



CAN Community Council Meeting Minutes, 2/27/19

Community Council Members in Attendance: Alba Sereno, Aletha Huston, Ara Merjanian, Ginny Fredricks, Hunter Ellinger, Jenny Jensen, Kathleen Galvin, Laura Griebel, Leslie Puckett, Nancy Gilliam, Nancy Sheppard Alderman, Rebecca Birch, Thomas Martinez

Guests in attendance: None

CAN Staff: Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto, Jelina Tunstill

Call to order & announcements: Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum was not present. Members introduced themselves. Quorum was made at 6:36 pm.

Citizens Communication: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for 11/26/18 and 1/14/19 were approved unanimously on a motion by Thomas and a second by Aletha.

Community Council Chair's Report: Hunter expressed that there was a lot of discussion about the Community Council at the Executive Committee. He also introduced the Member Directory and its purpose. He invited members to send in bio changes and pictures to Jelina.

Executive Director's Report: Raul announced that CAN is focused on the 10th anniversary of the dashboard. CAN will be having a series of State of the Safety Net Forums. The Health forum will be on April 24th and the Basic Needs forum will be June 26th. The forums will collect feedback on the dashboard and its relevance. The Dashboard Steering Committee will help sort through the feedback. CAN will also be doing a strategic plan this year and plan to engage the Community Council in that process. The last big engagement event CAN will host this year is the Regional Summit which focuses on workforce issues faced by the 5 county MSA. The summit will be October 25th in San Marcos over the issue of expanding workforce opportunities.

Selection of 2019 Vice-Chair: Hunter announced that Nora has agreed to be Vice Chair. Hunter moved to nominate Nora Comstock as 2019 Vice-Chair, Rebecca seconded and there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of New Members: Hunter asked for a motion to accept the recommendations from the Nominations Committee to add new members.

Laura moved that we accept the recommendation from the Nominations Committee to add Ginny Fredricks, Jenny Jensen, Kathleen Galvin, and Nancy Sheppard Alderman as new members to the Community Council, her motion was seconded by Thomas and unanimously accepted.

Hunter added that the Community Council will have a committee to focus on the composition of the Community Council. He stated there will be a member reunion during the next meeting. He asked for the council to help with outreach to alumni. Kathie Tovo and Bruce Elfant have agreed to attend and co-host. The purpose of the alumni meeting is celebration and reflection. Ara asked for people to send their ideas for the reunion.

Overview of CAN: Raul gave an overview of CAN's organizational structure and process flow. He gave an example of the Language Access Work Group turning into the Language Access Action Team and how those decisions were made through the organizational structure and process flow. He also shared CAN's

mission, CAN staff, and an explanation of CANs approach to facilitating collaboration and tools that CAN has created.

Child Poverty Report Handout & 2019 Work Plan Discussion: Raul discussed the Work Plan options. He briefly discussed the Child Poverty report and explained that it is continuing work plan item for the council. He asked members to review the child poverty summary sheet and identify any changes that needed to be made. Hunter added that the goal is to be more involved with getting the word out. As we talk about the Alumni network and connecting out we are thinking about this handout and the dashboard. We are open to all ideas of where and how to publicize it. We've also talked about developing talking points, asks, and next steps. He began the discussion about picking Focus Area #4 for the 2019 Work Plan. He stated that the two options for including this year's work plan are aging and workforce development. Other ideas for the work plan are welcomed.

Work Plan Ideas Comments:

Children and aging are two important buckets.

Workforce may not be relevant to age because of ageism and the elderly.

There's a lack of support for seniors and a lot of support for families. A lot of them feel lonely and isolated. They need services and community.

Instead of workforce development, we could go a step above and work on community economic development. We are becoming a corporate facing town instead of a community facing or serving town. The City's economic development has no one to hold them accountable. The Community Council can play a key role in developing ways to address something that is not being discussed in workforce development circles.

Workforce development works on changing individuals and community development focuses on changing systems.

Lack of coordinated efforts at UT regarding aging

Hunter stated that we would come back to make a decision, but it will be at least two months before we get to a decisions since the next meeting is the alumni meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.