forum involves picking two indicators, one where we haven't made much progress (or it's getting worse), and another indicator where we've seen improvement. We focused our attention on Smoking and Obesity at the first forum. The Basic Needs forum is hosted in partnership with the Austin Housing Coalition. The Austin Area Sustainability Indicators group is looking at each of these topics and we have also engaged in communication with them about issues, indicators, and potential for collaboration. There are also a number of other partners who we are conversing with as part of the strategic planning process.

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