



## CAN Community Council Meeting Minutes, 2/12/2018

### Community Council Members in Attendance:

Laura Griebel, Thomas Martinez, Gloria Souhami, Eileen Schrandt, Myneeka Holloway, Rebecca Birch, Hunter Ellinger, Pia Villalon, Ara Merjanian, Kirsha Haverlah, Nora Comstock, Ricardo Garay, Sandra Castillo, Monica Guzmán

**Guests in attendance:** None

**CAN Staff:** Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto, Jelina Tunstill

**Call to order & announcements:** Laura called the meeting to order at 6:02. Members introduced themselves and announced activities relating to: underage drinking prevention; teen dating violence awareness month; black history month; the veteran's affair one stop center for veterans; and work to develop a household level assessment for 78758.

**Citizens Communication:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The meeting notes of 1/8/2018 were approved unanimously as submitted on a motion by Kirsha, second by Thomas.

**Community Council Chair's Report:** Laura began her chair report by announcing that Blythe has requested to resign and thanked her for her contributions over the years. She commented on the presentation at the CAN board meeting by Integral Care on the local opioid crisis. There was a lot of data that was daunting but informative. She encourage council members to view the information on the CAN website. The CAN Board also attempted a new agenda item with a networking break in the middle. Laura noted that Board meetings are public meetings and council members are always invited or can tune in on channel 6. She mentioned that Kelly Crook, Del Valle Superintendent, is the chair and Patricia Hayes, Board Chair of the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, is the co-chair. Board meetings are held in the boards and commissions room in city hall.

**Outline 2018 Work Plan and Committee Structure:** Laura thanked Ara, Raul and Hunter for help with the work plan. Highlights are the areas of focus that will include a continued focus on child poverty and on building a person centered community. With Child Poverty, the focus will be raising public awareness about challenges relating to child poverty and tracking key legislative issues. One new opportunity that is included is a site visit that will be substituted for a regular council meeting. This year, the site visit will be to Del Valle ISD. We have included a roundtable with representatives of the Travis County state legislative delegation in September. Ricardo stressed the importance of maintaining a focus on equity and Nora noted that it is difficult to separate child poverty issues from family support issues. This year's work plan will allow us to delve further into these issues.

Laura then discussed the committee structure. There are 4 committees. The intent is that everyone signs up for a committee.

Eileen stated that the PCC will be to identify ways of building on what we've done over the past 3 years and to develop tools that the community can use.

Hunter described the data committee, which is a new committee. This is a way for the council to discuss the dashboard and related data/research and provide suggestions to the Dashboard Steering Committee looks for ways to improve the Dashboard on an annual basis.

Rebecca Birch will help with the planning for the site visit to Del Valle ISD. She stated that she will check in with Dr. Crook and inform the council about help that is needed for that site visit.

Laura addressed the purpose of the Child Poverty committee which is to develop tools and outreach measures to raise awareness of this community challenge through different mediums.

**Executive Director's Report:** Raul presented a one page outline of engagement opportunities for 2018. He noted that the Language Access Action Team meeting will be meeting the first Wednesday of each month. Central Texas Regional summit will take place in November in San Marcos and a planning team should be in place in April. The Deliberative Dialogues this year will focus on the opioid crisis and there was a lot of interest generated on the topic after the last CAN board meeting. The planning team for these community dialogues will take place at the end of March.

**Presentation and Discussion on Building a Person-Centered Community Committee:** Eileen explained that when the council first started looking at this issue, it was looking at it from the standpoint of the individual but that the focus was broadened to take on more of a community building focus. She mentioned the start of the conversation that dated back to CAN's safety net forums in 2014 leading ultimately to a year long dialogue on related topics and a community summit in 2015. The forums focused on 4 topics and what really emerged is themes that were cross cutting. This work led to the development of the Building Person Centered Community Framework in 2016. The purpose of this year's committee work on this topic is to identify tools and resources that organizations may use to behave in more of a person-centered manner. Hunter noted that the framework is focused on what organizations can do to be person-centered but it does not address what people can do. Raul noted that this could be a topic that we choose to further delve into.

The council discussed issues relating to Building a Person Centered Community to identify goals and strategies on this topic going forward. Notes from these discussions are included on the attached sheet.

**Discussion - Awareness & Engagement Relating to Child Poverty:** The council discussed issues relating to Child Poverty to identify goals and strategies on this topic going forward. Notes from these discussions are included on the attached sheet.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

## Table Discussion Notes

### **Building a Person-Centered Community**

- Engage CAN Board – How?
- Identify good examples/ stories
- Help people understand what rights they have (Bill of Rights)
- Are principles too broad?
  - “All children”
- Be intentional about 3 & \$ to prioritize resources
- Do a side-by-side for organization and client
- Create an assessment tool to identify areas of strength and weaknesses
- Raising awareness about CAN’s involvement in addressing community issues
  - Avenues for outreach
  - Public access channels: City, County, AISD, ACC
  - Podcasts

### **Child Poverty Follow-up Priorities**

- Are school districts best positioned to champion this issue?
- Help connect families with services
  - Annual conference
- Need summary document with graphics
- Consider the entities that should be focused on this
- Amplify organizations that are already doing some good work on this challenge